



Dear friends,

It is a pleasure to reflect on and share some of the fantastic work we have been doing at Howard Community Academy this term. Our dedicated staff team continue to work hard to provide wonderful learning experiences for our children and I am incredibly proud of what we achieve together as a team.

Thank you for your support, as families and community partners, to enable opportunities for our children.

Alison Weir, Headteacher

Aspiration

A Term of Aiming High!

At Howard Community Academy, we believe that aspiration is about more than just setting goals, it's about working hard, believing in yourself and always striving to be the best you can be.

This term, pupils across the school have shown incredible determination, effort and ambition in everything they've done, from sports and the arts to academic achievements. It's been inspiring to see so many of our children pushing themselves and supporting one another along the way.

In Key Stage 2, our Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in an exciting Benchball Tournament, where they displayed fantastic teamwork, communication, and perseverance. Many of the pupils hadn't taken part in a competitive sports event before, but they gave it their all and represented the school with pride. Their enthusiasm, effort and sportsmanship really reflected our school value of aspiration, they set out to improve, and they certainly did!

Our Year 5 and 6 athletes also did us proud at the Anglian Learning Athletics Event, competing against children from across the trust. Whether sprinting, jumping or throwing, our pupils showed great determination and resilience, many achieving personal bests. They demonstrated how aspiring to improve, even in small ways, can lead to big achievements. It was a day filled with encouragement, pride and plenty of cheering from the sidelines!



Thank you, Bury in Bloom,
for your generous support
of our school garden!

Experience Learning Through Living!

We know that rich, meaningful experiences help bring learning to life. This term, our children have taken part in a wide variety of exciting activities that have inspired curiosity, creativity and confidence. Whether through the arts, sport, cooking or meeting real-life authors, pupils across the school have been immersed in experiences that support not only academic learning but personal growth too.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, children enjoyed a thought-provoking and heartwarming performance of A Square New World. This theatrical production explored the themes of inclusion, friendship, and embracing differences through colourful characters and storytelling. The performance sparked lots of meaningful discussion in the classroom, helping children understand the importance of kindness, respect and celebrating what makes us all unique.

We also welcomed families into school for some special art workshops. These sessions gave pupils the chance to work creatively alongside their parents and carers, using a range of materials to design and create collaborative artwork. The workshops

were filled with laughter, imagination and shared learning. It was a wonderful way to see our children proudly showing off their artistic talents.

Another highlight of the term was our exciting Active Week! Pupils across the school took part in a range of sports and fitness activities designed to promote physical health, teamwork and fun. Children loved trying new sports, learning new skills and pushing themselves to be active in different ways. The week was full of energy and smiles — a brilliant reminder of how enjoyable movement can be.

In Key Stage 2, pupils have been learning about Fairtrade and the importance of making ethical choices in the foods we buy. This learning came to life through some cooking classes, where pupils prepared and tasted dishes made using Fairtrade ingredients. They explored the journey of food and reflected on how our choices can impact communities around the world. The hands-on cooking sessions not only taught practical skills but also encouraged empathy, global awareness and responsibility.

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We are proud to provide opportunities that enrich learning and help children develop into curious, confident and compassionate individuals.

Nurturing

Supporting Growth in Every Child



At Howard Community Academy, we believe that nurture is at the heart of everything we do. It's more than just a word, it's about creating a safe, supportive environment where every child can grow academically, socially and emotionally. This term, we've introduced new opportunities and built on existing ones to ensure all pupils feel valued, supported and encouraged to thrive.

One of our most exciting developments has been becoming an early-adopter school for the government's new Breakfast Club scheme. Recognising the importance of a calm and nutritious start to the day, we continue to provide a welcoming space each morning where children can enjoy a healthy breakfast, connect with friends and ease into their school day. The response from families has been incredibly positive, with many children showing improved focus and wellbeing in class. For some, it's a chance to build routine and confidence and for others, it's simply a calm moment before a busy school day begins. We're proud to be part of a national initiative recognising the importance of the work we were already doing

on how nurture begins the moment a child walks through the door.

Nurture also means preparing children for independence, and our Year 5 and 6 pupils had the opportunity to develop confidence and road safety skills through Bikeability training. Across several sessions, pupils learned how to handle their bikes safely on the road, practise signalling and make responsible choices as cyclists. The instructors were full of praise for our pupils' focus and attitude, and the children themselves enjoyed the chance to challenge themselves and learn something that will help them for life. It was wonderful to see children supporting each other and growing in both skill and self-belief.

This term's focus on nurture has shown how the right support, encouragement and care can help every child grow. Whether it's through breakfast, biking, creativity or music, we will continue to build a school environment where children feel safe, supported and inspired to be their best selves.

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Community Growing Together

We are proud to be more than just a school, we are a community. We believe that when families, staff, local businesses and organisations work together, we create a stronger, more supportive environment where every child can thrive. This term, we've seen some wonderful examples of how community spirit helps enrich school life for our children and families.



We were absolutely thrilled to receive a generous donation of a kitchen for our community room, thanks to the support of Howdens. Their contribution will transform the space into a fully equipped, welcoming environment playing a key role in building community links and offering valuable opportunities to our families. We are incredibly grateful to Howdens for helping make this vision a reality.

A Huge Well Done to Our Year 6 Pupils!

We want to give a massive shout-out to our incredible Year 6 pupils, who have recently completed their SATs. These national assessments mark a significant milestone in their learning journey, and our children approached them with maturity, resilience, and a wonderfully positive attitude. Throughout the year, they have shown true dedication and perseverance, proving just what can be achieved with focus, hard work, and self-belief. **We are immensely proud of each and every one of them.**



As we prepare to say goodbye, we wish our Year 6 leavers every success as they begin the exciting next chapter at secondary school. **Keep striving, keep believing, and never forget how amazing you are!**

Of course, we couldn't talk about community without mentioning our amazing PTA, whose dedication and creativity bring so much joy and energy to school life. This term they've hosted exciting events, such as Freeze Fridays and we are also looking forward to the much-anticipated Summer Fair. And let's not forget the School Disco!

These events not only raise valuable funds for the school, but also bring families together, and help children feel part of something bigger.

At Howard Community Academy we know that community is about connection, collaboration and care. Whether it's through a shared meal, a family learning session or a summer celebration, we're proud to nurture a community where everyone is welcome and every contribution makes a difference. Thank you to everyone who continues to be part of our journey.