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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

### ***KS2 SATs Week***

*As I am sure all Y6 parents are aware, KS2 SATs will take place next week. The children have worked incredibly hard towards these and are ready for them. We are doing all we can to ensure the children feel calm and confident going into next week. Please ensure your child has a relaxing weekend and is in school by 8.40am each morning next week. This will ensure they have a calm start to their day and will give them the very best opportunity for success. If your child has signed up for the SATs Breakfast Club this will start at 8.15am and will be an opportunity for a light breakfast and to chat with friends before the morning begins.*

*We are extremely proud of all of our Year 6 children for the way in which they have approached SATs. Whatever their individual outcomes, we are confident that we are sending a group of respectful, caring and hardworking young citizens off to secondary school who will be great ambassadors for Hawthorn Primary. We wish them all the very best of luck and look forward to the weeks after SATs where we have some lovely activities planned!*

### ***May Day Dancing***

*Thank you to everyone who attended our EYFS and KS1 Maypole dancing this afternoon. We were blessed with the weather and the children danced beautifully! A big thank you to Miss Barr for organising such a lovely afternoon and to Mrs Dix for her musical accompaniment!*

*As in previous years, the KS2 children will be performing midsummer dances in July, with an appearance from the Hawthorn Horrors! We look forward to welcoming parents to this event too.*

### ***Playground Champions***

*The Lunchtime Supervisors have chosen these children as this week's Playground Champions:*

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- *Sam*
  - *Braedyn*
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*Well done children - you have all shown brilliant behaviours on the playground, playing respectfully and supporting others...and have earned 5 House Points for your house!!!*

***Please remember to hand your badges back next week, ready for the new Playground Champions!***

*Best wishes,*

*Emma Jacox*

*Head Teacher*

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**ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS**

**May Activity Camp**

**Hawthorn Primary School**

**Games & Sports · Movement & Dance · Arts & Crafts · Yoga · Nerf Challenges**

**DATES:** 26<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May

**TIMES:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Late pick-up (4:00 PM) available for £5.

**Ages:** 5 - 11 years. 4-year-olds welcome for half-days (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).

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

**PRICING AND DISCOUNTS:** **EARLY BIRD 17% OFF** available until 3<sup>rd</sup> May (USE CODE: **ECOMAYDAY17**)

Standard prices apply from 4<sup>th</sup> of May £25 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"**

1 - May Holiday Club

## Summer 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: 15 April 2026 (Wednesdays, 6 sessions)*

KS2: Netball Club

Starts: 14 April 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 14 APRIL 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: 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 (WEDNESDAYS, 6 SESSIONS)  
YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**KS2 NETBALL CLUB: STARTS: 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026 (TUESDAYS, 6 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**

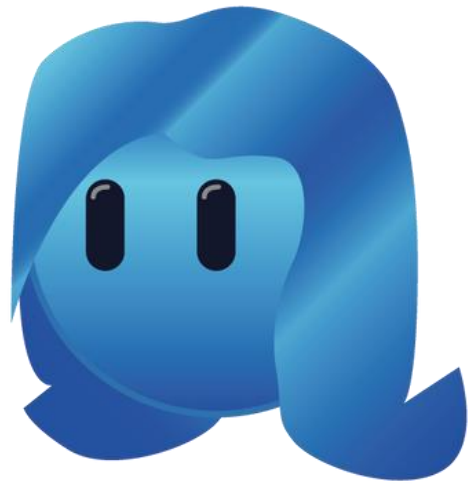
**TO CLAIM YOUR DISCOUNT:**  
**EMAIL GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK WITH A PHOTO OF YOUR EVIDENCE (FSM ELIGIBILITY OR VALID ID). WE'LL SEND YOU A UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE TO USE WHEN BOOKING.**

**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...



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

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**Air - 1434 points**

**Fire - 1511 points**

**Water - 1526 points**

**Earth - 1628 points**

## Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



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*Willows is in the lead with 99% this week. Well done !*

*Willows: 99%*

*Oaks: 98%*

*Cherries: 98%*

*Ash: 97%*

*Cedars: 96%*

*Apples: 96%*

*Maples: 95%*

*Bay: 95%*

*Silver Birches: 95%*

*Redwoods: 92%*

*Elm: 92%*

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# Top Tips for Helping Neurodivergent Children Navigate the Online World

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](http://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

### HELPING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN NAVIGATE THE ONLINE WORLD

Neurodivergent people tend to be early adopters of technology, and many influential innovators in this space are neurodivergent themselves. It's therefore likely that a neurodivergent child or young person may be drawn to the online world from an early age. This isn't a concern in itself, but understanding both the benefits and potential risks is essential. Here are ten key considerations to support safe and positive online experiences for neurodivergent children.

