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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### ***The Great Hawthorn Bean Bag Challenge***

*Today we held the final of this term's House Challenge: The Great Hawthorn Beanbag Throw! We're delighted to announce that the winning house was: EARTH!!! A massive well done to everyone in Earth, in particular Breyenn who led his house to victory!!! This means that Earth retains the House Challenge Cup for a second time!!*

### ***Celebration Assemblies***

*Next week, we will be holding our Celebration Assemblies to celebrate our Hawthorn Heroes for our value of Teamwork. These heroes are children who have gone above and beyond to celebrate this value. Afterwards, the Hawthorn Heroes and their parents will be treated to a celebratory afternoon tea. If your child has been selected as one of the heroes you will have received a letter inviting you to the assembly.*

### ***Hawthorn Christmas Fayre***

*Next Friday (5th Dec), it is our Hawthorn Christmas Fayre, organised by the Friends of Hawthorn. Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their uniform. During the day, the children will visit the fayre and have the chance to take part in a*

*range of fun, festive activities. Tickets to the fayre cost £3.00. If you have not already signed your child up to the fair, you can do so by going to the store on MCAS to purchase a ticket.*

### ***FOH Rainbow Raffle***

*Thank you for all the fabulous donations to our Friends of Hawthorn Rainbow Raffle. The hampers have now been completed and the raffle has been drawn! Winners have been contacted and you will be able to collect your prizes from the school office.*

### ***Year 5 Cake Sale***

*A reminder that we have our Year 5 Cake Sale on the playground after school today. Thank you to all the Y5 parents who have donated cakes for this event. All money raised will go towards school funds.*

### ***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*

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1 - Little Hawthorns



2 - FOH Rainbow Hampers



## Christmas Holiday Club

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*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.*

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**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](mailto: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.

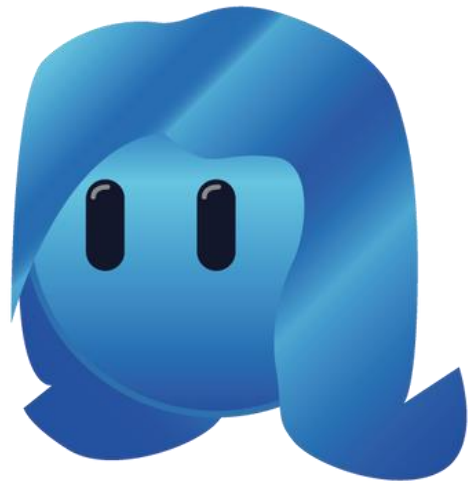
**HOW TO BOOK:**  
 PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.  
 THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5 SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.  
 IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER 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](mailto:GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK)**

## House Points so far...



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*Click on the cards to see which house is in the lead so far!! Check in again next week to see what difference the points for the Great Beanbag Challenge have made to the leader board!*

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**Air - 398 points**

**Fire - 412 points**

**Earth - 433 points**

**Water - 452 points**



Oaks: 94%

Ash: 93%

Maples: 92%

## Top Tips for Supporting Children with Emotional Resilience

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

With increasing societal pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This is why building emotional resilience in young people is vital for their mental health and personal success. This guide provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, adaptability and a positive mindset.

- 1 ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION**  
Regularly engaging children in open dialogue fosters trust and emotional expression. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings freely without judgment. Set aside time daily, perhaps during dinner, to ask open-ended questions such as, "What's made you happy today?". This encourages children to express themselves openly.
- 2 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**  
Children often learn how to manage emotions by observing adults. By modelling calm and positive responses to challenges, you can teach them valuable emotional management skills. If you've had a difficult day, verbalise how you're feeling and explain how you plan to handle it, such as "I'm a bit worked-up, so I'm going for a walk to clear my mind."
- 3 TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS**  
Helping children break down challenges into manageable steps encourages a proactive mindset. Explain that every problem has a solution, even if it's not immediately obvious. For example, if a child is stuck on homework, support them in breaking the task into smaller steps, saying things like "let's focus on just this first question for now."
- 4 FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET**  
Encourage young people to view mistakes as learning opportunities. A growth mindset helps them see setbacks as part of the process, rather than something to be upset about. After a child loses a game or performs poorly on a test, for example, ask them what they've learned from the experience. This reinforces the idea that effort – and even failure – leads to improvement.
- 5 PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES**  
Teaching children about self-care helps them understand the importance of balancing work with relaxation to maintain emotional wellbeing. Parents and carers could start a screen-free hour before bedtime where the family engages in relaxing activities like reading, setting an example to the child for how to unwind.
- 6 BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**  
Strong relationships with peers and adults provide a support system that enhances resilience. Encourage positive, respectful interactions to develop social skills. Playdates or group activities can be instrumental in teaching children how to resolve conflicts with friends by modelling and practicing calm communication.
- 7 SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS**  
Helping children to identify and name their emotions allows them to manage those feelings more effectively. When a child's upset, encourage them to talk to you about what they're feeling in an empathetic and supportive manner, and ask them why they might be experiencing these emotions.
- 8 ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE**  
Giving children opportunities to make their own decisions boosts confidence and problem-solving skills. A good example of this would be letting children choose and pack their own lunches for school, guiding them with options but allowing them to assume responsibility for the task to help them take ownership.
- 9 DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES**  
Teaching children techniques like mindfulness, deep breathing or journaling can help them to manage stress. Show them how to perform breathing exercises when they're feeling anxious, and practise this regularly. Reinforcing this behaviour in young people will make it easier for them to use these techniques of their own accord during stressful moments.
- 10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS**  
Recognising effort, no matter how small, reinforces perseverance and encourages children to keep trying. After a child completes a difficult task, makes progress on a project or reaches another type of personal goal, praise their efforts. Emphasise the hard work they've put in and be sure to let them know how proud you are!

