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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parents Evenings this week, it was great to see so many of you. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible to arrange a conversation about your child's progress. A big thank you too to our fantastic ambassadors who did a brilliant job showing parents around.

Staffing Update

Next week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs O'Key who has decided to retire from her Teaching Assistant position after more than 25 years at Hawthorn! Mrs O'Key will continue to run Breakfast Club and After School Club but is looking forward to having more time in the day to fulfil her many projects! We thank Mrs O'Key for her contribution and support to Hawthorn and wish her a long and peaceful retirement!

After Easter, we will be welcoming Sarah Brown to our teaching team. Mrs Brown is an experienced KS2 teacher; she will be joining UKS2 on a Thursday and Friday to build capacity within this team.

Y2 Cake Sale

On Thursday, Year 2 will be holding their annual cake sale to raise money for school funds. We would welcome donations of cakes and baked goods (no nuts please) from our Year 2 families. The cake sale will take place at the end of the day on the top playground under the gazebos. The children in Year 2 will get the chance to visit the cake sale before the end of the day. If you would like your child to purchase some cakes please provide a donation in a named envelope.

Playground Champions

This week our Playground Champions are:

- *Charlie W*
 - *Lucas L*
 - *Alex*
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These children have been chosen as they have been seen helping others on the playground, displaying our Hawthorn values and engaging in positive playground behaviours. The Playground Champions will be awarded a special badge to wear for the week and five house points for their house! Well done children.

A reminder to the Champions: please bring your badges back on Friday, so they can be given to the next Playground Champions. Thank you.

Celebration Assemblies

We welcomed several parents into school this week to share an afternoon tea with our Hawthorn Heroes for this term's value of Creativity. As always, it was lovely to read out the comments written by the teachers on the certificates and to hear about how our children have been displaying the school values. We also handed out prizes to the winners of the termly reading raffle. Reading continues to be a priority here at Hawthorn and is fundamental to everything we do. If your child would like to be in with a chance of winning next term's raffle, they need to read at least five times a week to earn a ticket. A winner from each class will then drawn at the end of the term.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited and purchased from our Travelling Book Fair this week. The fair raised £213 to spend on books for our school. Thank you also to the Friends of Hawthorn for manning this event for us.

Training Day

*A reminder that we break up for Easter on **Thursday 27th March** as Friday 28th is a teacher training day. We return to school on Monday 13th April.*

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher

School Events Guidance

As a school, we are proud to offer a wide range of additional activities and events for our pupils and parents, helping to enrich children's experiences and strengthen our school community.

Please note that, due to capacity and health and safety considerations, some events will have limited places available. In addition, bookings will close by a specified deadline to allow us sufficient time to plan effectively, organise resources, and prepare registers.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you to our events throughout the year.

School Uniform Discount Code

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

Spring Term Sports Clubs

Please see below 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: Pokemon & K Pop Demon Hunters Club

Starts: 25 Feb 2026 (Wednesdays, 5 sessions)

KS2: Football Club

Starts: 24 Feb 2026 (Wednesdays, 5 sessions)

Please see below for details of how to book



ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT
HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

STARTING 24TH FEBRUARY 2026

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



**KS1 POKÉMON & K-POP DEMON HUNTERS CLUB: STARTS: 25TH FEBRUARY 2026 (WEDNESDAYS, 5 SESSIONS)
YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB: STARTS: 24TH FEBRUARY 2026 (TUESDAYS, 5 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.**

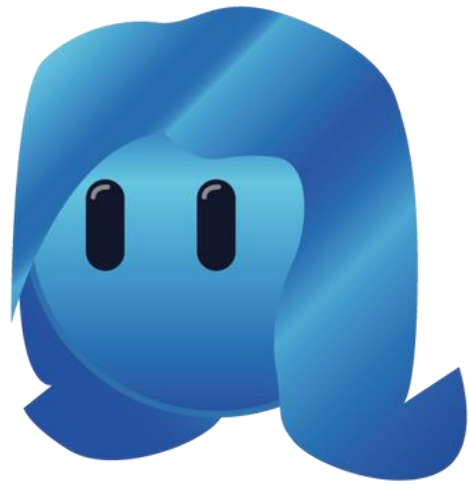
**HOW TO BOOK:
PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE WHOLE TERM.
THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5 SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.
IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL CONSIDER ADDING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

BOOKING LINK: [HTTPS://PBBL.UK/ECOCOACHCIC](https://pbbl.uk/ecocoachcic)

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!! It's getting close at the top!

Air - 1111 points

Fire - 1111 points

Earth - 1187 points

Water - 1205 points

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Oaks takes the lead this week with 98%. Well done !

