

THE HAWTHORNS PRIMARY SCHOOL



FOR WEEK COMMENCING 10 NOVEMBER

ASPIRATIONAL QUALITY: KINDNESS

THEME: ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

AIM: TO THINK ABOUT DIFFERENT WAYS OF DEALING WITH BULLYING



Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a great start to the second half of Autumn Term.

We enjoyed welcoming prospective parents into school this week to showcase all we have on offer in our wonderful school. Our Year 6 children were amazing, speaking with confidence and pride about our school, our vision, values and the sense of belonging to the school.

Our fantastic PTA has already begun the challenging task of organising our much-loved Winter Fair, which is scheduled for Saturday, 29th November. This event is always a highlight of the school year, bringing our community together to celebrate and raise funds for the school. However, at present, only three parents have signed up to volunteer. Unfortunately, the fair cannot go ahead without more support. We urgently need additional volunteers to help make this event possible. Even if you can spare just an hour of your time, it would make a huge difference.

Please sign up using the link below to help us keep this wonderful tradition alive for our children and families:

<https://volunteersignup.org/DYXR3>

Thank you, as always, for your support and community spirit.

Kind regards

Ms Razeghi



The children have been working very hard to maintain the plants in our beautiful new garden.

We are hoping to sample some of them very soon!



Gardening

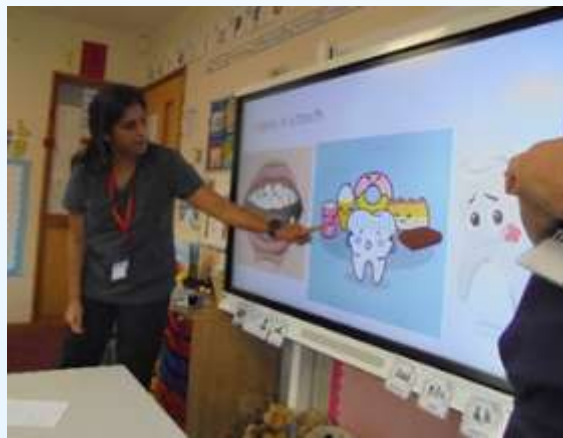




As part of our topic, Marvellous Me, the children in EYFS had a visit from one of our parents and her dental nurse to teach us how to look after our marvellous teeth.

We learned about foods that are fine for our teeth and food and sweets that are not good for our teeth.

The dentists taught us how to brush our teeth correctly too - brush twice a day for two minutes.



On Friday the 24th of October, the whole school were treated to the **Louis Taylor Road Show**, where we learned more about how to stay safe on the roads in a fun and entertaining way.



Year 1

Year 1 had a visit from Zoolab on Wednesday as part of our Amazing Animals topic.

The children used their Science knowledge to answer questions about animal species, habitats and diets.

They enjoyed holding and stroking a gerbil, a millipede, a frog, a snail and a snake!



GRAPES

If you are providing your child with grapes (or any small fruit) for a snack during school time, PLEASE can you ensure these are cut lengthways for Health and Safety purposes!

Thank you



THANK YOU
THANK YOU
**VERY
MUCH**



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
Awarded to

The Hawthorns Primary School

For their generous Harvest donations to Wokingham Foodbank. We really appreciate your help. Thank you for supporting us in the fight against hunger.

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Annette Medhurst
Foodbank Manager



Odd Sock Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school.

All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks, on:-

Monday 10th November

it could not be simpler!

THEME
OF THE
WEEK

**POWER
FOR
GOOD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Anti-Bullying Week is an annual UK event held in the third week in November which aims to raise awareness of bullying of children and young people, in schools and elsewhere, and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it.



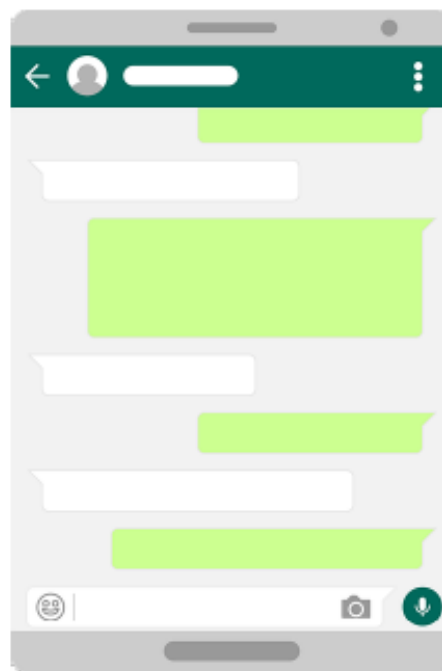
WhatsApp Update

School WhatsApp groups

Are you part of a parent WhatsApp group at your child's school? These groups can be useful for sharing information and reminders, but it is important to use them thoughtfully. Here are some tips on how we can ensure they remain positive and respectful:

1. Be considerate –we know messages can sometimes be misinterpreted so carefully think about what you share. These groups should not be used to share criticisms of the school, staff or other parents and children. Any concerns should always be discussed with the school directly.
2. Don't spread rumours – avoid sharing any gossip within the group.
3. Protect privacy - do not share photos or videos of other children.
4. Think before you send – be mindful of the time and if the message is necessary for everyone.

