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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy December! We have a lot going on over the next couple of weeks so please see below for key diary dates and keep an eye out for emails which will give you the details of all events taking place.

Staffing update

We are very pleased to be welcoming Voulla Nikiforou (Ms Niki) into Silver Birches after Christmas to cover Miss Harrison's maternity leave. The children met Ms Niki earlier this week and had the chance to complete some English work with her. Ms Niki brings lots of teaching experience with her; she will be joining us for our January training day and will remain with us until the end of this school year. We warmly welcome her to our Hawthorn community.

KS2 Christmas Musical Evening

*A reminder that the KS2 children will be performing Baboushka at the **Toller Church, Gold Street on Tuesday (9th December)**. There will be two performances as follows:*

- 1.30 – 2.30 pm (if you are watching this performance you can take your child from the church otherwise they will return to school to go home as normal).*

- 5.30 – 6.30 pm (children to be brought back to the Church at 5 pm so they can be ready for the performance – all children will need to be collected from the church at the end of the performance).

On Monday (8th Dec), KS2 children will have their dress rehearsal at the Toller Church during the afternoon. The children will walk to and from the church and should be picked up as normal from school at the end of the school day.

EYFS Nativity

On Thursday (11th) we are delighted to welcome our Reception parents into Hawthorn to see our youngest children perform their Christmas Nativity: A Bundle of Joy.

We will be holding two performances at school:

- 9.30 am (coffee will be served from 9 am)
- 5.30 pm Please bring your child back to school by 5.05 pm for the 5.30 pm performance.

Please request your tickets on MCAS in the Store. There is a limit of two tickets per family per performance. Tickets will be distributed by the teachers on Monday (8th).

Coram Life Sciences Mental Health Workshops

On Thursday and Friday of next week we will have the Life Education Team at Hawthorn to run Mental Health Workshops for our children in Y2 and above. These fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops focus on providing children with the skills and positive mental attitudes they need in order to be resilient and bounce back from setbacks. The sessions include learning about how the human brain works and how to translate this knowledge into positive action.

KS2 Pantomime

KS2 will be walking to the Lighthouse Theatre on Friday morning (12th) to watch the pantomime "Cinderella". They will return to school afterwards for a late lunch.

Hawthorn Christmas Fayre

The children have had a wonderful time today at our Hawthorn Christmas Fayre, organised by the Friends of Hawthorn. They were able to take part in a range of fun, festive activities and looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers! Thank you FOH for all your hard work!

Christmas Crafts

Thank you to everyone who has attended our Christmas Crafts sessions with Miss Larkin this week. They have been very popular and it has been great to see so many people there. A big thank you to the Ambassadors who supported Miss Larkin in these sessions - you were amazing!

Little Hawthorns

Little Hawthorns will take place on Monday (8th) from 2-3pm. This is our new group for parents and under 5s. Please come along to join us and meet other new parents.

Please sign up on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eAgWj8C7NQ>

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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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

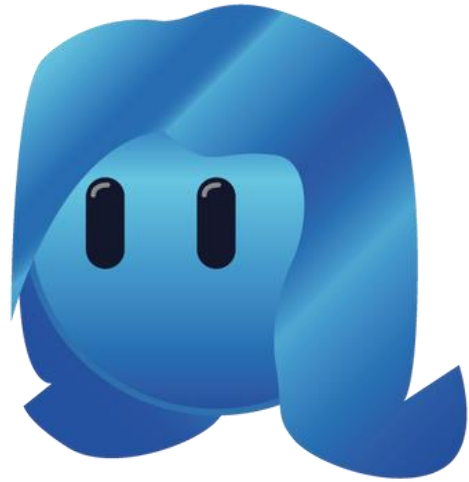
TO CLAIM YOUR DISCOUNT:
EMAIL GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK WITH A PHOTO OF YOUR EVIDENCE (FSM ELIGIBILITY OR VALID ID). WE'LL SEND YOU A UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE TO USE WHEN BOOKING.

