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Dear Parents and Carers,

House System

We have some exciting news from Hawthorn! After Christmas we will be adopting a house system in school, in order to build team spirit and encourage friendly competition! We will have four houses and our children (and staff) will each be assigned to a house. We will then run a range of activities throughout the year where children can earn house points for their house, as well as earning points for displaying behaviours which meet our school values of Community, Teamwork, Respect, Resilient, Creativity and Thoughtfulness. At the end of the year we will hold a special ceremony to announce the house who has earned the most points.

This week, some of our school council children visited St Peter's School to carry out research into how they set up their house system. The house system at St Peter's has been running successfully for some years, and the children enjoyed meeting the House Captains to talk about the benefits of being part of a house in school.

Our next step is to decide on names for the houses! We will be asking for suggestions from parents, children and staff - we want the whole school community to be involved...so please be thinking of some ideas for us!

Gymnastics Success

On Wednesday, eight of our fantastic gymnasts took part in a competition, and they were amazing! We had two teams representing Hawthorn: the Level 2 Development Team (Bea, Madie, Isla, and Bertie) and the Level 3 Performance Team (Connie, Molly, Hallie, and Naomi).

The children worked so hard, attending extra after-school practices, and choreographing their own routines. All their hard work paid off, as every single one of them performed brilliantly on the day.

A huge well done to the Performance Team, who came away with first place! What an amazing achievement.

We're so proud of everyone—you showed all of Hawthorn's values and represented the school brilliantly. Well done!

Toast and Tales

Toast and Tales will take place for Reception on Wednesday (27th). Please come along at 8.20am to enjoy a light breakfast and a book with your child in the hall.

Jam Jar Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone who brought in jam jars today in preparation for our Christmas Fair, the quality was amazing!

Key Stage 1 History Day

KS1 enjoyed a brilliant history day on Wednesday, learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children had the opportunity to explore artifacts and also learnt about what the houses were like in those days and how the buildings helped the fire to spread. The children were very eager to tell me all about the facts they had learnt! Thank you to Chris from Make the Classroom Disappear for hosting this fantastic day.

Life Sciences Workshops

This week our KS2 children took part in some workshops, funded by the Northants Police Commissioner and NHS England focusing on mental health, wellbeing and healthy relationships. During the sessions, which were run by Coram Life Education, the children learnt about making sensible decisions, effects of drugs, how the brain works and making healthy friendships.

Bikeability

Well done to all the Y6 children who took part in Bikeability this week, in the freezing cold weather! The children learnt all about staying safe on our roads. Thank you also to Brightwayz who came along to supply some bikes and carry out checks on the children's bikes to make sure they were all road worthy!

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



1 - KS1 learning about the Great Fire of London







2 - KS2 learning about drug awareness



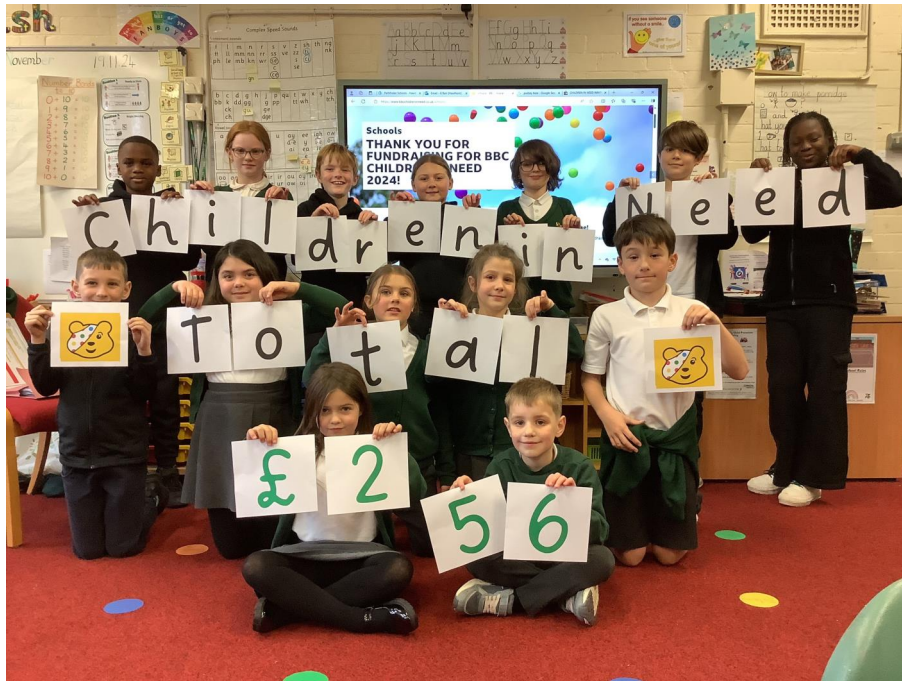
3 - Y6 off on Bikeability

A Message from the School Council

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our Children in Need Day last Friday. The children all had a fun day, dressed in spots and enjoyed searching for Pudsey's wearing a different coloured eyepatch, on the playground at lunchtime. Thank you so much for your donations and entry to the design competition, we raised an incredible £256 to support this great cause.

Competition winners will be announced soon!

And a big well done to the School Council for organising a lovely day too!



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.

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)

Oaks: 91%

Ash: 91%

Bay: 88%

Cherries: 85%

10 Top Tips: Educating Children on Spending and Saving

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 EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

- 1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY**

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.
- 2 USE A PREPAID CARD**

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!
- 3 PRACTISE BORROWING**

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or buy now, pay later schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.
- 4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION**

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.
- 5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND**

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as 2-for-1 deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.
- 6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'**

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to have" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.
- 7 ENCOURAGE SAVING**

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.
- 8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST**

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.
- 9 PAYING FOR CHORES**

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer; it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.
- 10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS**

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert
GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

gohenry **#WakeUpWednesday** **The National College**

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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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](#)

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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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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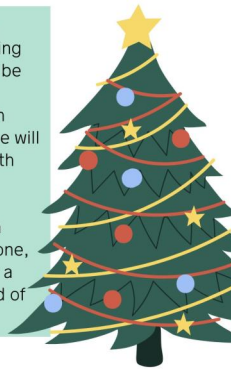
CHRISTMAS FAIR DAY

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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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

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.



Any questions, please contact
friendsofhawthornkettering@gmail.com

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

Be Prepared for Christmas with



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Post your cards from December 1st
to December 16th

Cost 50p per card

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(see website for locations)

We can deliver to

Barton Seagrave	Desborough	Little Oakley	Pytchley
Braybrooke	Geddington	Little	Stanion
	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
			Weldon

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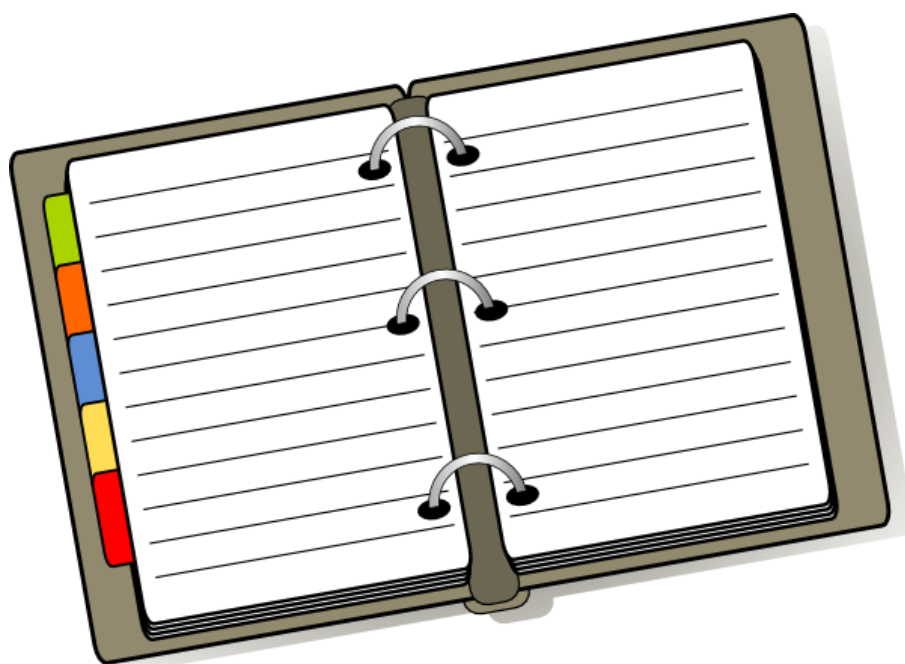
Address Recipients name
cards: House number / road

Town
Postcode (if known)

To join Scouting visit

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Dates For Your Diary...



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*

Santa's Grotto open

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