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*Dear Parents and Carers,*

***EYFS Welcome Meeting***

*A reminder that on Thursday (18th) we will be hosting a welcome evening for our new EYFS (Sept 2026 intake) parents at 5 pm. During the evening, you will meet our staff team and have the chance to hear about how we run Reception at Hawthorn and you will be given lots of information in preparation for September. You will also have the opportunity to purchase pre-loved uniform and spend some time in the EYFS classrooms chatting to the teachers.*

***Hawthorn World Cup Project***

*Our Hawthorn World Cup Project kicked off in style today! It was great to see so many children dressed in their football/ sports kits, enjoying learning all about the countries in the tournament.*

*We want you to get involved too! Please send in any ideas, photos or research you have done at home, talk to your child about their favourite teams and world cup moments! We have already had some lovely pieces of work in, so thank you!*

If any parent wishes to offer themselves up as a goalkeeper for our penalty shoot-out, there are still some slots available! You would need to be free on any of the days between 6th July

and 13th July for half an hour between 12-1pm! A big thank you to those parents who have already offered!

### ***End of Year Parent and Child Events***

*EYFS parents are invited to join our End of year celebration on Thursday (18th June) at 2.15 - 3.15pm.*

*This will be held on the playground with your children and the EYFS team. Please book here - <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/7j8yD5HR5L>*

*KS1 and KS2 parents will have the opportunity to plant a sunflower with your child, you can then share pictures of it growing over the summer holiday! This event will be held outside weather permitting.*

*There are 4 available slots to ensure as many parents as possible can join.*

*Monday 29th June 1.15-2pm and 2.15-3pm*

*Tuesday 30th June 1.15-2pm and 2.15-3pm*

*Please book here - <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/0tV3Xk94Y2>*

*We look forward to seeing you!*

### ***Little Hawthorns - Parent and Under 5s Group***

*You and your little ones are warmly invited to Little Hawthorns! Join us on Monday (2-3pm) for a session of fun activities for our under 5's, while you connect with other parents and enjoy a well-deserved cuppa and a biscuit.*

*Our group is open to all so please share with families and friends.*

*Please book your space here - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/little-hawthorns-under-5s-stay-and-play-tickets-1985434352595?aff=oddtcreator>*

### ***Summer Holiday Camp***

*Bookings are now open for our Summer Holiday Camp, run by EcoCoach from 3rd - 28th August. Please see the flyer below for further details and how to book.*

## Online Safety

*This week, we welcomed Simon Aston back to Hawthorn to talk to our Y5 and Y6 children about online safety. Simon is the Online Safety and Wellbeing Officer for West Northants Council and has a wealth of knowledge about staying safe online. The children enjoyed his sessions and learnt a great deal. Simon fed back that our children engaged with the sessions with maturity and respect, well done UKS2!*

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Best wishes,*

*Emma Jacox*

*Head Teacher*

**ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS**

**Summer Activity Camp**

**Hawthorn Primary School**

**Games & Sports · Movement & Dance · Arts & Crafts · Yoga · Nerf Challenges**

**DATES:**  
Dates: 3rd August - 28th August 2026

**TIMES:** 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Late pick-up (4:00 PM) available for £5.

**Ages:** 5 - 11 years. 4-year-olds welcome for half-days (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM).

**WHO CAN JOIN:** Open to all schools - all abilities welcome! SEND friendly & fully inclusive!

**PRICING AND DISCOUNTS: EARLY BIRD 17% OFF available until 1<sup>st</sup> July (USE CODE: EcoSummer17)**  
Standard prices apply from 2nd July £25 per day.  
15% OFF for FSM. 10% OFF for NHS and Military families. (Cannot be combined with the early bird offer).

**BOOKING:** Visit <https://pibbl.uk/EcoCoachCIC> or scan the QR code to secure your spots.

**WHY ECOCOACH?**

We are a not-for-profit coaching CIC working in schools across your community. Every child matters. every penny goes back into supporting inclusive, joyful, child-led sport.

Our camps are designed around what children need most: freedom, fun, friendship and movement.

"EVERY CHILD SEEN. EVERY CHILD SUPPORTED."

A green star-shaped poster with a party hat, confetti, and fireworks. The text is centered within the star and a rounded rectangle below it.