- 1 TREAT ONLINE LIKE THE REAL WORLD**

You wouldn't allow a child to cross a road without guidance – you'd hold their hand, use a pedestrian crossing, and model safe behaviour. In the same way, a neurodivergent child's first experiences online should be supported by an adult who can guide and explain safe and responsible digital behaviour to them from the outset.
- 2 MODEL RESPONSIBLE USE**

Children learn from what they see. Show all children, regardless of neurotype, what responsible internet use looks like. Reflect on your own use of social media and AI. Consider how often you use them and your own understanding of these platforms. Talk openly about when and why you use these tools, helping all children develop a balanced and informed approach.
- 3 KNOW YOUR LIMITS**

Current government guidance suggests no solo screen use below the age of two, with a maximum of one hour per day for two- to five-year-olds. Screen time can support communication and connection when shared with an adult. However, passive watching can affect neurodivergent children's attention and language skills. Focus on the type of content they watch, encouraging slower-paced and meaningful material rather than fast-paced, overstimulating content.
- 4 CONSIDER AGES AND STAGES**

For older children and teenagers, agreed limits are important. Screen time can be beneficial, but it should form part of a balanced lifestyle. Neurodivergent children may find online communication easier than real-world conversation, supporting their social interaction. However, it shouldn't be their only option. Encourage a range of activities, including creative play, physical exercise, and opportunities for real-world connections.
- 5 KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN**

Discussions about online safety should begin early and continue as children grow. However, neurodivergent children may worry about getting things wrong or being misunderstood, meaning these kinds of conversations should feel open and fair, rather than like a lecture. If a child encounters a problem – such as a scam or inappropriate content – they need to feel able to speak to a trusted adult without fear of judgement or embarrassment.
- 6 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

You aren't expected to be an expert, but it's important to stay informed about the platforms, games, or apps neurodivergent children use in order to provide practical support. Social media platforms have age limits, and many apps and games offer parental settings that can control access. Schools and families should work together to understand these tools, helping neurodivergent children use them safely while keeping up to date with new features and changes.
- 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES**

Children and young people often know more about current technology than adults, meaning it's important to recognise that controls may be bypassed. Clear, predictable boundaries should be used, based on trust and consistency. Involving children in discussions that affect them helps them feel heard. This is particularly important for neurodivergent children, who may respond strongly to perceived unfairness.
- 8 UNDERSTAND AI CONTENT**

The internet now includes large amounts of AI-generated content, including images, videos, and stories. These can be difficult to identify. Children should be encouraged to question what they see and check the information using trusted sources. Neurodivergent children may interpret content literally, meaning adult guidance is important in helping them recognise what's real and reliable – and what isn't.
- 9 EXPLAIN AI LIMITATIONS**

AI isn't the same as a search engine. It generates responses based on prompts and patterns, and its accuracy depends on how it's used. Sometimes, it produces incorrect or unrealistic information, known as 'hallucinations'. Both adults and children need to understand this and learn how to check information carefully using reliable and trusted sources.
- 10 CLARIFY AI RELATIONSHIPS**

AI can feel conversational and personal, but it's not capable of real relationships. It learns from patterns in user input rather than human understanding. Some neurodivergent children may experience a sense of connection with AI chatbots, particularly if they find social situations challenging. It's therefore important to explain that these are simulated conversations and aren't a substitute for real, human relationships.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Catrina Lawri is a neurodivergent former SENCO and Advisory Teacher who works with nurseries, schools, colleges, and businesses to improve inclusion for neurodivergent people. She is the Founder and Director of Neuroteachers and the author of *The Other 22 – How Supporting Your Neurodivergent Learner Can Improve Teaching and Learning for the Whole Class*.

