

# NEWSLETTER



**Howard**  
Community Academy

4th October 2024

## A Message From Staff

This week we have welcomed different visitors into school, including a spiky one! Mrs Johnston, our Director of Primary Education for Anglian Learning shared the delight of an unexpected visitor, a hedgehog, in our staffroom! It still remains a mystery how the hedgehog managed to find its way in to school... Our chair of governors, Mrs Rayner met with staff and children in school too this week. Governors play an important role as a critical friend in discussing the strategic direction of the school. We have a very dedicated local governing body, but we are looking for more parent governors. If you think this is something you would be interested in, please let me know. Talking to the children, many are excited about our reading jar challenge. Remember, four signatures in their reading records in a week means they are entered into our reading star jar with a chance to win a reading prize. The more signatures they have, the more times their name goes into the jar. Fox class have also been sharing their reading through some of their book reviews. A good recommendation is always helpful to read! It has been brought to my attention that there have been some parents WhatsApp and Facebook groups spreading some misinformation which has caused unnecessary concern and worry for others. If your child is worried about something or you need clarification, please do come and speak to us. We are here to help!



*Mrs Weir*

### Coming up at Howard....

Tuesday 8th October at 9am– Hedgehog reading café

Wednesday 9th October at 9am– Robin reading café

Thursday 10th October– Year 2 to Skills escalator day at West Suffolk College

## Headteacher Awards

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



Crystal O

Tiara O

Theo J

Elyse S

Aidan j

Paarvana N

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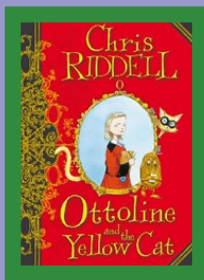
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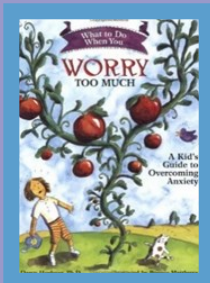
## Looking for a good read?



The Great Paper Caper  
Oliver Jeffers



Ottoline and the Yellow Cat  
Chris Riddell



What to Do When You Worry Too Much  
Dawn Huebner

## Dates for your diary

- 8th October-Hedgehog reading café
- 9th October- Robin reading café
- 16th October at 9am– Nursery Story and Rhyme time
- 23rd October-Otter class assembly
- 28th October–1st November—Half term break
- 4th November– Autumn 2 term begins

## Star of the Week

Mrs Spall for her great listening ear!



## Attendance

This week 95.2% of our children attended school. It has been lovely to see you all. Do let us know if we can help in any way.

Please note that we are unable to authorise term time holidays according to government guidelines and penalty fines may apply. **NEW RULES APPLY.**

## SEND News from Mrs Wakeman

Family Action is a national charity, supporting families up and down the country and has recently updated and relaunched its website: [Click here to view](#)



In addition to being able to search for Family Action services and projects in your locality, you can also now access lots of information and resources on a wide range of topics affecting families today. Have a look for example, at the self- help resources now available on 'returning to school' and 'preparing your child for the school day': [Self Help Resources](#).



See also the QR code which will take you to our home page or follow the link here [Family Action Website](#)

## 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.

Class teachers can be contacted via class emails e.g. [otter@howardprimary.org](mailto:otter@howardprimary.org) for Otter



**FamilyLine** is a free service available to support adult family members on all aspects of family life issues via telephone, text message and email. Whether it's emotional support or practical advice on any aspect of parenting or broader family issues. We are open Monday to Friday: 9am –9pm. The helpline will be covered by SHOUT text crisis line outside these hours, including weekends and bank holidays.



## 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:



<https://www.facebook.com/HowardCAcademy>

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National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247