**EYFS  
END OF YEAR  
CELEBRATION**

**Thursday 18th  
June 2.15 - 3.15pm**

**Come and join your child for  
some fun, games and activities  
on the playground.  
Our last parent and child event  
of their first year at Hawthorn**

A poster featuring a large yellow sunflower on the right side. The text is on the left, surrounded by confetti and fireworks.

**Come and join your child for  
our final Parent and Child  
event of the year.**

**Plant a Sunflower together, and  
share your sunflower photos  
with us over the summer holiday!**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
1.15-2, 2.15-3pm  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
1.50-2, 2.15-3pm  
• Booking link will  
• be provided soon**

**We hope to hold  
this event outside  
weather permitting**



## Invasion Festival

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*Last week, some of our KS2 children attended an Invasion Festival at Montsaye school. The morning consisted of various activities based on different sports such as badminton, basketball, rounders, netball and padel.*

*All of the children enjoyed the experience and really got stuck in with the different sports activities that were provided.*

*Well done to all who took part!*

*Mr J*

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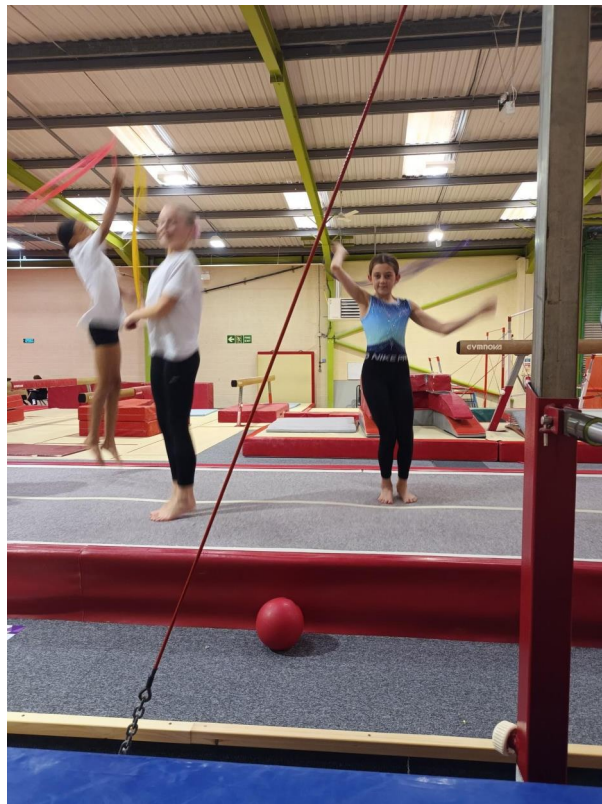
## Gymnastics

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*Our Year 5 and 6 gymnasts represented Hawthorn at the Gymnastics County final held at Corby Gymnastics Academy this week! They all worked incredibly hard at their routines and did Hawthorn proud! Well done girls, you were all incredible and were fantastic ambassadors for Hawthorn! Here are a few photos from the day!*

Miss Barr

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## This Week's Playground Champions

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*The Lunchtime Supervisors have chosen these children as this week's Playground Champions:*

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- *Ella-Rae - Redwoods*

- *Bart - Willows*
  - *Charlie - Bay*
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*Well done children - you have all shown brilliant behaviours on the playground, playing respectfully and supporting others...and have earned 5 House Points for your house!!! Keep up the good work!*

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## **Summer Term Sports Clubs**

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*Please see below details of this term's Sports Clubs, run by EcoCoach. All clubs will run from 3.30-4.30pm and cost £5.50 per session (Pupil Premium discount available).*

*Reception and KS1: Obstacle Course*

*Starts: 3rd June 2026 (Wednesdays, 8 sessions)*

*KS2: Basketball Club*

*Starts: 2nd June 2026 (Tuesdays, 8 sessions)*

*Please see below for details of how to book.*

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**ECOCOACH CIC PRESENTS**

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS AT HAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**STARTING 2 JUNE 2026**

**ECOCOACH CIC ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS FOR KS1 (INCLUDING RECEPTION) AND KS2 CHILDREN, OFFERING AN ENGAGING AND FUN-FILLED OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP NEW SKILLS, STAY ACTIVE, AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!**

**KS1 OBSTACLE COURSE CLUB: STARTS: 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2026  
(WEDNESDAYS, 8 SESSIONS)  
YEAR GROUPS: RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