See full reference list on our website

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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 our School Lottery



- 1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY** 
- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS** 
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

**It's As Easy As**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot



Scan to play!

To start supporting, visit:  
**[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)**  
and search for: Hawthorn Community

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

## Positive Parenting Programme

*Please see details of a parenting course being offered by NCT :*

**POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

**Event Details:**

**Day:** Wednesday

**Time:** 12:00-14:00

**First Session Date:** 27th May 2026

**Last Session Date:** 22nd July 2026

**Venue:** Kettering Family Hub

*This course is currently being delivered face to face over 9 weeks.*

*Each group session will last 2 hours with a short comfort break midway through.*

*For further information or to get booked on please use this link -*

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/positive-parenting-programme-for-parents-of-children-with-additional-needs-tickets-1987820935930?aff=ebdsoporqprofile&\\_gl=1\\*\\_eaz4fb\\*\\_up\\*MQ..\\*\\_qa\\*MTAzNzQzMTA4LjE3NzY3NjY0MjU.\\*\\_qa\\_TQVES5V6SH\\*\\_czE3NzY3NjY0MjQkbzEkZzAkdd](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/positive-parenting-programme-for-parents-of-children-with-additional-needs-tickets-1987820935930?aff=ebdsoporqprofile&_gl=1*_eaz4fb*_up*MQ..*_qa*MTAzNzQzMTA4LjE3NzY3NjY0MjU.*_qa_TQVES5V6SH*_czE3NzY3NjY0MjQkbzEkZzAkdd)

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## Community News & Events

### St Michael's Church

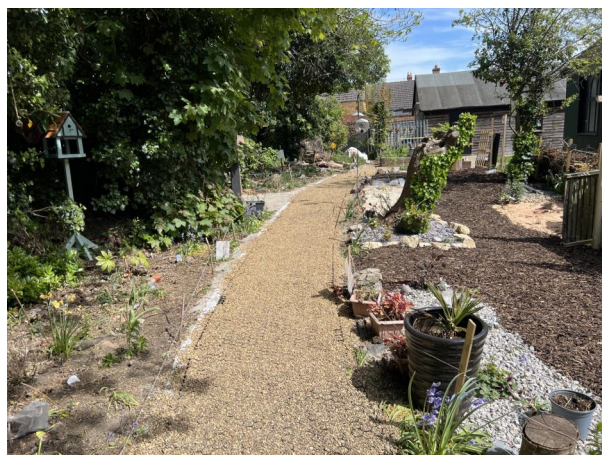
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*Thank you to members of our school community who have been working hard to develop the gardens at St Michael's Church. A particular mention to Aoife and her dad who have helped out on several occasions! Thank you Aoife! Children are welcome to visit the gardens and explore the space.*

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2 - St Michael's Church Gardens



# REPAIR CAFE Kettering



## BIN IT? NO WAY!

### KETTERING'S GOT A REPAIR CAFÉ!

#### Got something broken? Bring your:

Kitchen knives  
Textiles & clothing  
Small appliances  
Well-loved toys  
Bicycles  
Electronics  
Jewellery  
and more!



For a voluntary contribution, our volunteers will help fix your items while teaching you valuable repair skills. Let's reduce waste, save money and extend the life of our favourite things!

Refreshments and cakes available in our café while you wait.



#### WHEN?

##### 2026 DATES

Feb 21 | May 16  
Sep 19 | Nov 28  
10am-1pm

#### WHERE?

ST MICHAEL'S  
CHURCH  
33 GARFIELD ST  
KETTERING  
NN15 6BU

#### Do I need to book?

No, just turn up with your item.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact [repaircafekettering@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafekettering@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY - CREATIVITY - CONNECTION