**Meet Our Expert**  
Adam Gillett is Associate Vice Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School and works on secondment one day a week for Minds Ahead, which works with schools on improving their mental health provisions.

**#WakeUpWednesday**  
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](#)*

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## **Join the Hawthorn School Lottery!**

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*Some years ago, the Friends of Hawthorn set up a school lottery for Hawthorn, through Your School Lottery.*

*Your School Lottery creates and runs lotteries for schools across the UK. The lotteries raise money through local communities to improve educational facilities and the school environment for thousands of pupils.*

*There are great prizes to be had, tickets only cost £1 each and apparently there's a high chance of winning! Even better, proceeds go towards improving our school for our Hawthorn children.*

*If you have not yet signed up the The School Lottery, you can do so, following the link below:*

*[Your School Lottery: Easy online fundraising for schools & PTAs - Your School Lottery](#)*

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## **Community News & Events**

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### ***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](mailto:MessyMayhemCP@outlook.com)

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**BOARDS OF KETTERING**

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# CHRISTMAS BOARD GAME SALE & CAFE

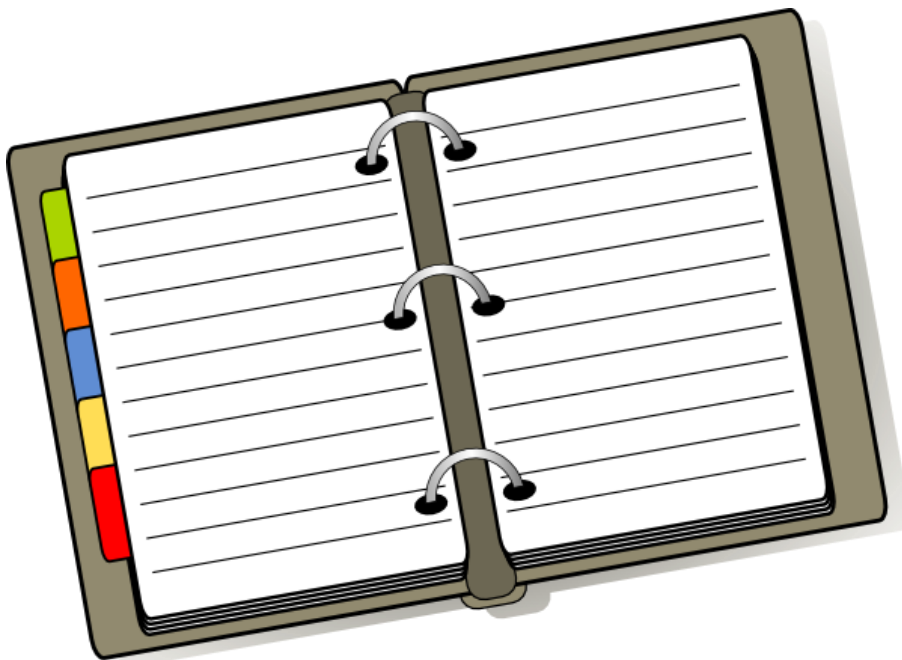
**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**11AM - 3PM**

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Book online at [www.boardsofkettering.com](http://www.boardsofkettering.com)

**10% OFF**  
ALL GAMES  
AT THE XMAS  
SALE!

## Dates For Your Diary...



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*Mon 1st Dec: Christmas Crafts (2.15 pm) this event is fully booked*

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

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

2026 Reception Intake tour (4pm)

**Weds 3rd Dec:** Christmas Crafts (2.15 pm) this event is fully booked

**Fri 5th Dec:** FOH Christmas Fair & Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Crafts (2.15 pm) this event is fully booked

**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 - please buy your child's ticket on MCAS

**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*

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