**KS2 BASKETBALL CLUB: STARTS: 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2026  
(TUESDAYS, 8 SESSIONS) YEAR GROUPS: YEARS 3 - 6**

**🕒 TIME: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
💷 COST PER SESSION: £5.50**

**DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:  
WE'RE COMMITTED TO MAKING CHILDCARE MORE AFFORDABLE:  
15% OFF FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS  
(FSM)  
10% OFF FOR NHS, MILITARY, OR BLUE LIGHT CARD HOLDERS**

**TO CLAIM YOUR DISCOUNT:  
EMAIL GREENOFFICE@ECO-COACH.CO.UK WITH A PHOTO OF  
YOUR EVIDENCE (FSM ELIGIBILITY OR VALID ID).  
WE'LL SEND YOU A UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE TO USE WHEN  
BOOKING.**

**HOW TO BOOK:  
PARENTS CAN CHOOSE TO BOOK INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS OR THE  
WHOLE TERM.  
THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY IS 20 CHILDREN PER SESSION, AND 5  
SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR FSM CHILDREN.  
IF THESE SPOTS ARE NOT FILLED, THOSE ON THE WAITING LIST  
WILL BE OFFERED PLACES. IF THERE'S HIGH DEMAND, WE WILL  
CONSIDER ADDING AN ADDITIONAL COACH TO ACCOMMODATE  
MORE CHILDREN. BOOKINGS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED,  
AND ONLINE PAYMENT ONLY.**

**BOOKING LINK: [HTTPS://PBBL.UK/ECOCOACHCIC](https://pbbl.uk/ecocoachcic)**

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC TERM OF SPORTS,  
TEAMWORK, AND FUN! HURRY AND SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW!  
FOR ANY ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT GREENOFFICE@ECO-  
COACH.CO.UK**



## Friends of Hawthorn Fathers Day Gift Shop

Friday 19th June

FRIENDS OF HAWTHORN

**FATHER'S DAY  
GIFT SHOP**

During the school day, children are invited to visit our pop-up gift shop to choose a surprise gift for the Dads/Uncles/Grandpas/Special People in their life.

Gift choices will include candles, stationery, toiletries, plants, mugs, books & more!

All gifts - £3 per child  
with personalised gift bag and tag!

Please pay for your gifts on MCAS by 9am Thursday 18th June.  
Access to gift shop will be for children who have pre-ordered only  
To allow us to ensure we have enough gifts.

If you have any questions, please contact  
friends@hawthornkettering@gmail.com or the school office

## ReachMoreParents

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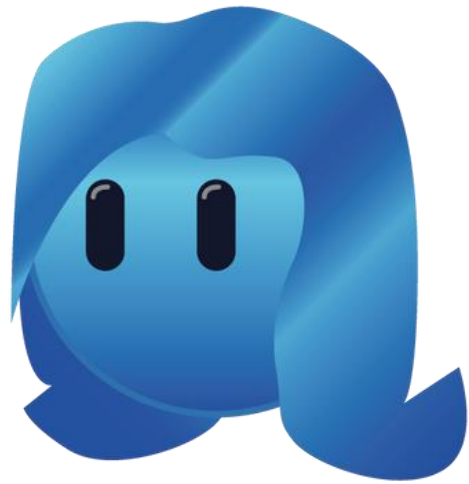
### ReachMoreParents - New Parent App

*You will have received details of how to login to our new parent App ReachMoreParents. We are now no longer using MCAS for messaging parents, however please continue to use MCAS to make payments to the school. Please download and login to the ReachMoreParents App so that you don't miss any messages from school. Login details will be re-sent today to all parents who have not yet logged in.*

*In September we will be moving to ParentPay for payments and we hope to send details out before the end of term.*

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## House Points so far...



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*Click on the cards to see which house is in the lead so far!!*

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**Air - 1727 points**

**Fire - 1800 points**

**Water - 1860 points**

**Earth - 1912 points**



# What Parents and Carers Need to Know about... School Language Readiness Skills

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. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# BUILDING SCHOOL-READY LANGUAGE SKILLS

Oral language is fundamental to children's learning, literacy, and social and emotional development, with long-term impacts. As language develops rapidly between the ages of three and six, early, evidence-based support is essential. This guide offers practical ways to help the children in your care become confident communicators, including through proven approaches such as the DfE-funded NELI programmes available to settings in England.