# ANALOGUE AFTERNOONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 1-4PM

ST MICHAEL'S, GARFIELD ST., KETTERING, NN15 6BU

**COME TOGETHER TO BUILD COMMUNITY**  
**ENJOY TIME AWAY FROM 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**

*Messy Mayhem Creative Play*

*Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm*

*St Michael's Church, Garfield Street*

*£6 per child*

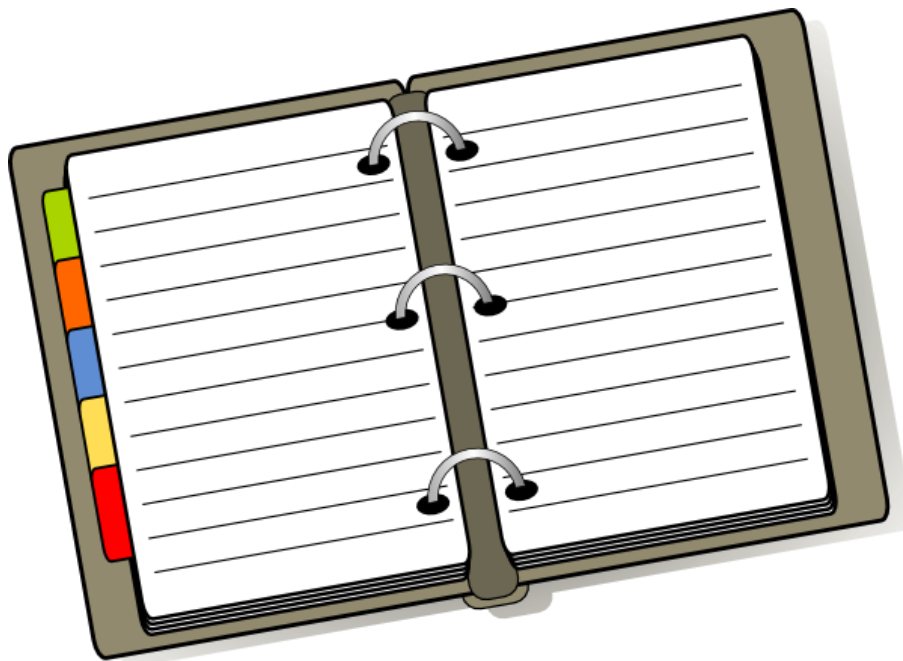
*Suitable for children from when they can sit!*

*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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## **Dates For Your Diary...**



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***Mon 11th May: Y6 SATs Week***

***Fri 15th May: UKS2 Trip to Wicksteed Park***

***Mon 18th May: 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***

\*\*\*\*\****Half Term***\*\*\*\*\*

***Mon 1st Jun: Back to school***

***Weds 3rd - Fri 5th Jun: Y6 Residential at Longtown***

***Thurs 4th June: EYFS trip to Hamerton Zoo Park***

***Tues 9th Jun: Online Safety workshops for Y5 and Y6***

***Mon 15th Jun: Little Hawthorns (2-3pm)***

***Thurs 18th Jun: Reception Sept 2026 Welcome Meeting (5pm)***

***Fri 19th Jun: Rotary Stars Assemblies (invite only)***

***Mon 22nd June: KS1 trip to Hamerton Zoo Park***

***Weds 24th Jun: Sports Day (at St Peter's School)***

***Thurs 25th Jun: Y6 Junior Citizens (9.30-11.30am)***

*New Reception intake sessions (1pm)*

***Fri 26th Jun: EYFS Cake Sale***

***Mon 29th Jun: Transition Lunch Clubs in school***

**Thurs 2nd July:** KS2 Midsummer Dancing (pm)

Reception 2026 Intake Sessions (pm)

**Fri 3rd July:** Y6 perform *The Tempest*

**Mon 6th July:** Transition Day

**Fri 10th July:** End of Year Reports go out

**Tues 14th July:** UKS2 trip to Holdenby House

**Weds 15th July:** 5-year-old dental survey

Rocksteady Concert (pm - time TBC)

3.40-5pm: Parent drop-ins

**Thurs 16th July:** ISM Music Concert (pm - time TBC)

**Fri 17th July:** Rocksteady Concert (pm - time TBC)

**Tues 21st July:** UKS2 trip to Twin Lakes

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

**Weds 22nd July:** KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (9am)

House Picnic and Winners' Ceremony - chn only

**Thurs 23rd July:** Y6 Graduation (pm - time TBC)

Y6 Leavers' Party (5-7pm)

**Fri 24th July:** Y6 Leaver's Arch

Break Up

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ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD