

# NEWSLETTER

23rd May 2025

## A Message From Staff

I can't believe that we are reaching the half term break. This term has been short but jam-packed!

Thank you to Robin class for sharing their learning about friendship in their class assembly this week. It was great to hear about the books you have been reading, Robin class, and hear your lovely singing about friends and how important they are.

We are so aware that many children struggle with friendships, particularly during break times when they have to negotiate and share in their play and that is why we believe it is so important to teach our children about how to be a good friend, to share and to respect others. Recently we have been considering our playtimes and how we enable children to be successful in their play. As part of this conversation we have been considering some changes so watch this space for further details in upcoming weeks.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents for Otter class reading café on Wednesday. Your reading recommendations have been really appreciated by lots of children in the library!

A group from Year 5 and 6 really enjoyed taking part in Bikeability this week, learning how to stay safe on the roads and how to take care of their bike with lots of smiles!

In other news, we are delighted to hear that we have received funding to upgrade our sports barn further by re-tanking the walls to waterproof the barn. This is being funded by Anglian Learning through the Trust's allocation of School Condition Allowance and the works are due to take place over the Summer.

*Mrs Weir*



*Wishing all our families a relaxing and restful half term break!*

## Headteacher Awards

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

*Seb T*

*Lily C*

*Aronas M*

*Parker G*

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*Avi-Ana O*



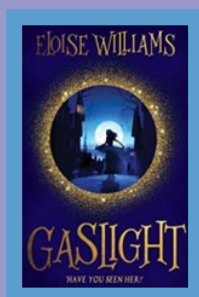
## Looking for a good read?



Where The Wild Things Are  
Maurice Sendak



A Child of Books  
Oliver Jeffers



Gaslight  
Eloise Williams

## Star of the Week

Ms Jagodzinska for her amazing bravery with our visit from Circus Piddly!



## Attendance

This week 92.9% 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 would like to share some ideas from autism.org.uk about how to get your child to come to school if they are feeling anxious:

- Encourage them to communicate about the problem- use visuals, rate events in the day from scary- not scary. Opens up discussing what things they are struggling with. (Please do share any concerns you uncover with us)
- Create a worry book so anxieties can be recorded. Read it at the end of the day as part of your after-school routine. You can then discuss how to cope with any worries that they have raised.
- Find ways to reduce and monitor stress e.g. going for a walk, singing a song. Keep a feelings chart- such as the one used at school. Please do ask if you would like a copy of this.

## 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.

## 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

## Dates for your diary

26.5.25– 30.5.25 Half term break  
5.6.25 at 2.30pm Rabbit class art workshop  
11.6.25 Hedgehog class assembly  
18.6.25 Sports day  
23.6.25 Hedgehog class art workshop  
25.6.25 Robin class art workshop  
27.6.25 Fox class art workshop



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