Our children watch how we communicate, so let's model healthy, online communication to them.



WhatsApp Channels

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. If your child is using WhatsApp, then you should be aware of WhatsApp Channels. Channels are a one-way broadcast tool used by companies and individuals to send updates to followers. WhatsApp Channels can be found on the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will not be age appropriate and may include adult content.



You cannot switch off access to channels and there is no age rating associated with the channels so you would have to access them to know what the content truly is. Klicksafe highlight what you should be aware of: <https://www.klicksafe.eu/en/news/was-sind-whatsapp-kanale-und-was-muessen-eltern-beachten>

Find out more about WhatsApp channels in general here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/549900560675125>

Please click here for access to the Online Safety Newsletter for November to gain access to the links shown.

[The Hawthorns Primary School - E-Safety](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

NOVEMBER 2025

Monday 10th	Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week (NEW)
Monday 10th	School Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 12th	Prospective Parents Open Afternoon - 1:30pm
Friday 14th	Individual Photos
Friday 14th	PTA Donation Day
Thursday 20th	Parent Forum
Thursday 20th	Cantley Park Cross Country (selected pupils)
Monday 24th	Y6 Mathematics Event (selected)
Tuesday 25th	Y6 School Nurse Height & Weight Measurements
Saturday 29th	PTA Christmas Craft Fair 11:00am to 3:00pm

DECEMBER 2025

Monday 1st	Rock Steady Contact for Parents
Monday 8th	INSET DAY
Thursday 11th	Y6 Hampton Court Trip (NEW)
Friday 12th	School Christmas Panto to children
Friday 12th	PTA Elfridges Event (NEW)
Tuesday 16th	Y1&2 Nativity Play in the Church at 2:00pm
Wednesday 17th	Doves Christmas Show 9:15am
Wednesday 17th	Y1&2 Nativity Play in the Church at 2:00pm
Thursday 18th	Robins Christmas Show 9:15am
Friday 19th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM—2:00PM FINISH

<https://www.hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=20>





crosscountry



Yesterday afternoon, 38 children took part in a running event at Lightwater Country Park. The conditions were perfect with it being mild and no rain.

As always, the children supported each other well and all ran a super race.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA who recently replaced our bright yellow running tops. They are so perfect for watching the runners come flying in at the finish.

Well done to all the children and staff involved.



Thank you to everyone that brought in a £1 and bought a poppy or accessories to help support this valuable cause.



**CHRISTMAS PANTO -
SNOW WHITE MORNING
DOUBLE**

Friday 12th December

Payment can now be
made through the
Parent Arbor App





The Hawthorns Primary School
Parent Teacher Association

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

Join us for an exciting Christmas Market where you'll find unique gifts, a magical atmosphere and festive spirit!

GIFT & CRAFT STALLS • TOMBOLAS & BAR
SANTA'S GROTTTO

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
11AM-3PM



PLEASE HELP!

Without our parent / carer volunteers we would not be able to run these amazing events!

Christmas Fair donation day

Friday 14th November

Please could we kindly request the following unopened/unused items for our tombola stalls:-

- New/unopened alcohol bottles/Toiletries
- Chocolate/Sweets
- New/Unopened toys & games

We will be outside the school office to receive your donations

Hawthorns Primary School
Parent Teacher Association

Hawthorns PTA dates for your diary

October 24	SANTAS GROTTTO Santa is back to visit the Hawthorns children at our Christmas craft fair. use the link to book your spot.	 SCAN ME
October 25	VOLUNTEER We can't run our fair without you - please spare us an hour to help run a stall!	 SCAN ME
November 3	Raffle Tickets Raffle tickets will be out W/C 3 rd Nov. Please return money & stubs to the office post box.	
November 4	Elfridges Secret room is back 12th December. choose a gift for your special family members by using the link.	 SCAN ME
November 14	DONATION DAY We are seeking donations of new and unused gifts for adults & children, sweets, chocolate and bottles of alcohol. Thank you!	
November 29	Christmas Craft Fair 11am-3pm Grotto, Raffle, games, drinks and food. Joined by lots of local businesses!	

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Help Prospect donate £100 to the Hawthorns PTA.

Prospect Estate Agency, Wokingham's local property experts, have partnered with The Hawthorns School PTA to help raise funds for our school! Sell or let your property with Prospect, and mention 'Hawthorns School' at the free property valuation and Prospect will donate £100 to the PTA upon completion.

HAWTHORNS PTA



Keith Brindley



Helen Eastwood



Sarah Walker



Jess Prout



Maria Dymock



Tabitha Rigden



Maxine Featherbe-Knott



Keri Devonport




Rajesh Chandrasekaran



Terri Holloway

Parent Information


Main Sponsor



**WOKINGHAM
WINTER
CARNIVAL**

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

Organised by the
Lions Club of
Wokingham



To report absences, please email absence@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk

All other enquiries, please email office@hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk

<https://www.hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk/>

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