- ### 1 BUILD ORAL LANGUAGE

Support children to use language, not just hear it. Give them the time to talk, respond, ask questions, and share their ideas. Everyday conversations, shared activities, and reading together help children practise both speaking and listening. At nursery or school, programmes such as NELI can help build their vocabulary, storytelling, attention, and listening skills, helping children grow in confidence as communicators.
- ### 2 SUPPORT LISTENING SKILLS

Help children to listen and follow simple instructions during everyday routines. Break instructions down into short, manageable steps and check their understanding. For example, say, "Please put your coat on", rather than giving them several instructions at once. Strong listening skills support learning, attention, and participation at school.
- ### 3 GROW THEIR VOCABULARY

Talk with children about the world around them, naming objects, actions, and feelings. Use a wide range of words during everyday activities such as shopping, cooking, and playing. Repeating and explaining new words help children understand and use vocabulary more confidently, supporting their comprehension and communication.
- ### 4 SHARE STORIES TOGETHER

Read storybooks together regularly and talk about characters, events, and illustrations. Ask simple questions such as "What's happening here?" and validate children's responses with positive feedback. Acting out stories together, asking open questions, and giving children the chance to be the storyteller can all support their narrative skills and confidence.
- ### 5 NAME DIFFERENT FEELINGS

Help children learn to express themselves by talking about different feelings and naming them clearly, such as happy, sad, or angry. Visuals and role play can support their understanding of this. Being able to express their feelings verbally helps children build positive relationships with adults and peers, reduces frustration, and supports their social development as they prepare for school.
- ### 6 WORK WITH SETTINGS

Strong communication between home and the nursery, school, or early years setting can help children feel more confident and supported. Parents can visit the setting with their child before they start, helping them become familiar with the environment and key adults. Educators can share relevant information with families and colleagues, so each child's needs are understood. Newsletter can also help families continue language learning at home.
- ### 7 SPOT LANGUAGE NEEDS

Children develop their language and communication skills at different rates, so early conversations between home and settings are important. If parents have concerns, they should speak to their child's nursery, school, or early years setting. Educators can use tools such as LanguageScreen, included in the NELI programmes, to build a profile of a child's speaking and listening skills and help identify suitable support.
- ### 8 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT

Prioritise language and literacy approaches that are underpinned by robust research evidence. Evidence-based programmes help ensure children receive support that is more likely to make a meaningful difference. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) provides guidance on the strength of evidence behind different strategies, supporting informed decision-making and effective use of school time and resources.
- ### 9 MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Settings can use evidence-based assessment tools to understand children's language skills and identify where support may be needed. These tools support SEND reforms, and strengthen whole-setting language development, helping children receive support that reflects their individual communication needs.
- ### 10 TAKE PART IN RESEARCH

Research trials can give schools, early years settings, and families a valuable opportunity to contribute to evidence construction and future policy. Parents may be asked to give consent, share feedback, or support activities at home, while educators help deliver and monitor approaches in practice. The EEF often has trials that settings can join, including whole-class oral language programmes designed to support children's communication development.

**Meet Our Expert**  
 OxEd is a University of Oxford spinout company specialising in early language and literacy assessment and intervention. They are the delivery team for the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) programme in reception, funded by the Department for Education for schools in England, and for NELI Preschool, which supports nurseries to strengthen children's early language development through evidence-based practice.

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 The National College

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## Online Safety and Scams

Please see the link below for this month's Online Safety video from Knowsley Council:

## Online Safety and Scams

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](#)

## Join our School Lottery



- 1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY** 
- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS** 
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

**It's As Easy As**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Local cash prizes every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot



Scan to play!

To start supporting, visit:  
**[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)**  
and search for: Hawthorn Community

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

## Community News & Events

# REPAIR CAFE Kettering



### BIN IT? NO WAY!

#### KETTERING'S GOT A REPAIR CAFÉ!

##### Got something broken? Bring your:

Kitchen knives  
Textiles & clothing  
Small appliances  
Well-loved toys  
Bicycles  
Electronics  
Jewellery  
and more!



For a voluntary contribution, our volunteers will help fix your items while teaching you valuable repair skills. Let's reduce waste, save money and extend the life of our favourite things!

Refreshments and cakes available in our café while you wait.



### WHEN?

#### 2026 DATES

Feb 21 | May 16  
Sep 19 | Nov 28

10am-1pm

### WHERE?

ST MICHAEL'S  
CHURCH  
33 GARFIELD ST  
KETTERING  
NN15 6BU

### Do I need to book?

No, just turn up with your item.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact [repaircafekettering@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafekettering@gmail.com)

COMMUNITY - CREATIVITY - CONNECTION

# ANALOGUE AFTERNOONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH 1-4PM

ST MICHAEL'S, GARFIELD ST, KETTERING, NN15 6BU

**COME TOGETHER TO BUILD COMMUNITY**  
**ENJOY TIME AWAY FROM SCREENS & SOCIAL MEDIA**

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFTS,  
BOOKS, GAMES & HOBBIES

SHARE SUPPLIES & SKILLS

TAKE PART IN CREATIVE  
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### KIDS ZONE

LEGO, CRAFTS  
& GAMES IN A  
SAFE SPACE

MUST ATTEND WITH A  
RESPONSIBLE ADULT

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME - FREE OF CHARGE**

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## ***Messy Mayhem Creative Play***

*Wednesday afternoons, 1-2pm*

*St Michael's Church, Garfield Street*

*£6 per child*

*Suitable for children from when they can sit!*

*Come and spend some time with your little one exploring different textures, sights, sounds and smells.*

*For more info contact Linda at [MessyMayhemCP@outlook.com](mailto:MessyMayhemCP@outlook.com)*

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## **Dates For Your Diary...**



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***Fri 12th June:*** *Launch of Hawthorn World Cup Project - chn to come in football / PE kit. Focus Country 1*

***Mon 15th Jun:*** *Little Hawthorns (2-3pm)*

***Thurs 18th Jun:*** *Y5 STEM Day at Southfields*

*EYFS Parents event (2.15-3.15pm)*

*Reception Sept 2026 Welcome Meeting (5pm)*

***Fri 19th Jun: FoH Father's Day Gift Stall***

*Rotary Stars Assemblies (invite only)*

*World Cup Focus: Country 2*

***Mon 22nd June: KS1 trip to Hamerton Zoo Park***

***Tues 23rd June: Y6 Junior Citizens (12.30 - 2.30 pm)***

***Thurs 25th Jun: New Reception 2026 intake session (1.30 - 2.30 pm)***

***Fri 26th Jun: EYFS Cake Sale***

*World Cup focus: Country 3*

***Mon 29th Jun: Transition Lunch Clubs in school***

***Tues 30th Jun: Y3 Ukelele concert to parents has been moved to 7th July***

***Thurs 2nd July: KS2 Midsummer Dancing (pm)***

*New Reception 2026 intake session (1.30 - 2.30 pm)*

***Fri 3rd July: Y6 perform The Tempest (1.30-2.30pm and 3.30-4.30pm)***

***Mon 6th July: Transition Day***

*Hawthorn penalty shoot out starts*

***Tues 7th July: Year 3 Ukelele Concert to parents (2.30 pm)***

***Fri 10th July: End of Year Reports go out***

*World Cup focus: Country 4*

***Tues 14th July: LKS2 trip to Holdenby House***

***Weds 15th July: Sports Day at St Peter's: AM-KS2, PM- EYFS/KS1***

*5-year-old dental survey*

*Rocksteady Concert (time tbc)*

*3.40-5pm: Parent drop-ins*

***Thurs 16th July: ISM Music Concert (1.30 pm)***

*Grand final penalty shoot-out*

***Fri 17th July: Rocksteady Concert (2 pm)***

***Tues 21st July: UKS2 trip to Twin Lakes***

*EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly - invite only (2.15pm)*

***Weds 22nd July: KS2 Celebration Assembly - invite only (9am)***

*House Picnic & Winners' Ceremony - chn only (Kingswood packed lunches only)*

***Thurs 23rd July: Y6 Graduation (pm - time TBC)***

*Y6 Leavers' Party (5-7pm)*

***Fri 24th July: Y6 Leaver's Arch (3pm)***

*Break Up*

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ANCHORED SCHOOLS



GOLD AWARD