Oaks: 98%

Ash: 97%

Silver Birches: 97%

Cedars: 97%

Maples: 97%

Apples: 96%

Elm: 96%

Willows: 94%

Cherries: 95%

Bay: 93%

Redwoods: 90%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Online Trends Encouraging Violence

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE TRENDS ENCOURAGING VIOLENCE

7 out of 10 teens report seeing violent content on social media, with over half of that content featuring fights involving young people. Most don't 'seek' it but are shown it through social media feeds or messaging groups. 91% of young people involved in violence have seen violent social media content. Viral trends, challenges, or 'wars' that are spread online encouraging violence offline, while real-world incidents may also be recorded and promoted online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALGORITHMIC EXPOSURE
Social media platforms are designed to keep users engaged, meaning dramatic or extreme content can spread widely and quickly. Algorithms often recommend content that reflects users' past interactions. As a result, young people may see more violent material if they have viewed, commented on, or shared it before. Repeated exposure can make violent content appear frequently in their feeds without them fully understanding why.

WEAPONS AND CRIMINAL RISK
Teens exposed to high levels of real-world violence on social media sometimes report feeling an increased need to carry a weapon for 'self-protection'; however, carrying a weapon increases the risk of victimisation (harm and injury by others) for young people. In addition, carrying a weapon is a serious offence that can lead to police arrest and a criminal record.

SHARING VIOLENT CONTENT
Encouraging or assisting an offence is a crime in the UK, including via social media, and can lead to arrest. This means sharing, forwarding, or reposting violent content carries a risk for young people too. Showing examples of content to a trusted adult is appropriate, but young people should take care not to further spread violent material by posting it online or sharing it within large messaging groups.

FEAR, ANXIETY, AND MARGINALISATION
Research shows young people's emotional wellbeing can be negatively impacted by repeated exposure to violent online content, especially when it depicts 'real-world' violence (as opposed to fictional depictions in games or films). Posts featuring weapons, threats, attacks, and fights – or content that appears to glorify gang activity – can increase feelings of anxiety or fear among young people. Material that encourages violence targeting people because of their identity, such as their nationality or religion, can also create disproportionate harm for children belonging to those groups.

AVOIDANCE AND ISOLATION
Real-world violence on social media can increase young people's belief that their local communities – or the 'outside world' more generally – are unsafe places. This can result in avoidant and isolating behaviours, which may negatively affect their wellbeing. As well as feeling fearful of others, teens also report feeling judged for spending time together in large groups, which may affect their social interactions and leisure time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED
Stay alert for updates from police, schools, or local authorities, and follow the advice provided. Be cautious about unofficial accounts, fake content, and misinformation, which can spread quickly online or in chat groups. Ensure you get accurate information from trusted sources and encourage young people to do the same. Remind them never to share violent content online and to speak to a trusted adult instead.

DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA
Encourage young people to talk about the content they see online and the effect it can have. This can be an opportunity to discuss topics such as misinformation, AI-generated material, the attention economy, and algorithms, helping them understand how and why extreme content can spread online. Explore tools available to block, report, and remove harmful content and signpost where to get support and advice, such as reportharmfulcontent.com.

TALK CRIME AND SAFETY
In most of the UK, the age of criminal responsibility is 10 (12 in Scotland). This means there can be serious criminal consequences for carrying a weapon, taking part in violence, or filming or sharing violent content. Discuss the law with young people alongside practical safety strategies. Ask questions such as: "What could you do if you feel unsafe?" Work together on action plans and remind them they can contact a trusted adult or the police if they witness or experience violence.

ENCOURAGE POSITIVE ACTION
Focus on strengthening young people's positive experiences both online and within their local communities. Discuss strategies to reduce negative social media effects, such as time limits, unfollowing certain accounts, or taking breaks from apps. Encourage offline activities such as spending time with friends, visiting local places, and taking part in hobbies that bring them joy, purpose, and connection. Remind them they can seek support with any concerns at any time via childline.org.uk.

Meet Our Expert
Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in media law, online safety, and young people. Her PhD investigates youth understandings of criminal and legal risks in a digital context. She works in schools to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal, and ethical considerations of rapidly advancing technologies.

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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



LAKELANDS CARE HOSPICE Home START
www.lakelandshospice.org.uk Corby

5K CORBY 5K CHARITY RUN

In aid of the Mayor of Corby's Charities:
Lakelands Care Hospice and Home Start Corby

Where? Rockingham Triangle Athletics Stadium,
Jimmy Kane Way, Corby, NN17 2FB

When? Sunday 26th April
Registration opens 12:30pm

First race at 1:30pm,
Fun Run starts at 2:30pm

Cost: £8 per adult, £5 per child
Family of 6: £32

Family of 4: £21
Spectators £1 donations only on the gate

All ages and abilities welcome! Run, walk, skip or dance your way around and everyone will receive a medal for taking part!

Please scan to register!

