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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

***Next Week***

*We have another busy week at Hawthorn with lots going on for our children. On Wednesday, KS1 will have their History Day which will focus on the Great Fire of London. Then on Thursday and Friday we welcome the Life Education Team to Hawthorn who will be carrying out some workshops with the KS2 children around Friendships and Decision-Making. We also have Bikeability taking place this week for some of our Y6 children.*

***Jam Jar Mufti Day***

*On Friday we will be holding our annual Jam Jar Mufti Day in preparation for our Christmas Fair, organised by the Friends of Hawthorn. For those of you who are new to Hawthorn, Jam Jar Mufti involves:*

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- 1. Finding an empty, clean jam jar*
  - 2. Decorating the outside with glitter, tinsel, Christmas paper, paint, etc*
  - 3. Filling the jam jar with treats, such as sweets, toys, hair accessories or stationery*

4. *Bringing the jam jar into school and wearing non-uniform for the day.*

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*The jars will then be used as prizes at the Christmas Fair.*

### ***Anti-bullying/Friendship Week***

*This week at Hawthorn we have celebrated Friendship Week. The children have learnt about how to be a good friend and how to recognise and stand up to bullying. It was great to see so many children come to school in odd socks on Tuesday as part of the national initiative to raise awareness of bullying. Staff have also joined in Friendship Week by doing kind gestures for a colleague. The children have really enjoyed being part of this and spotting the acts of kindness carried out between the adults. Today, our Y2 children took part in a fantastic Anti-Bullying Drama Workshop, based on Cinderella, led by the Big Bubble Theatre.*

### ***Toast & Tales***

*Thank you to all our parents who came along to KS1 Toast & Tales this week. It was great to see so many of you. Toast and Tales will continue with Reception on Wednesday 27th November. Come along at 8.20am and join us for breakfast and a story with your child.*

### ***Children in Need***

*Thank to everyone who donated to Children in Need today and came to school wearing something spotty! If you have purchased a Pudsey Design Sheet, children have until Monday morning to complete and hand in to Miss Barr or Mrs Dickens.*

### ***School Uniform Discount Code***

*My Clothing are offering a 10% discount on school uniform. Please use the code UNIFORM10 on your order. This offer expires on 20th December.*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Best wishes*

*Emma Jacox*

*Head Teacher*

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1 - Anti-bullying workshops with The Big Bubble Theatre





## Sports Clubs

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 **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.*

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## **Criminal Exploitation**

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*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/>*

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## **ASDA - Cashpot for Schools**

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*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)*

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Redwoods: 94%

Oaks: 92%

Apples: 89%

Bay: 88%

## 10 Top Tips: Teaching Cycle 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](https://nationalcollege.com).

### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

- 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING**

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.
- 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE**

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into theirs' by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a bike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.
- 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE**

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.
- 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE**

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.
- 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR**

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.
- 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN**

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.
- 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS**

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb. If cycling on the road – riding approximately 2 metres out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.
- 8 AVOID PARKED CARS**

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.
- 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'**

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you!
- 10 HAVE FUN!**

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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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](#)

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## Friends of Hawthorn - Upcoming Events

**FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN**

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 22ND - Jam Jar Non-Uniform Day

## DECEMBER

FRIDAY 6TH - Christmas Fair Day  
TUESDAY 17TH - Christingle Refreshments  
FRIDAY 20TH - Rainbow Raffle Day  
FRIDAY 20TH - Carols Refreshments

Could you volunteer to help at these events?  
Contact 07792 510671

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
FRIENDSOFHAWTHORNKETTERING@GMAIL.COM

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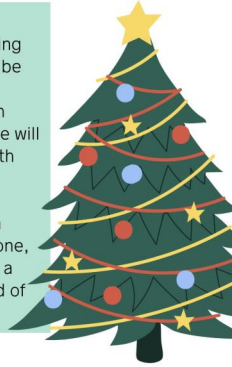
# CHRISTMAS FAIR DAY

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024

£2.50 PER CHILD

We invite the children to come to our mini fair during the school day! They will be able to enjoy traditional Hawthorn fair games with their friends and everyone will win at least two prizes with chances to win more.

Please come to school in uniform but, if you have one, you are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper instead of your school one!



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HAWTHORN

*A Hawthorn Tradition!*

# JAM JAR NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2024



DECORATE WITH STICKERS,  
CHRISTMAS PAPER, WASHI TAPE,  
TINSEL, PAINT, GLITTER...

The jars will be  
used as prizes at  
the Christmas Fair!

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# RAINBOW



## XMAS JUMPER DAY & HAMPER RAFFLE

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024

You are invited to wear your Christmas jumpers to school for the day!

Please bring in an item to donate to our Rainbow Raffle Hampers in the colour of your year group...

EYFS - **Red**

Year 1 - **Orange**

Year 2 - **Yellow**

Year 3 - **Green**

Year 4 - **Blue**

Year 5 - **Pink or Purple**

Year 6 - **Black or White**

This can include drinks, sweets, snacks, toiletries, stationery, games, toys etc



Any questions, please contact  
[friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com)

### HAMPER RAFFLE

Top prize - **£100 cash**

2nd prize - **£50 cash**

plus at least 9 amazing family hampers to be won to enjoy over the Christmas holidays!

Purchase your whole family's entries on MCAS by 3pm on Thursday 19th Dec. £5 = one entry, £10 = two, £15 = three entries...

The raffle draw will be held around 10am and witnessed at school. Winners will be contacted and able to collect prizes from the office.

## Community News & Events

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*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)

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**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

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to December 16<sup>th</sup>

Cost 50p per card

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	Rockingham		
Broughton	Grafton Underwood		Loddington
	Rothwell		
Brigstock	Great Oakley	Mawsley	Rushton
Burton Latimer	Gretton	Newton	Stanion
Corby	Isham		Orlingbury
	Thrapston		
Cranford	Kettering	Orton	Warkton
Cransley	Little Cransley	Pipewell	Weekley
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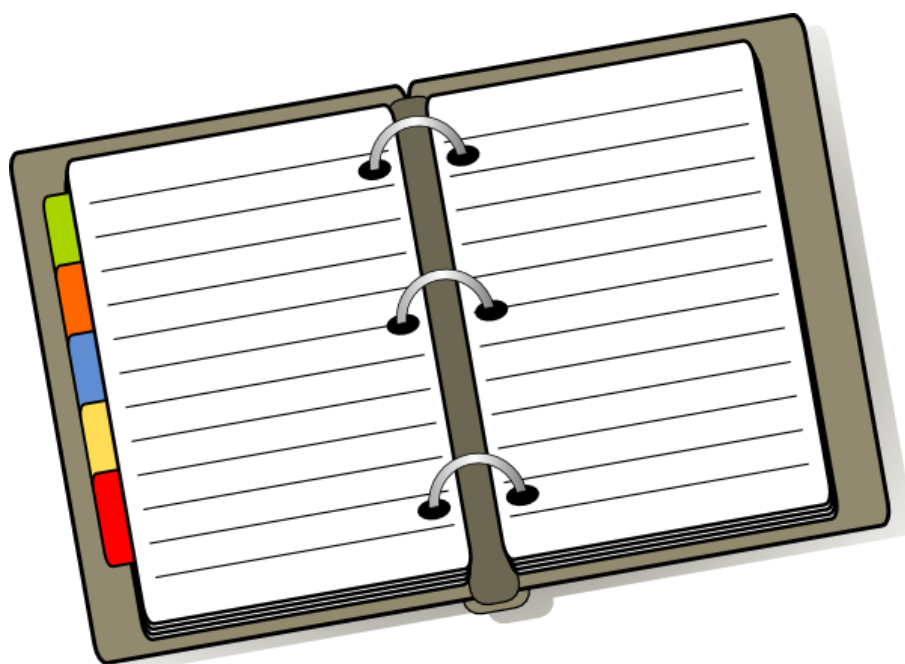


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Town  
Postcode (if known)

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## Dates For Your Diary...



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***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)***

***Weds 27th Nov: Reception Toast & Tales (8.20am)***

***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. FoH providing hot chocolate and mince pies (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: Rainbow Raffle Day***

***Carols Around the Tree, FoH providing hot chocolate and mince pies (3pm)***

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