

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

3rd April 2025

A Message From Staff

As a school we are very fortunate to have our minibus, which allows us to transport children to and from sports tournaments, trips and special events, enabling lots of fun **experiences**. This week and last staff have been busy completing their minibus driver training. Well done to Mrs Grundill, Mr Copsey, Mrs Ashdown, Mrs Hall and Mrs Biggs who all passed their training.

It was lovely to welcome our nursery parents today for their art session. Creating and making together with your child is a really special **nurturing** time and we do love getting messy with our art in school. In our art workshops this half term we have been potato printing, making clay decorations and making paper mache fossils. A piece of advice from one of our parents for any new parents coming along to an art workshop– make sure you wear clothes that wash easily!

In school we work with children supporting their speech and language needs. It was a delight to host colleagues from another school in Anglian Learning trust this week and share some of our good practice using our language link intervention. Our visitors were really pleased to see what we do at Howard.

As we approach the Easter holidays, we look forward to enjoying the PTA Easter Egg hunt with our **community**. A huge thank you to our PTA members who work tirelessly organising fundraising events with a lot of work behind the scenes.

Mrs Weir



Wishing all of our families a relaxing and restful Easter break!

We look forward to welcoming children back in school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Headteacher Awards

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



Mrs Grundill

Mr Copsey

Mrs Ashdown

Mrs Hall

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Mrs Biggs

Looking for a good read?



Fox and Pals
BB Taylor



The Railway Children
E Nesbit



Kick
Mitch Johnson

Stars of the Week

All of our team at Howard Community Academy, working hard to ensure our children have the best learning opportunities!



Attendance

This week 92.7% 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 websites about managing the holidays if your child is neurodiverse.

Navigating Holidays with Ease: Tips for Families with ASD
www.autism.org.uk/hoildays-and-days-out
11 ADHD holiday tips

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 contacted via class emails e.g. otter@howardprimary.org for Otter class.

Dates for your diary

3.4.25 last day of Spring term for children

4.4.25 Professional day for school staff only

22.4.25 Summer terms starts

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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FamilyLine

Call: 0808 802 6666 Text: 0737 404 282
Email: familyline@family-action.org.uk



A message from...
Director of Primary Education

As our pupils and their families get set for the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to share some key highlights of the work Anglian Learning has undertaken during an empowering Spring term.

I begin with a warm welcome to Clare Community Primary School, based in Clare, Suffolk, who joined Anglian Learning alongside Stour Valley Community School on 1 March 2025. One continued focus across our primary schools has been school improvement. At the start of the Spring term, we were pleased to appoint Laura Rawlings, Deputy Director of Primary Education, who has been supporting our ongoing primary school improvement work, driven by a clear focus on progress, attainment, and targeted support.

This term, our primary school improvement work has been driven by a clear focus on progress, attainment, and targeted support. Working closely with school leaders, we have analysed data forecasts based on progress and attainment over the Autumn term. This has allowed us to reflect on trends, celebrate successes, and identify areas for further development. Alongside this, we have reviewed the excellent work that schools have undertaken towards achieving their academy improvement plan priorities, ensuring a strong alignment between strategy and impact. In addition to Trust-wide priorities, we have also worked directly with school leaders on bespoke school improvement work, providing tailored support to meet the specific needs of individual academies.

I wish all families a restful Easter break and thank you for your continued support. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Rachael Johnston, Director of Primary Education