All profits donated to Lakelands Care Hospice & Home-Start Corby

COMMUNITY - CREATIVITY - CONNECTION

ANALOGUE AFTERNOONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 1-4PM
ST MICHAEL'S, 33 GARFIELD ST, KETTERING, NN15 6BU

COME TOGETHER TO BUILD COMMUNITY
IN A TIME OF SCREENS & SOCIAL MEDIA

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFTS,
BOOKS, GAMES & HOBBIES

SHARE SUPPLIES & SKILLS

TAKE PART IN CREATIVE
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

KIDS ZONE

LEGO, CRAFTS
& GAMES IN A
SAFE SPACE
MUST ATTEND WITH A
RESPONSIBLE ADULT

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - FREE OF CHARGE

XPLORER



Xplorer is a family friendly navigation challenge that is educational and fun and gives children a sense of adventure as they explore the park to find markers.

Easter 2026 events:

- **Monday 30th March 1 – 3pm:** Thrapston, Peace Park (NN14 4JU)
- **Thursday 2nd April 1 – 3pm:** Rushden, Hall Park (NN10 9ES)
- **Tuesday 7th April 1 – 3pm:** Wellingborough, Swanspool Gardens (NN8 1BP)
- **Wednesday 8th April 1 – 3pm:** Corby, Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre (NN18 9HU)
- **Thursday 9th April 10am – 12:** Twywell Hills and Dales (NN14 4DZ)
- **Thursday 9th April 1 – 3pm:** Kettering, The Green Patch (NN16 0LU)

NO NEED TO BOOK

FREE TO JOIN

For more information contact:

activefamilies@northnorthants.gov.uk



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Messy Mayhem Creative Play

Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm

St Michael's Church, Garfield Street

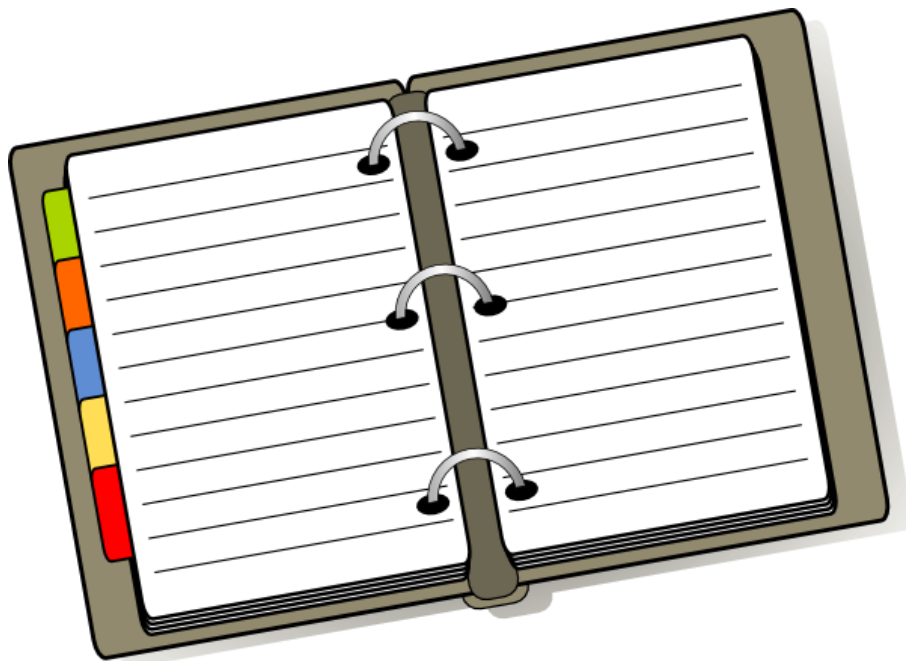
£6 per child

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

Dates For Your Diary...



Fri 20th Mar: Comic Relief

1.10 - 1.50 pm Apples Come & Play

2.20 - 3 pm Cherries Come & Play

Mon 23rd Mar: 2.15 - 3 pm KS1 & KS2 Easter Parent & Child Event

Tues 24th Mar: 1.15 - 2 pm - KS1 & KS2 Easter Parent & Child Event

Reception heights and weights

Thurs 26th Mar: Y2 Cake Sale (3.10pm)

Break Up

Fri 27th Mar: Training Day (school closed)

***** Easter Break*****

Mon 13th April : School reopens after Easter break

1.15pm: EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (children only)

Weds 15th April: Super Science Club starts for KS2

Mon 20th April: Little Hawthorns (2pm)

Tues 21st April: Ukulele starts for Y3 children

Weds 22nd April: EYFS Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Thurs 23rd April: Y1 Cake Sale

Tues 28th April: Y1 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Weds 29th April: Y2 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Mon 4th May: Mayday Bank Holiday - school closed

Weds 6th May: Y3 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Thurs 7th May: Y4 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Y6 2026 Residential Meeting (3.30pm)

Fri 8th May: EYFS & KS1 Mayday Dancing (pm)

Mon 11th May: Y6 SATs Week

Mon 18th May: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Little Hawthorns (2pm)

Tues 19th May: Y6 Height and Weight Screening

EYFS & KS1 Celebration Assembly - invite only (9am)

KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)

Weds 20th May: Y5 & Y6 Toast & Tales (8.20am)

Y6 Shakespeare project starts

Thurs 21st May: Y6 Cake Sale

Fri 22nd May: Break Up



ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD