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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for info about lots of things going on at Hawthorn next week - mostly all on Friday 28th Nov!

Bean Bag Competition

Next week we will be holding this term's House Challenge: The Great Hawthorn Beanbag Throw! Children will be competing throughout the week to see who can throw a beanbag in a hoop from the furthest distance! We will have our grand final on Friday (28th) where the House Challenge Cup will be awarded to the winning house.

We are also starting to see some children gain their Bronze Awards this year! This is a fantastic achievement and shows that these children have already gained 15 House Points!

MHST Power of Language - Parent Session Friday 28th November, 2-3pm

Please come along and join this session with the mental health support team. They will be providing information on the language around mental health. This session is aimed to empower parents with greater knowledge to support children with various mental health worries.

Please come along and see what support the team can offer. Book your place on the link below:

[*MHST Power of language parent session Friday 28th November 2-3pm – Fill in form*](#)

FOH Rainbow Raffle

On Fri (28th) the Friends of Hawthorn will be holding their annual Rainbow Raffle. Please bring in a coloured item to donate to the Rainbow Raffle Hampers. This can be ANYTHING! Use your imagination: drinks, sweets, snacks, toiletries, stationery, games, toys... just make sure it's the colour allocated to your year group (see the poster below to see what colour your year group is).

These bumper hampers will then be raffled off to raise funds for our school children. Purchase your tickets on MCAS: £2.50 per ticket or 5 for £10. Last tickets to be bought by 12.00 noon on 27th November. The raffle will be drawn around 10am on Friday and witnessed at school. Winners will be contacted and able to collect prizes from the office.

Year 5 Cake Sale

Also on Friday (28th) we have our Year 5 Cake Sale. Donations of cakes will be gratefully accepted from Y5 children on the day and these will be for sale on the playground at the end of the day. All money raised will go towards school funds.

Gymnastics Success

On Wednesday, eight of our fantastic gymnasts took part in a competition, and they were amazing! We had two teams representing Hawthorn: the Level 2 Development Team (Opal, Margo, Grace-Amber, Isla) and the Level 3 Performance Team (Isatou, Molly, Hallie, and Naomi).

The children worked so hard, attending extra after-school practices, and choreographing their own routines. All their hard work paid off, as every single one of them performed brilliantly on the day.

A huge well done to the Performance Team, who came away with first place! What an amazing achievement. And a huge congratulations also to the Development Team who achieved Bronze!

We're so proud of everyone—you showed all of Hawthorn's values and represented the school brilliantly. Well done!

School Uniform Discount Code

*My Clothing are offering a 10% discount on school uniform. **Code:** 10%MYC2025*

Expires: 31/12/2025.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes


Emma Jacox

Head Teacher





RAINBOW RAFFLE



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Friday 28th November



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EYFS - **Red**
Year 1 - **Orange**
Year 2 - **Yellow**
Year 3 - **Green**
Year 4 - **Blue**
Year 5 - **Pink or Purple**
Year 6 - **Black or White**

FRIENDS OF
HAWTHORN



Any questions, comments or ideas? Please contact us via the email below.

friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com



1 - Little Hawthorns

Santa's Grotto

We are delighted to confirm that Santa will be visiting Hawthorn on Friday 19th December. Santa will spend the afternoon, along with one of his elves, in our amazing Hawthorn grotto. He is very much looking forward to meeting our children and spreading some festive cheer. If you would like your child to visit Santa, please purchase your ticket on MCAS in the Store. Tickets cost £5 per child (£2.50 if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium) and include a short chat with Santa and his elf, plus a small gift. Visits will run during school time. The deadline

for purchasing your tickets is Thursday 28th November at 12 noon. No ticket requests can be accepted after this deadline as Santa's elves will need time to sort and wrap presents in time for his visit on 19th December.



Christmas Holiday Club

Bookings are now open for our December Holiday Camp, run by EcoCoach, which takes place on the 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 30th of December, as well as the 2nd of January.

An early bird discount is offered on all bookings made from now until the 7th of December. See the poster below for details of how to book on.



ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS

Christmas Holiday Camp

Hawthorn Primary School

Games & Sports · Movement & Dance · Arts & Crafts · Festive Treat Making · Christmas Challenges

DATES: 22, 23, 29, 30 December & 2 January.

TIMES: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Early drop-off (8:00 AM) & Late pick-up (4:00 PM) available for £5 each.

Ages: 5 – 11 years. 4-year-olds welcome for half-days (8:00 AM or 9:00 AM to midday).

WHO CAN JOIN: Open to all schools – all abilities welcome! SEND friendly & fully inclusive!

PRICING AND DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD 17% OFF available until 7 December (USE CODE: ECOCHRISTMAS17)
Standard prices apply from 8 December of £22.50 per day. 15% OFF for FSM, 10% OFF for NHS and Military families (Cannot be combined with the early bird offer).

BOOKING: Visit <https://pbbl.uk/EcoCoachCIC> or scan the QR code to secure your space.

WHY ECOCOACH?

We are a not-for-profit coaching CIC working in schools across your community. Every child matters, every penny goes back into supporting inclusive, joyful, child-led sport.

Our camps are designed around what children need most: freedom, fun, friendship and movement.

“EVERY CHILD SEEN, EVERY CHILD SUPPORTED”




Sports Clubs

This term, EcoCoach are running the following after-school clubs:

Key Stage 2 Cricket Club (Tuesday)

Key Stage 1 Multi-Sports (Wednesday)

Please see the flyer attached to book your place.



ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
STARTING NOVEMBER 2025!

ECOCOACH CIC ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS FOR KS1 (INCLUDING RECEPTION CLASS) AND KS2 CHILDREN, OFFERING AN ENGAGING AND FUN-FILLED OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP NEW SKILLS, STAY ACTIVE, AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!



KS1 MULTI SPORTS: STARTS: 5TH NOVEMBER 2025
(WEDNESDAYS, 7 SESSIONS)
YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

KS2 CRICKET: STARTS: 4TH NOVEMBER 2025
(TUESDAYS, 7 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: YEARS 3 - 6

⌚ TIME: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
💷 COST PER SESSION: £5

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:
WE'RE COMMITTED TO MAKING CHILDCARE MORE AFFORDABLE:
15% OFF FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)
10% OFF FOR NHS, MILITARY, OR BLUE LIGHT CARD HOLDERS

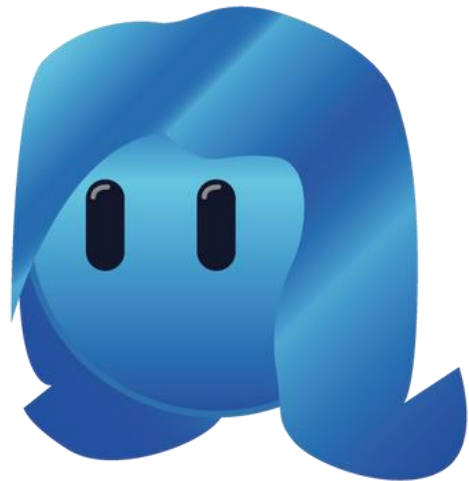
TO CLAIM YOUR DISCOUNT:
EMAIL GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK WITH A PHOTO OF YOUR EVIDENCE (FSM ELIGIBILITY OR VALID ID). WE'LL SEND YOU A UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE TO USE WHEN BOOKING.

HOW TO BOOK:
PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.
THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5 SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.
IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING AN ADDITIONAL COACH TO ACCOMMODATE MORE CHILDREN. BOOKINGS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED, AND ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY.

BOOKING LINK:
[HTTPS://ACTIVITIES.BOOKPEBBLE.CO.UK/SUPPLIER/ECOCOACH-CIC-D2997BFD-8ECF-4D63-AF1D-CDB98FCEA881](https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/supplier/ecocoach-cic-d2997bfd-8ecf-4d63-af1d-cdb98fcea881)

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC TERM OF SPORTS, TEAMWORK, AND FUN! HURRY AND SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW! FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK

House Points so far...



Click on the cards below to see which house is in the lead so far!!

