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

Celebration Assemblies

It was fantastic to welcome parents into school this week as part of our Celebration Assemblies. The assemblies were held to mark this term's value of Community. A Hawthorn Hero was chosen from each class - a child who has promoted the value of Community both in school and beyond - and these children were awarded a certificate in assembly. They then took their parents to a lovely celebratory afternoon tea held in The Palm. Well done to all of this term's Hawthorn Heroes. Next term's value is Teamwork, so we will again be looking for Heroes who have actively promoted this value.

Secondary School Places

*Year 6 parents: a reminder that you have until **Thurs 31st Oct** to apply for your child's secondary school place. You can do this by following the link: [Apply for a Secondary School Place - North Northants](#)*

Toast & Tales

*Thank you to all of those parents who attended Toast & Tales for years 3 & 4 this week. After half term, Toast & Tales will continue with Years 1 and 2 on **Tuesday 12th November (Year 1)** and **Wednesday 13th November (Year 2)**. Please come along at 8.20am to share some breakfast and a book with your child.*

Coffee and Story-Time with Grandparents

We have limited places left for our Coffee and Story-Time with Grandparents on **Monday 4th November at 2.15pm**. This session will be 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! Please sign up using the following link which will close this afternoon:

[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.

School Photos

A reminder that if you would like to order your child's photo online from Tempest Photography, you have until **Wednesday 23rd October 2024** to take advantage of free delivery back to school. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

Have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Monday 4th November**.

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher



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Sports Clubs After Half Term

NEW TERM 2 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

KS2 Girls-Only Football Club (Tuesdays):

Our Play Their Way football sessions are a fun, supportive space for girls in Years 3-6 to develop their football skills, build confidence, and work as a team. These sessions focus on creativity, collaboration, and enjoyment through sport. If your child is interested in football or simply wants to try something new, this is a fantastic opportunity!

Starting Tues 5th Nov until the end of term.

KS1 EcoClub (Wednesdays):

For our younger children in Key Stage 1, we're introducing EcoClub – a hands-on, creative club where children can explore the world of nature, crafting, and sustainability. From art projects to eco-workshops, the children will engage in fun and meaningful activities that promote care for the environment.

Starting Weds 6th Nov until the end of term.

To sign up, please visit the booking page at <https://bookwhen.com/ecocoach> or get in touch with the school office for more information.

Hawthorn Choir

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.

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/>

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.

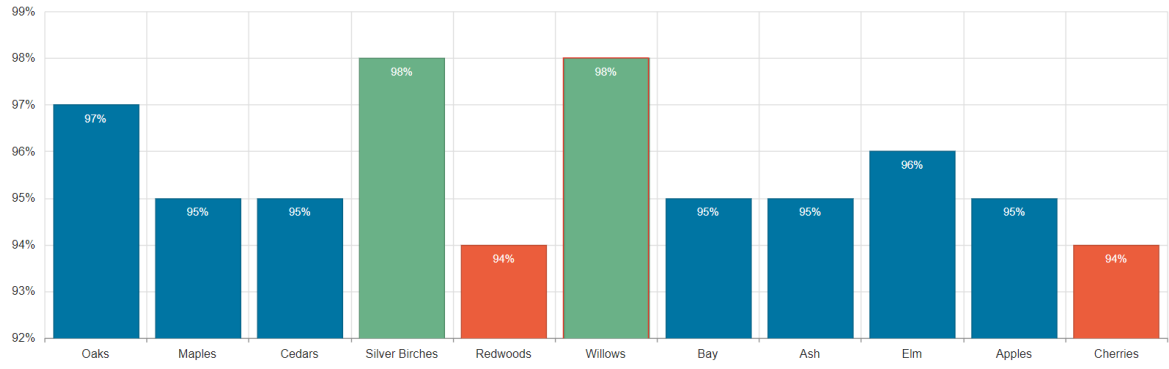
Please follow this link for more information: [Cashpot for schools \(asda.com\)](https://www.asda.com/cashpot-for-schools)

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.

Tutor Group ▾

Attendance ▾ ↗



What Parents and Carers Need to Know About...Horror Films and Age Ratings

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 HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

- U: Suitable for all ages
- PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them
- 12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references
- 15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above
- 18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, content that makes older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together - potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer - so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child - and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER - IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in reality. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Inasley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>

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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

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

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!

A Halloween-themed background image showing a fire station at night with a lightning bolt striking the sky, bats flying, and a stack of pumpkins in the foreground.

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**



North Northamptonshire have launched their first digital Family Hub.

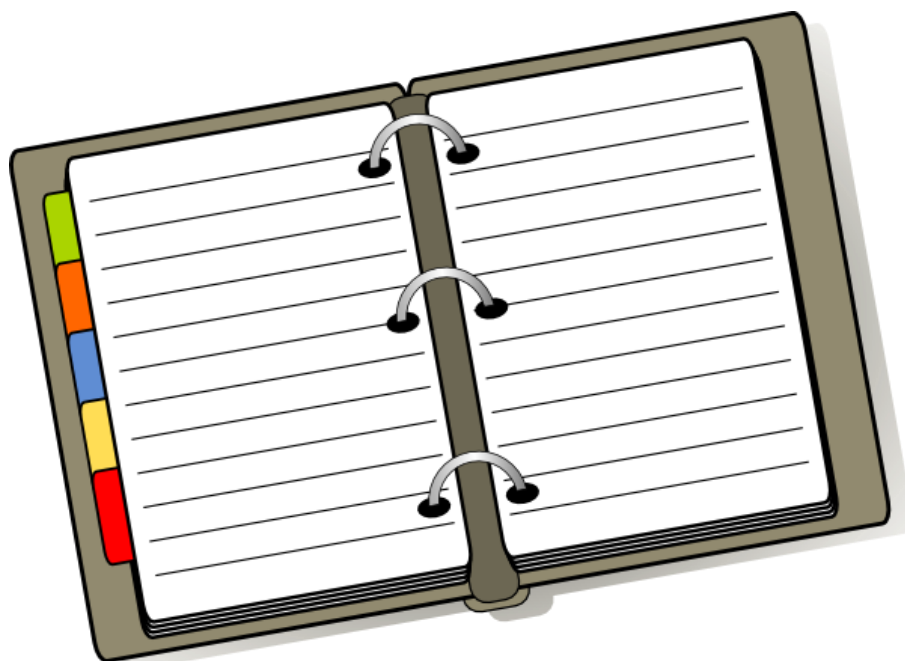
Family Hubs are friendly and safe spaces for babies, children, young people and their parents/carers to go when they need help and support. The people who work in the Hubs are friendly and will work with you to help you find and access help from different services in the local area.

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...



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)

Toast & Tales Year 1

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

Flu Vaccinations for whole school

Toast & Tales Year 2

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 performances at 9.30am (coffee in The Palm from 8.45am) and 6pm

Thurs 19th Dec: Christingle (KS1)

Fri 20th Dec: Carols Around the Tree (3pm)
