

NEWSLETTER

24th October 2025

A Message From Mrs Weir



Our parents evenings are always a lovely mix of smiling faces, opportunities to chat about your child's progress, share their successes and opportunities for you to feedback on how we can support you as a school. There is always a tremendous sense of community, often with some of our previous pupils joining their siblings in coming to say hello; a heart-warming experience for us all.

Our reading stars, whose reading tickets were drawn out of the jars in assembly, made their way in the minibus to Waterstones to choose a special book to treasure. Seeing the children's faces light up at the wall to floor shelves teeming with a vast selection of books is a real highlight for me and I love the discussion we have about their book choices. Every time your child reads at least four times in a week they receive a reading ticket to go into the reading star jar. Winning tickets are chosen every half term.



Hedgehog class enjoyed a visit to West Suffolk College where they constructed three houses for the Three Little Pigs with some of the construction students. Using tools to join wood and then paint their panels was a fantastic and inspiring experience. Thank you to West Suffolk College for inspiring a potential next generation of carpenters and painters!

Otter class spent time sharing with parents some of their learning at their class assembly this week. Although I wasn't able to be there, Mr Oakley shared that Otter class explained their learning well and we enjoyed hearing their singing too.

Mrs Weir

Coming up at Howard

Next week is our half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd November.

Monday 3rd November –Wednesday 5th November– Y6 Residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands

Reading Stars



I am pleased to announced the following pupils have received a reading star award. Congratulations!

Elijah

Saule

Scarlet-Rose

Glen

Bonnie

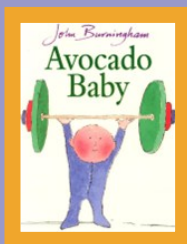
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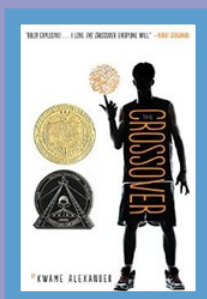
Looking for a good read?



Avocado Baby
John Burningham



The Secret of Platform 13
Eva Ibbotson



The Crossover
Kwame Alexander

Dates for your diary

27.10.25– 31.10.25 Half term break
3.11.25—5.11.25 Year 6 residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands
5.11.25 Kingfisher art workshop for parents
12.11.25 Otter design and technology workshop for parents



Star of the Week

Mrs Nichols for all of her hard work in Nursery with our youngest children this week.



Attendance

This week 91.7% 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

This week I would like to share a couple of useful courses advertised by SENDIASS. The first is about stories to support with SEND needs. It is being held on 12th November @ 10.30-11.30.

Personalised Stories session - Suffolk SENDIASS

The second is about behaviour being a means of communication. It is being held on 19th November @ 10.00-11.30.

Understanding Children and Young People's Behaviour as a Communication Need Tickets, Wed 19 Nov 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite

I hope you find these 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.

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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