Air - 360 points

Fire - 376 points

Earth - 393 points

Water - 418 points

Maples: 93%

Redwoods: 92%

Ash: 90%

What Parents Need to Know About...The Dangers of Vapes

At The National College, we provide everything educators and trusted adults need to strengthen, manage and evidence their professional, and personal development, in one place, on one platform. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further information and resources.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE DANGERS OF VAPING

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping: from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.6% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are finding their way into the hands of under-18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NICOTINE ADDICTION

Since they were initially developed to help people stop smoking, the vast majority of vape liquids contain nicotine. Not only is this a highly addictive stimulant, but it can also have detrimental effects on brain development in the under-25s. Nicotine can decrease the ability to pay attention, weaken impulse control, affect mood and increase the likelihood of substance addiction as an adult.

WHAT IS VAPING?

Vapes contain a liquid (vape juice/e-liquid) that is heated by a battery and evaporates, creating a chemical vapour which the user inhales. They can be disposable (once the liquid or battery runs out, the vape is thrown away) or rechargeable (the user replaces the liquid and recharges the battery on demand). Most vape liquids contain nicotine and other chemicals.

LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people tend to view vapes as harmless, mainly because of the products' appearance and the perception (often strengthened on social media) that "vaping is cool" and on trend. In many instances, young people don't fully appreciate the concept of addiction; that is, they aren't adequately aware of the risk of becoming hooked on nicotine before trying a vape.

POTENTIAL TOXICITY

Many vape liquids have been found to contain "heavy" metals such as lead, tin, nickel and (in some cases) mercury - all of which are toxic. These metals often take the form of tiny shards inside a device's liquid tank, which are then inhaled into the body. Some media reports have suggested these metals are particularly prevalent in illegally imported vapes which don't comply with UK regulations.

UNCLEAR LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

The liquids in vapes also contain solvents, which can create carcinogens at the point of evaporation. Vapes were only introduced into the UK in 2005 - and, because of the relatively short timeframe involved, there is insufficient medical evidence to assess the long-term harms that regular inhalation of these chemical fluids might have on the human body.

ATTRACTIVE PACKAGING

The packaging of many disposable vapes is very appealing to young people, frequently echoing the colours and flavours of the sweets or fizzy drinks they've used to buying. There's a relative lack of regulation around vape marketing, and vaping is often depicted positively on social media - which can lead young people to develop favourable views of vaping and overlook the possible harms.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In the UK alone, around 5 million disposable vapes go to landfill every week. Due to such significant numbers of these products not being recycled, their components - a lithium battery and a chemical liquid - pose a toxic risk to the environment, the ecosystem and wildlife. Vapes are also predominantly made of plastic and metal; materials that, of course, do not naturally decompose.

WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

Studies are already showing a link between vaping and oral health problems such as tooth decay and gum disease. This is because vaping reduces the amount of saliva in the mouth, while increasing bacteria - resulting in bad breath and a build-up of plaque. There are also concerns that, in some users, vaping could lead to the development of asthma, a persistent cough and breathing difficulties.

UNREGULATED VAPING PRODUCTS

The number of retailers willing to sell vapes to under-18s is a worry, as the chance of these products being unregulated (and therefore containing illegal chemicals and higher levels of nicotine) is high. A related concern is that the mechanisms inside unregulated products are unlikely to have been tested and safety checked - presenting a possible fire risk if the liquid and battery come into contact.

SCARCE INFORMATION

The lack of information about the ingredients and potentially harmful chemicals in a vape is troubling. Some vape liquids (unregulated in the UK) contain traces of nuts, which can cause an allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock. To date, medical warnings aren't required on vape packaging - with only medical disclaimers being found on the websites of the various brands.

VAGUE INGREDIENTS LISTS

Early research has suggested that the chemicals used to produce some strawberry and banana flavour liquids can kill cells in the blood vessels and heart. These ingredients aren't identified on the packaging, instead falling under the umbrella term "natural and artificial flavourings". Such vague listings mean that consumers aren't aware of the liquid's content so can't identify potential risks.

