NEWSLETTER

10th October 2025

A Message From Mrs Weir

Howard \

Community Academy

Year 5/6 have been busy designing some anti-racism posters which have been popping up around school. Clearly impassioned, they have been sharing key messages about how they feel with no place for racism. We are so fortunate to have an international community in our school and it is clear that our children care for their friends and racism is in no way tolerated.

As part of Inspire25! year 4 enjoyed an amazing performance of the Tin Forest at Stapleford Granary on Tuesday with other schools in Anglian Learning. This immersive musical experience was a real treat and quite different to other concerts.

Badger class also enjoyed their reading café this week. Mrs Johnston, Director of Education, for Anglian Learning had the pleasure of joining me when I popped in on Wednesday afternoon. It was lovely to see so many calm readers wrapped up in their books.

Our Healing Woods committee met this week to continue to think about how to look after our growing woods. If you love trees and nature and would be interested in becoming part of the committee, let us know via the school office.

Next week we say goodbye to two of our teaching assistant team. We wish Mrs Venables and Mrs Harrington all the best as they have made the decision to spend more time with family. Thank you for all that you have done to help our children here.

Mrs Weir

Coming up at Howard Wednesday 22nd October- Otter class assembly Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October- Parents evenings Monday 3rd November – Wednesday 5th November – Y6 Residential trip to **Thorpe Woodlands**

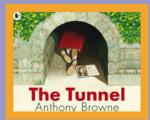
Headteacher Awards



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

Samuel A	Olivia B	Emma K
Lyra P	Everleigh- Rayne S	Amelia W
Jack C	///////////////////////////////////////	Antonia T

Looking for a good read?



The Tunnel
Anthony Browne



The Children of Green Knowe

L. M. Boston



Mathilda Roald Dahl

Dates for your diary

22.10.25 Otter class assembly
22.10.25 and 23.10.25 Parents evening
27.10.25– 31.10.25 Half term break
3.11.25—5.11.25 Year 6 residential trip
to Thorpe Woodlands



Star of the Week

Mr Chaplin for all his work behind the scenes preparing for our sculpture installation.

Attendance

This week 91.2% of our children attended school. It has been lovely to see you all. The government expectation is that children are in school for at least 96% of the school year to help them learn. 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 apply.

SEND News from Ms Whiting

As I mentioned last week you should soon be receiving a copy of your child's reviewed APDR with the current targets. This will enable

you to read through and then discuss it at parents' evening. I would appreciate you filling in a brief survey to indicate that you have received it as well as answering a couple of questions.

https://forms.office.com/e/ WjKWpuaKTX

Please do let me know if you have any issues accessing this.

APDR Parental feedback



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!

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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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