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Dear Parents and Carers,

Toast and Tales

Toast and Tales will be held next week for Years 2 & 1: Year 2 on Tuesday and Year 1 on Wednesday. Come along at 8.20am and enjoy a book and a light breakfast with your child. Booking has now closed for this event.

Big Bubble Theatre

On Monday, the Big Bubble Theatre will be back in school running drama workshops for Y3 and Y4. The sessions, which have been funded by Kettering Town Council, will focus on climate change and recycling.

SATs Parents Info Meeting

We are holding an information meeting for parents of Year 6 children on Tuesday 27th January at 3.30 pm. Both parents and children are welcome to attend. A separate letter has been sent to Year 6 parents about this meeting.

Cransley Hospice Dress Down Day

Next Friday we will be holding a mufti day to raise funds for Cransley Hospice. The hospice supports people with life-limiting illnesses by enabling a better end of life experience. If you would like to support this very worthwhile cause, pls donate, via MCAS in the Store.

Robin Hood

Our EYFS and Reception children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of panto on Wednesday when we welcomed back M&M Theatrical Productions to perform Robin Hood. It was lovely to host some of our friends from St Peter's too, who thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

School Uniform Discount Code

Parents can enjoy 10% off school uniform orders at MyClothing by entering the code below at checkout.

Code: MYCQ110

Expires: 31/03/2026

Link: myclothing.com/discount/MYCQ110

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

January Sports Clubs

Please see details of this term's Sports Clubs, run by EcoCoach. All clubs will run from 3.30-4.30pm and cost £5 per session (Pupil Premium discount available).

Reception and KS1: Pokémon & K-Pop Demon Hunters Club

Starts: 7th Jan 2026 (Wednesdays, 6 sessions)

KS2: Nerf Action Club

Starts: 6th Jan 2026 (Tuesdays, 6 sessions)

Please see below for details of how to book



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.

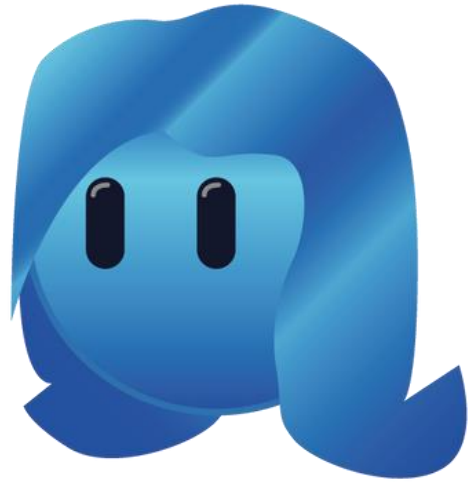
HOW TO BOOK:
PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.
THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5 SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.
IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING AN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

Air - 596 points

Fire - 623 points

Earth - 702 points

Water - 722 points

Top Tips for Encouraging Children to Choose Respect

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 digital citizenship. Primarily developed by National Crime 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 ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

- 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. As a result of the way you interact with others in front of children, they will find that you show respect towards others with an attitude of mutual respect. When you disagree with them, demonstrating this 'same as you can' attitude among people will teach them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.
- 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE**

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean they are being disrespectful about others' point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can agree to disagree using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.
- 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING**

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is making someone else talk to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding back and that shows you understand their viewpoint, even if perhaps you disagree. It's important to let people who feel respected and listened to a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.
- 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS**

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel..." or "I think..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.
- 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER**

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on explaining and explaining the situation, rather than blaming. Ask them to describe the situation, rather than blaming the person. Encourage them to say "I didn't like how you interacted me" rather than "You are a bully". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to reduce the situation.
- 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS**

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if a parent, teacher, or friend. Remember that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take some breaks or even go to a quiet room to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too heated, pausing for a bit to suggest something to do in a different setting, like outside, or taking things out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.
- 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT**

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers, and even people you disagree with. Use age-appropriate examples of respectful behaviour from books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others a fair hearing.
- 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND**

When a disagreement has occurred between children, try to find a way to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between opposing sides and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from damaging each other.
- 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL**

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Instead, encourage them to use positive and helpful language to express their feelings. Encourage children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – to help them avoid getting too heated and trying to win something through argument.
- 10 REFLECT AND LEARN**

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they notice? What did they do well at? Encourage them to use their skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future. This could involve role playing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert
The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) is an anti-bullying charity that has been active since 2000. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to end bullying and create safe environments for children and young people on, off, and online. The charity offers a range of services, including membership from any organisation or individual that supports the vision and support it has network of thousands of schools and colleges.

Source: See full report on <https://www.nationalcollege.com/guides/encourage-respect>

[WakeUpWednesday](https://www.wakeupwednesday.com) 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](https://www.internetmatters.org/talking-with-your-child-about-social-media)

Community News & Events



GAMES | MUSIC | FOOD | FUN

LAKELANDS HOSPICE

EASTER

FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL 2026 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Enjoy our Easter Egg Hunt, lots of stalls with crafts, games, delicious food and plenty of fun for all ages. A perfect day out for the whole family!

LAKELANDS HOSPICE, BUTLAND ROAD, CORBY, NN18 8LX

For more info please email - fundraising@lakelandshospice.org.uk



**ST. MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS**

GARFIELD STREET NN156BU



QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY

STARTS 7PM



**KIDS WELCOME
£5 PER PERSON
TEAMS MAX OF 6
BRING YOUR OWN
SNACKS & DRINKS
RAFFLE**

Messy Mayhem Creative Play

Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

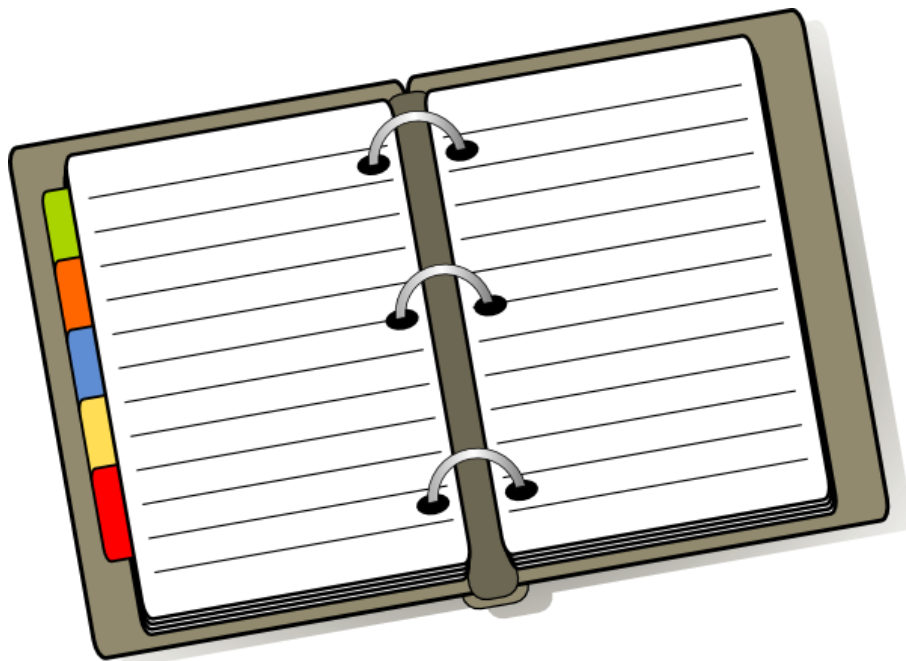
£6 per child

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

Dates For Your Diary...



Mon 26th Jan: Big Bubble Theatre in school (Y3/4)

Tues 27th Jan: Y2 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Y6 SATS Parents Information Meeting (3.30 pm)

Weds 28th Jan: Y1 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Fri 30th Jan: Dress-down day in support of Cransley Hospice

Weds 4th Feb: EYFS Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Thurs 5th Feb: Y4 Residential 2026 Parents Meeting (3.30pm)

Mon 9th Feb: Little Hawthorns (2-3pm)

Weds 11th Feb: EYFS & KS1 Celebration Assembly (2.15pm) invitation only

Y4 Cake Sale

Thurs 12th Feb: KS2 Celebration Assembly (2.15pm) invitation only

FOH Silent Disco (after school) more info to follow

Fri 13th Feb: Break Up



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