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	Hawthorn Community Primary School <i>The Hawthorn Herald</i>	
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Toast & Tales

Toast & Tales will take place next week on Tuesday (Y4) and Wednesday (Y3). Please come along at 8.20am to share some breakfast and a book with your child.

Celebration Assemblies

We will be holding our celebration assemblies on Thursday and Friday of next week to celebrate our first value of the year: Community. The teachers have chosen our Hawthorn Heroes for this value - they are children who have gone above and beyond this term in demonstrating our value of Community. If your child has been chosen, you will have received a invitation to the assembly followed by a celebratory afternoon tea afterwards.

Cross Country Event

A massive well done to all of our children who took part in the 2k cross-country event at Desborough Leisure Centre yesterday. Six of those children ended up qualifying for county finals! Thalia also brought back some silver-wear for Hawthorn, finishing second in her age group. Well done each and every one of you, you represented the school so well that it was noticed and commented on by the organisers. Thank you to Mr O'Key for organising.

Parents Evenings

It was lovely to see so many parents at our first parents evenings of the year this week. Thank you so much for attending and supporting your child. And a big thank you to our wonderful ambassadors who greeted everyone so politely! If you were unable to come to parents evening, please contact your child's class teacher and arrange a time to meet with them. It's important that you know how your child has settled into their new class and how they are doing in school. Thank you.

Hawthorn Choir

From next term, we will be running a Hawthorn school choir for children in Years 2-6. There will be 6 spaces available per year group. The choir will run during Term 2, Term 4 and Term 6 on Monday afternoons, 3:30 – 4:15pm and will begin on Monday 11th November. As part of the choir, children will have the opportunity to learn songs new and old and practice these to perform at school events and in the local community. The choir will also be holding an event in the spring term, where parents will be welcomed to see the choir perform. There will be a one time charge of £5 for the club to enable us to purchase songs and resources for our performances. Bookings are currently live on MCAS.

Coffee and Crafts

Thank you to all of the parents who turned up for our Coffee and Crafts afternoon this week, as part of World Mental Health Day. It was lovely to see the children enjoying making Autumn crafts with you.

*Our next Coffee afternoon will be on **Monday 4th November at 2.15pm**. This will be a story-time session for **Grandparents and Grandchildren**, run by Mrs Brown. Please come along and share some quality time with your grandchild. Biscuits will be on offer and we would love to see you there! Places are limited, please sign up using the following link :*

[*Coffee Afternoon -Grandparents and Grandchildren*](#)

On Thurs Dec 12th, we will be running a Coffee and Christmas Crafts session at 2pm. More info to follow.

Harvest Hampers

This week, our children delivered some harvest hampers out to neighbours in our school community, nominated by you. Our neighbours were delighted with the hampers and enjoyed chatting to the children who delivered them. For some, it was the highlight of their week. Thank you all again for your generous donations, which enabled our children to experience the joy of giving.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



1 - Harvest Hampers



2 - Our fantastic cross-country runners



3 - Autumn Coffee and Crafts session

Criminal Exploitation

Please see the link below for a free Zoom webinar held by the Ivison Trust on criminal exploitation. The webinar is aimed at parents of 10-18 year olds and will be held on 28th November from 7pm-8.30pm.

The webinar will explain what criminal exploitation, including county lines, is and how to spot signs it may be happening to your child or a child you know.

It will cover what it looks like in our local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

To register, please go to:

<https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

Sports Clubs

Limited places remain next week on our two sports clubs run by EcoCoach PE Solutions:

- KS2 Dodgeball Club: Tuesday, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.*
- KS1 Multiskills Club: Wednesday, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.*

If you would like your child to be part of these clubs, you can book a place directly on [EcoCoach Booking](#). Spaces are available at £5 per session, £3.50 for children eligible for Pupil Premium.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please forward confirmation to greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk. You will then be provided with a discount code to use during booking.

AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL!

ECOCOACH PE SOLUTIONS 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!

KEY INFORMATION:

DATES:
KS2 DODGEBALL TUESDAY CLUB: STARTS 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (4 WEEKS OF SESSIONS)
KS1 MULTISKILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB: STARTS 25TH SEPTEMBER 2024 (4 WEEKS OF SESSIONS)

TIMES:
EACH SESSION RUNS FROM 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

YEAR GROUPS:
KS1: RECEPTION, YEAR 1, AND YEAR 2
KS2: YEARS 3, 4, 5, AND 6

COST:
£5 PER SESSION FOR GENERAL ADMISSION.
£3.50 PER SESSION FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM), MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE SCHOOL - SEE BELOW.

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://BOOKWHEN.COM/ECOCOACH](https://bookwhen.com/ecocoach)

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC TERM OF SPORTS, TEAMWORK, AND FUN!
HURRY AND SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW!
FOR ANY INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT [GREENTEAM@ECO-COACH.CO.UK](mailto:greenteam@eco-coach.co.uk)**

LET'S KEEP ACTIVE AND HAVE SOME FUN THIS TERM!

IF YOUR CHILD QUALIFIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM), YOU WILL RECEIVE A DISCOUNT CODE TO ACCESS THE REDUCED RATE FOR THE CHILDREN FREE OF CHARGE. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION. THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE THE DISCOUNT CODE FOR YOU. PLEASE USE THE DISCOUNT CODE WHEN BOOKING YOUR CHILD'S PLACE. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ASDA - Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

Please follow this link for more information: [Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](#)

The Palm

Thank you to all the children who entered our competition to re-name the Community Room following its recent refurbishment.

The winner was Quinn, who came up with the name The Palm! Staff loved this name as it keeps our tree theme, but also reflects the many nationalities we have in our school. Well done Quinn and thank you to Mrs Wootton for creating this lovely palm display!



Reception Intake 2025

Applications have now opened for children who will be of school age next September. You can apply for a primary school place on [Apply for a primary school place | North Northamptonshire Council \(northnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk) We would be delighted if you consider Hawthorn for the start of your child's education. We have several school tours taking place throughout this term. Please ring the office on 01536 512204 to book your place on one of our tours. The dates of the tours are at the end of this newsletter.

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



Which class is in the lead for attendance so far.....?

OAKS and WILLOWS are in the lead this week with 99% attendance. Well done all! It's all very close this week!

Oaks: 99%

Willows: 99%

Silver Birches: 98%

Maples: 97%

Ash: 97%

Elm: 95%

Cedars: 94%

Bay: 93%

Cherries: 92%

Redwoods: 91%

Apples: 91%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Teaching Children Fire Safety

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 TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

- ### 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.
- ### 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.
- ### 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,200 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.
- ### 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.
- ### 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.
- ### 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.
- ### 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.
- ### 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders, away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.
- ### 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.
- ### 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert
James Wheaton is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>

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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](#)

Community News & Events

Please follow the link below to the school website to find information on events happening in Kettering and surrounding areas:



**ST. MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS**
GARFIELD STREET NN156BU

SUNDAY



CLUB



1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS
AT 9AM -9.30AM*
CRAFTS & GAMES

*For families attending Sunday Services



**ST. MICHAEL
& ALL ANGELS**
GARFIELD STREET NN156BU



**GARDEN
CHURCH**



SATURDAY
12TH OCTOBER
2-4PM

COFFEE, CONVERSATION AND CREATION
PLEASE BRING GARDEN TOOLS

REPAIR CAFE Kettering



BIN IT? NO WAY!

KETTERING'S GOT A REPAIR CAFE!

Got something broken? Bring your:

- Kitchen knives
- Textiles & sewing
- Small appliances
- Well-loved toys
- Bicycles
- Electronics
- Broken jewelry
- and more!



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

COFFEE, TEA AND CAKE ARE AVAILABLE WHILE YOU WAIT.

WHEN?

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2024
10am – 1pm

WHERE?

The Church of St. Michael and All Angels
33 Garfield Street
Kettering, NN15 6BU

TO BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT FOR A REPAIR OR TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT:
repaircafekettering@gmail.com



Calling all 7-10 year old girls!

10th Kettering St Michaels Brownie Unit currently have spaces available for you to join us. We are a small, friendly unit who meet every Tuesday evening from 6.15-7.45pm in the St Michaels Community Hall. We play games, make friends, take part in craft activities, learn new skills and work towards gaining Brownie Badges in a variety of current topics.

If you feel this may be something you would enjoy, please get in touch for further details and to arrange a try out session. You can register your interest online at Guiding Go, contact Brown Owl at jean.gregory@hotmail.co.uk or speak to Miss Bell at school. We look forward to hearing from you!

THE ORIGINAL PUMPKIN TOWER LIGHT UP

FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER '24 BURTON LATIMER
5-8PM FIRE STATION



**BRING YOUR OWN
CARVED PUMPKIN
AND LIGHT UP THE
DRILL TOWER 🍂
..£1 PER PUMPKIN
1st, 2nd & 3rd PRIZE**

- REFRESHMENTS
- RAFFLE
- GAMES
- DONATIONS TO ..





**Fire Fighters
Charity**



Family Hubs

NORTH NORTHANTS



**Funded by
UK Government**



North Northamptonshire have launched their first digital Family Hub.

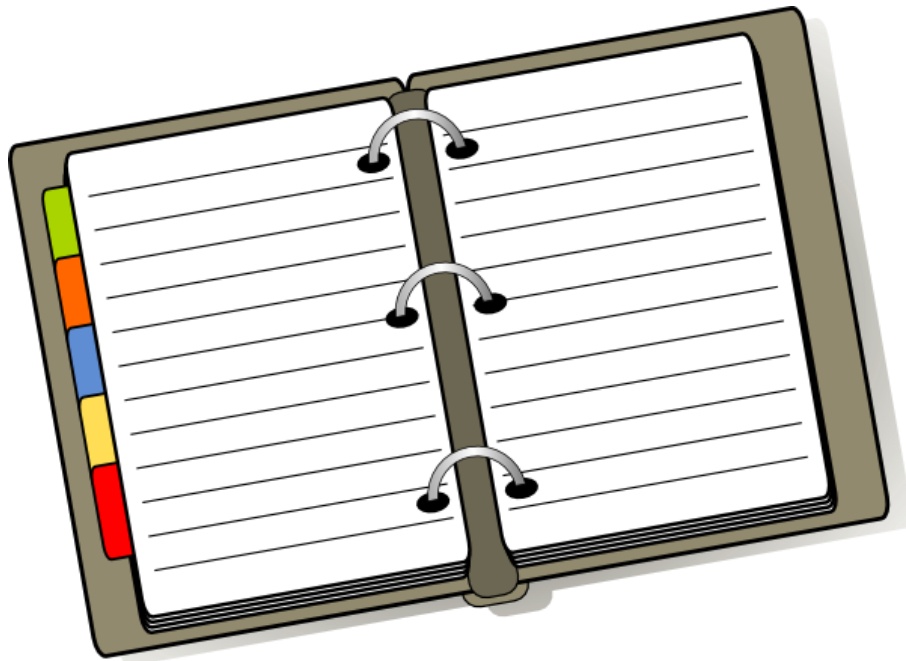
Family Hubs are friendly and safe spaces for babies, children, young people and their parents/carers to go when they need help and support. The people who work in the Hubs are friendly and will work with you to help you find and access help from different services in the local area.

They are a single point of contact for families with children 0-19 or up to 25 years old if they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and the staff will be able to give you information, advice and support.

To access the Family Hub, find support and download the app, please follow the link below:

[Family Hubs](#)

Dates For Your Diary...



Tues 15th Oct: Toast & Tales (Y4)

Reception New Intake (2025) Tour (4pm)

Weds 16th Oct: Toast & Tales (Y3)

Thurs 17th Oct: Reception New Intake (2025) Tour (4pm)

Fri 18th Oct: Break up for half term

HALF TERM

Mon 4th Nov: Back to school

2.15pm: Coffee & Story Afternoon for Grandparents and children in the Diner led by our Family Support Worker Mrs Brown. Everyone welcome.

Tues 5th Nov: Reception New Intake (2025) Tour (4pm)

Mon 11th Nov: Friendship Week

Tues 12th Nov: Odd Socks Day (Anti-bullying. Info to follow)

Fri 15th Nov: Children in Need (info to follow)

Flu Vaccinations for whole school

Mon 18th Nov - Thurs 21st Nov: Bikeability (Y6)

Weds 20th Nov: KS1 History Day

Tues 10th Dec: KS2 Carol Musical Evening at The United Reformed Church (6pm)

Weds 11th Dec: Rocksteady Concert for Weds Bands - parents welcome (2pm)

Fri 13th Dec: KS2 Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast' at the Lighthouse Theatre

Rocksteady Concert for Fri Bands - parents welcome (2pm)

Tues 17th Dec: KS1 Christingle workshop - KS1 parents welcome (2.30pm)

Weds 18th Dec: EYFS Nativity

Thurs 19th Dec: Christingle (KS1)

Fri 20th Dec: Carols Around the Tree
