

# NEWSLETTER



**Howard**  
Community Academy

12th July 2024

## A Message From Staff

At our Year 6 Leavers BBQ this week, I was struck by how well our Year 6 work as a team, supporting and looking out for each other while having fun together. They wrote a touching poem for Mr Copsey and Miss Jagodzinska who have worked with the class this year and surprised them with it as a word of thanks. We will miss them as they go on to secondary and wish them all the best.

I was also privileged to watch a group of our Year 5 girls perform their dance, "Magnetism" as part of the Stage 24 Anglian Learning dance festival. Mrs Walker and I were incredibly proud as they confidently and proudly worked together as a team to perform.



Working as a team has been a strong theme for us this week as our Year 3/4 Benchball team represented us and won their heat at the Bury Sports partnership competition this week. Some very proud and excited winners were keen to tell me that they had won!

At this time of year, we have some inevitable changes to our staff team too. Mrs Fursdon finishes her time with us this term and we wish her well as she moves to a different part of the country. We wish her all the best for her next steps. We are also delighted that Miss Stivey will be continuing to work with us after the Summer and will initially be based with Owl class. We also wish Mrs Harrington well as she plans to go off on maternity leave over the Summer holidays. What wonderful team work!

*Mrs Weir*

*Coming up at Howard.....*

*Y6 Secondary transition days*

*16th July– Early Years picnic and parachute at the park*

*18th July at 9am– English as a second language taster session*

*18th July– Last day of term*

## Headteacher Awards

I am pleased to announced the following pupils have received a Headteacher Award. Congratulations!



Isabella O

Lily-Mae P

Joanna G

Suki S

Liliana P

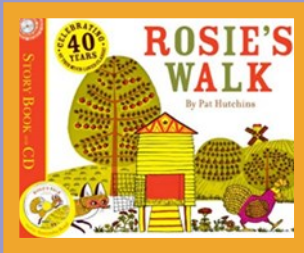
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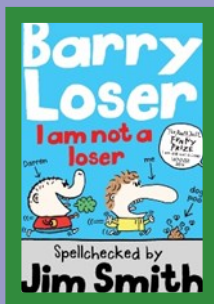
Imogen M

Ava-Rae N

## Looking for a good read?



Rosie's Walk  
Pat Hutchinson



I am Not a Loser  
Jim Smith



Watership Down  
Richard Adams

## Star of the Week

Miss Jagodzinska for all of her hard work behind the scenes.



## Attendance

This week 92.6% of our children attended school. It has been lovely to see you all. Government expectations are 96% attendance for every child. Please note that we are unable to authorise term time holidays according to government guidelines and penalty fines may apply.

## A message from Mrs Wakeman

This week I would like to share some useful clips and link that give ideas to help with transition.

<https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/education/choosing-a-school-for-a-child-with-send/transition-support/>



The most important thing is to think about what your child will find most difficult (e.g. changes to routine, environment, or staff) and discuss ways they can be supported with this.

- Try to find out **what your child is worried about** and talk to them about what might make things better.
  - Explain to your child **what will be different**. Discuss what is the same and what will be different.
  - Seeing **photos or a virtual tour** of the class/school layout may benefit your child
  - Think about **what has worked well** in the past when you've helped your child prepare for a new experience.
- Your child will be **reassured by your calming responses** and a reminder that you and school or college can support them in managing the changes.

## How to Contact Us

If you need help with advice on how to get online, resources to help your child learn at home or any other support we are here to help. Please speak to a member of staff or phone the school office on 01284 766278.

## Dates for your diary

16th July Hedgehog picnic and parachute trip

18th July Last day of term

Donations of pre-loved uniform welcome

**Nursery places available next year-please contact office for more information.**

## Howard is fabulous!

Keep up to date with news about our learning in school, events and activities as they happen, and some useful links for activities to complete at home, by following us on our social media pages:



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