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

New Term

Welcome back to Hawthorn for the second part of the Autumn Term - always a very busy term here but a lovely one too. We are already making our Christmas preparations and have some lovely events in store this term such as the EYFS Nativity, KS1 Christingle, KS2 Christmas Music Evening, and Carols Around the Tree. More information will follow on each of these events in the coming weeks.

Remembrance Day

On Monday we will be holding our Remembrance Day service, for children only. We will gather on the playground to hear KS2 read some war poems and will then observe the two minute silence as the flag is lowered. We will be talking to the children about the importance of Remembrance Day and why many of us choose to wear poppies at this time of year.

Toast & Tales

*A reminder that next week 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.*

Anti-Bullying/ Friendship Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and at Hawthorn we like to celebrate this positively as Friendship Week. Throughout the week, our children will be doing various activities in school to help them recognise what bullying is and to promote how to be a good friend. On Tuesday, it is Odd Socks Day and we are asking our children to come to school wearing odd socks. This is part of a national initiative to raise awareness of bullying and to celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique! No donation is necessary, it's just about taking part. On Friday, Y2 children will have the opportunity to take part in an Anti-Bullying Drama Workshop, led by the Big Bubble Theatre. Staff will also be joining in Friendship Week, promoting kindness to our children, by doing something nice for a colleague. Please talk to your child at home about the activities they have taken part in and what they have learnt about being a good friend.

UKS2 Cake Sale

On Wednesday Y5 and Y6 will be holding a cake sale to raise money for school funds. Any donations of cakes, purchased or home-baked, would be very gratefully received. The sale will take place on the playground under the gazebos at home time. Thank you.

Children in Need

On Friday we will be celebrating Children in Need. Please come to school wearing something spotty! We will be collecting donations of £1 for this very worthwhile cause.

The School Council is also organising a colouring competition for each age group at school. If your child wishes to take part, please donate £1.00 for a Pudsey Design Sheet - this will be handed to your child from Monday 11th November. Sheets are available to purchase until midday on Friday 15th November.

All completed entries need to be handed to Miss Barr or Mrs Dickens by the morning of Monday 18th November.

Please make all payments/ donations on the MCAS App (Payments / Fundraising). Thank you.

Coffee and Story-Time with Grandparents

Thank you to all of the Grandparents who turned up for coffee and story-time this week. It was a great success and lovely to see so many of you there. We will definitely be repeating this event so look out for future dates.

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

Trip to the Gurdwara

Yesterday our LKS2 children visited the Sikh Gurdwara on King Street. They learnt all about the Sikh way of life and how the Gurdwara is used and also listened to an example of a Sikh prayer. They were made so welcome and impressed everybody with the respect and interest they showed whilst inside the Gurdwara. Well done LKS2!

Best wishes

Emma Jacox

Head Teacher





Sports Clubs

 **WE HAVE LIMITED PLACES LEFT ON OUR 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!

Runs 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.

Runs 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

*A reminder that if your child has signed up to our Hawthorn Choir, sessions will start this Monday from **3:30-4:15***

We look forward to seeing your first performance!

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.

Bay: 96%

Apples: 96%

Cherries: 95%

Redwoods: 92%

Oaks: 92%

10 Top Tips: 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 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 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. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help 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 you can't get along or respect each other's 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 a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for 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 criticising and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "you're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.
- 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS**

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting 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 to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.
- 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND**

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

It's important that we make it clear to children that they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.
- 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 handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing 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) co-ordinates Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.

WakeUpWednesday
The National College

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

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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/parents/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:

[Hawthorn Primary - Community News and Events \(hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk\)](http://hawthornprimarykettering.co.uk)



ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
GARFIELD STREET NN156BU

SUNDAY CLUB

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

CRAFTS & GAMES

*For families attending Sunday Services

2025 DATES

- 19TH JAN
- 2ND FEB
- 16TH FEB
- 2ND MARCH
- 16TH MARCH
- 6TH APRIL
- 20TH APRIL - (EASTER SUNDAY)
- 4TH MAY
- 18TH MAY
- 1ST JUNE
- 15TH JUNE - (FATHER'S DAY)
- 6TH JULY
- 20TH JULY



1 - Making poppies for Remembrance at St Michael's Sunday Club. Next Sunday Club 17.11.24

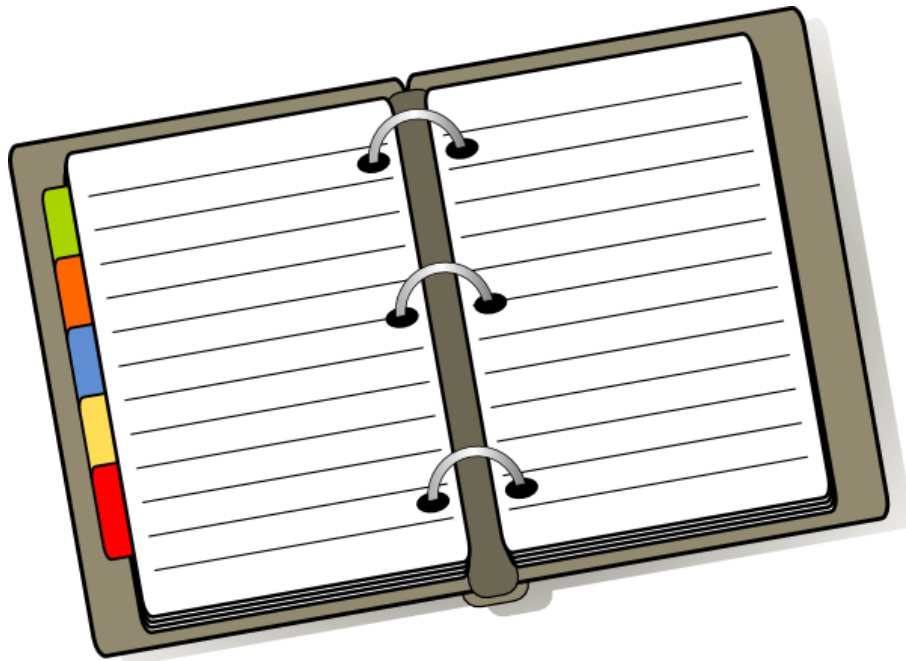
St Michael's & All Angels Garfield Street Kettering
NN15 6BU



Remembrance Service
Sunday 10th November
9am



Dates For Your Diary...



Mon 11th Nov: Friendship Week

Tues 12th Nov: Odd Socks Day

Toast & Tales Year 1

Weds 13th Nov: Toast & Tales Year 2

Y5 & Y6 Cake Sale

Thurs 14th Nov: Quicksticks Hockey tournament

Fri 15th Nov: Children in Need

Y2 Anti-Bullying workshops

Flu Vaccinations for whole school

LKS2 to the Corby Cube for the Opera Experience

4pm: Reception New Intake Sept 2025 Tour

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

Weds 20th Nov: KS1 History Day - "Great Fire of London"

Gymnastics Competition

Thurs 21st- Fri 22nd Nov: KS2 Life Education workshops

Tues 26th Nov: Reception New Intake Sept 2025 Tour (4pm)

Fri 29th Nov: Reception New Intake Sept 2025 Tour (4pm)

Mon 2nd Dec: Coffee Afternoon - Phonics for Grandparents (2pm)

Tues 3rd Dec: Reception New Intake Sept 2025 Tour (4pm)

Fri 6th Dec: Friends of Hawthorn Christmas Fair

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

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

Thurs 12th Dec: Coffee Afternoon - Christmas Crafts (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: Kingswood Christmas Lunch

KS1 Christingle (PM)

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