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 to see which house is in the lead so far!! There's been a change in the Leader Board following last week's Great Beanbag Challenge!

Air - 407 points

Fire - 423 points

Water - 461 points

Earth - 512 points

Oaks: 94%

Bay: 93%

Redwoods: 93%

Top Tips for Parents - Safety on the Roads

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

- 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS**

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.
- 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN**

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.
- 3 EYES UP**

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.
- 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS**

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.
- 5 SLOW DOWN**

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.
- 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB**

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.
- 7 CROSS SAFELY**

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.
- 8 PARKED VEHICLES**

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.
- 9 REVERSING VEHICLES**

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds; can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?
- 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE**

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert
THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

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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](#)

Join the Hawthorn School Lottery!

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](#)

Community News & Events

Christmas Advent Trail


Follow the London Road to Headlands advent window trail. Hawthorn was No.4 in the trail this year.

Community Advent Trail Walk - Christmas Eve at 10am.

Meet at St Michael's Church (No 1 on map), we'll walk round together to see all the windows before returning for a hot choc & mince pie! All welcome, spotting maps available for the children.

**LONDON ROAD TO HEADLANDS
ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL**

Follow the trail around our neighbourhood as a new festive window is revealed each day in the run up to Christmas!



Advent Trail Walk - Christmas Eve - 10am
Meet at St Michael's Church (No 1 on map), we'll walk round together to see all the windows before returning for a hot choc & mince pie! All welcome, spotting maps available for the kids.

Want to be involved next year?
Text 07356 216215

**Paper maps available from
Hawthorn Store, Argyll St**

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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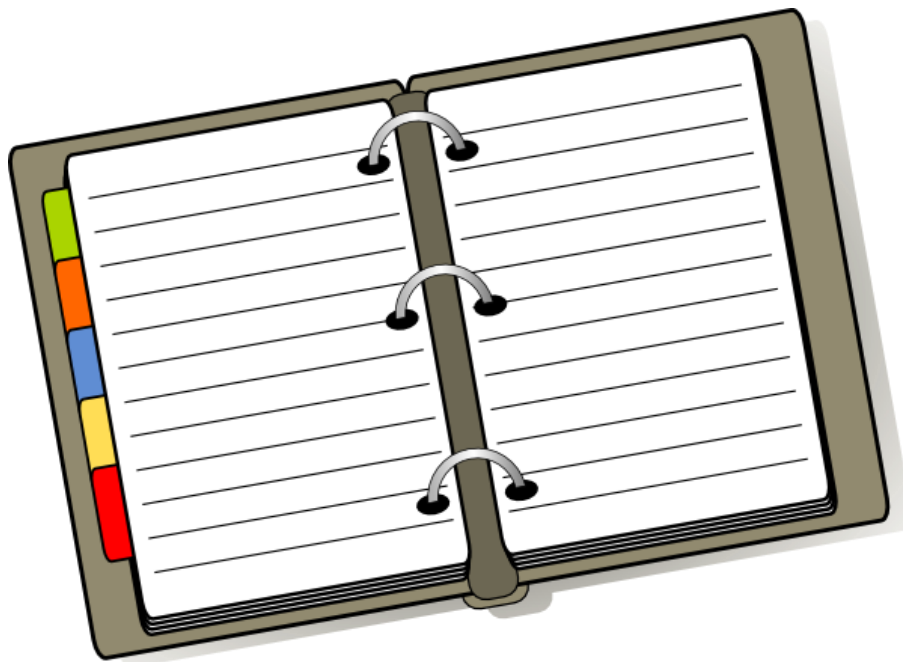
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Dates For Your Diary...



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.

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

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

***Fri 12th Dec:** KS2 Pantomime "Cinderella" at The Lighthouse Theatre*

***Tuesday 16th December:** KS1 Christingle Workshop (2.30pm) - bookable event. See letter dated 13th November*

***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 (3pm)

Break Up



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD