

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

14th February 2025

A Message From Staff

Happy Valentines Day! Do you know some of the traditions from around the world? In Denmark friends exchange cards with white flowers called snowdrops while in Ghana 14th February is National Chocolate Day. In Wales people exchange handcrafted spoons and in Bulgaria couples celebrate with a glass of local wine. However, the tradition I like most is one from Estonia where they celebrate Sobrapaev or Friendship Day. Family members and friends exchange gifts to celebrate. Friendship and support is so important and is one of the characteristics we focus on in our wellbeing curriculum. As part of our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) staff regularly explore with our children how we can be good friends with each other and treat each other with kindness through our words and our actions, just as everyone would like to be treated.



As well as support for our children, we do run a weekly coffee and catch up session for parents on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm. It is a chance to drop in and meet with other parents for a cup of tea or coffee along with Leanne, our student social worker. Our international coffee and catch up group also runs on a Friday at 2pm. Leanne will be there to help with any questions about school processes or paperwork that you might have. Everyone is welcome.

If your child cares for, or is affected by, a family member who has a physical disability, a long-term physical illness, a mental health illness or a dependency on drugs and/or alcohol, then they are a Young Carer. They do an amazing job and could be eligible for extra support from Suffolk Young Carers to have a break from their caring role and to have fun through clubs and activities. Speak to Mrs Weir, Mr Oakley, Mrs Spall or Mrs Grundill to find out more.

Mrs Weir

Wishing all of our families a relaxing half term break!

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 24th February.

Reading Jar Stars!

I am pleased to announced the following pupils won our half termly Reading Jar Star prizes. Congratulations!



Obi-Jack CW

Mina B

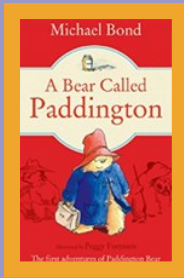
Oscar F

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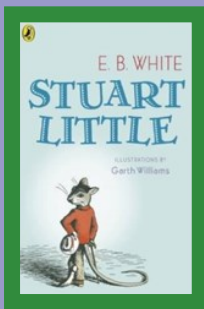
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Ava-Rae N

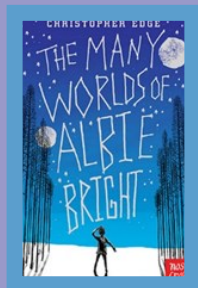
Looking for a



A Bear Called Paddington
Michael Bond



Stuart Little
E.B. White



The Many Worlds of Albie
Bright
Christopher Edge

Stars of the Week

Mrs Walker for her patience and positivity



Attendance

This week 93.5% 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

This week I am signposting you to two useful courses on the Sendiass website. Session-information-spring-2025.pdf

- Supporting your child to build resilience Hosted by SENDIASS and delivered by specialist teachers from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service. 13th March 2025 10am – 11:30am
- Understanding behaviour as a communication need Hosted by SENDIASS and delivered by specialist teachers from the Speech, Language and Communication Outreach Team March 26th 2025 10am – 11:30am

I hope you find this useful.



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

Dates for your diary

24.2.25 School opens for children
3.4.25 last day of Spring term for children
4.4.25 Professional day for school staff only

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 page:



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National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247