Meet Our Expert

Run by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Healthy Schools Service (commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council), Catch Your Breath is a school-based project aimed at young people. Its goal is to embed a proactive, coordinated approach among both primary and secondary schools in discouraging smoking and vaping behaviour.

catch your breath

HEALTHY SCHOOLS
CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH

The National College

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For information on talking with child about social media, please click on the following link which will take you to the Internet Matters website: [Internet Matters: Talking with your child about social media](#)

Community News & Events

Messy Mayhem Creative Play

Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

£6 per child

Suitable for children from when they can sit!

Come and spend some time with your little one exploring different textures, sights, sounds and smells.

For more info contact Linda at MessyMayhemCP@outlook.com



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CHRISTMAS BOARD GAME SALE & CAFE

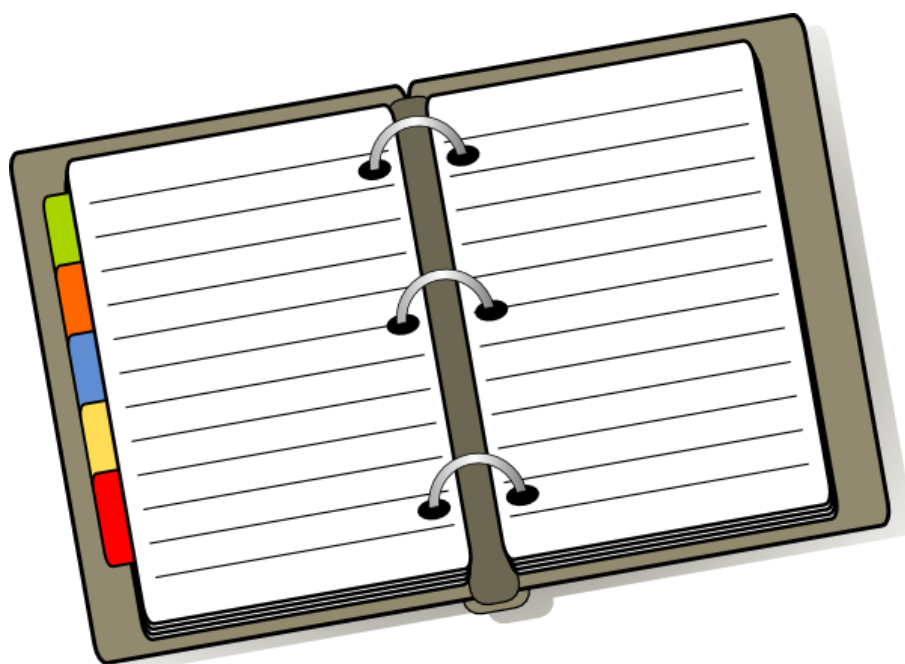
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Dates For Your Diary...



Fri 28th Nov: FOH Rainbow Raffle

MHST Coffee Afternoon for parents - Talking to your child about mental health (2-3pm)

Y5 Cake Sale

Tues 2nd Dec: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (1.00pm)

EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

2026 Reception Intake tour (4pm)

Fri 5th Dec: FOH Christmas Fayre & Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 8th Dec: Little Hawthorns in The Palm (2-3pm)

Tues 9th Dec: KS2 Christmas Musical Performance at **The Toller Church on Gold Street.**

Performance 1: 1.30-2.30pm, Performance 2: 5.30-6.30pm.

Please buy tickets on MCAS

Thurs 11th Dec: 9.30am and 5.30pm: EYFS Nativity 'A Bundle of Joy'

Please request tickets on MCAS

Thurs 11th Dec & Fri 12th Dec: Coram Life Sciences Mental Health Workshops for children

Fri 12th Dec: KS2 Pantomime at The Lighthouse Theatre

Tuesday 16th December: KS1 Christingle Workshop (2.30pm)

Thurs 18th Dec: Kingswood Christmas Lunch

5.30 pm: KS1 Christingle Service at **The Toller Church on Gold Street**

Please buy tickets on MCAS

Fri 19th Dec: Santa's Grotto at Hawthorn

Carols Around the Tree

Break Up



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD