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Dear Parents and Carers,

Phonics for Grandparents

On Monday we will be holding a Phonics for Grandparents coffee afternoon. Mrs Brown, our Family Support Worker, will be hosting the event in the diner and Miss Morris will be showing you how we teach phonics with your grandchildren! There will then be the opportunity to share a book with your grandchild. If you would like to attend, please let us know using the following link:

[Phonics for Grandparents](#)

Celebration Assemblies

This week we will be holding our Celebration Assemblies, to celebrate our Hawthorn Heroes for our value of Teamwork. These heroes are children who have gone above and beyond to celebrate this value. Afterwards, the Hawthorn Heroes and their parents will be treated to a celebratory afternoon tea. If your child has been selected as one of the heroes you will receive a letter inviting you to the assembly.

Christmas Fair

On Friday, it is our Hawthorn Christmas Fair, organised by the Friends of Hawthorn. Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their uniform. During the day, the children will visit the fair and have the chance to take part in a range of fun, festive activities. Tickets to the fair cost £2.50. If you have not already signed your child up to the fair, you can do so by going to the store on MCAS to purchase a ticket.

Santa's Grotto

There is still time to sign up for a slot in Santa's Grotto on Friday 20th December! Santa is so excited to come to Hawthorn and is looking forward to a great day! If your child would like to meet him, please pay on MCAS under 'Trips & Events'. Tickets cost £5 or £2.50 Pupil Premium. The grotto visit includes a chat with Santa and his elves and a small gift. The closing date for tickets will be Fri 6th Dec at noon. No ticket requests can be accepted after this deadline.

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

Book your child's Christmas Dinner!



Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner will be held on

Thursday 19th December

This **must** be booked by 10am on Thursday 12th December

Please book in the usual way at
www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

NOT REGISTERED
Then simply goto our website, register and book

Need to Contact Us?
Please e-mail enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk

www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk
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Advent Trail

The local Advent Window Trail will be running again this year - for the 5th year!

This year Hawthorn will be Day 7 this year!

Please see the route below showing how you can follow the advent trail.

A group walk round on Christmas Eve morning, looking at all of the windows, will take place (meeting 10am at St Michaels Church). What a wonderful, festive way to burn off some energy with over-excited children!

LONDON ROAD TO HEADLANDS ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL

Follow the trail around our neighbourhood as a new festive window is revealed each day in the run up to Christmas!

2024

Join us on Christmas Eve morning for a walk round together. Spotting guides and maps available for the kids with hot drinks & mince pies to finish. All welcome. Meet at St Michael's Church at 10am.

Want to be involved next year?
Text 07792 510671

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.

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)

Cedars: 94%

Apples: 93%

Ash: 92%

Bay: 90%

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About: Snapchat

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 SNAPCHAT

SNAP STREAK
97 DAYS

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 85% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

[#WakeUpWednesday](#) The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

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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

ORGANISED BY THE FOH TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
FRIENDSOFHAWTHORNKETTERING@GMAIL.COM



FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN

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!

Could you volunteer to help on the day?
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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.

FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN

Any questions, please contact
friendsofhawthornketering@gmail.com

Join the Hawthorn School Lottery!

Some years ago, the Friends of Hawthorn set up a school lottery for Hawthorn, through Your School Lottery.

Your School Lottery creates and runs lotteries for schools across the UK. The lotteries raise money through local communities to improve educational facilities and the school environment for thousands of pupils.

There are great prizes to be had, tickets only cost £1 each and apparently there's a high chance of winning! Even better, proceeds go towards improving our school for our Hawthorn children.

If you have not yet signed up the The School Lottery, you can do so, following the link below:

[Your School Lottery: Easy online fundraising for schools & PTAs - Your School Lottery](#)

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)

Be Prepared for Christmas with

Scoutpost

<http://glendonscouts.org.uk/scoutpost>

Scouts deliver your local cards

**Post your cards from December 1st
to December 16th**

Cost 50p per card

**Look out for our collection boxes
(see website for locations)**

We can deliver to

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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

Please do not post cards for other places as we will be unable to deliver them. We DO NOT deliver to Finedon or Wellingborough



Address Recipients name
cards: House number / road

Town
Postcode (if known)

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Garfield Street NN15 6BU*

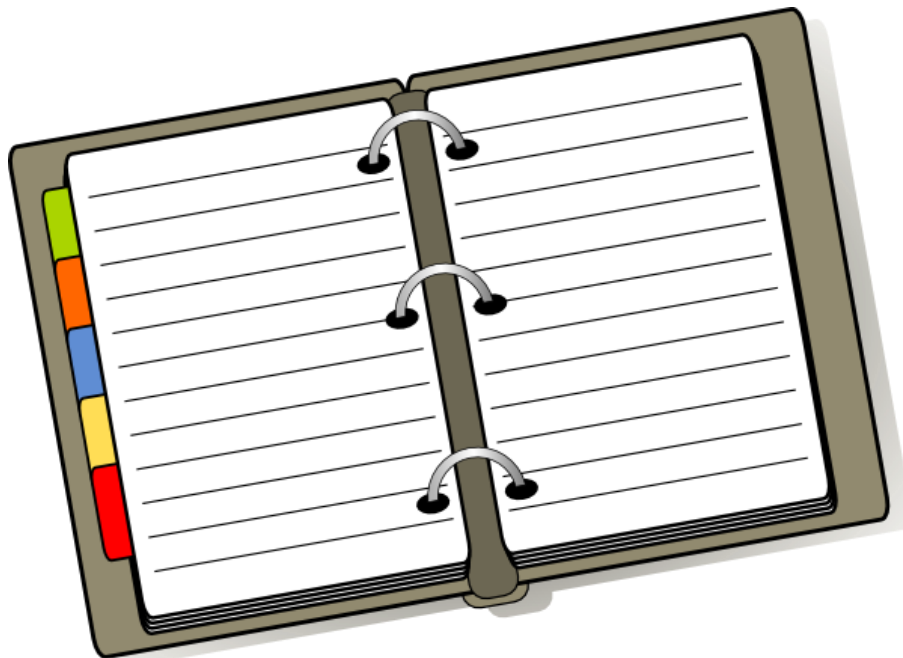


Toy service Sunday 8th December at 9am.

Donations of any new toys (unwrapped) for gifting welcomed at during the service.



Dates For Your Diary...



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)
