

NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2025

A Message From Mrs Weir

We started off this week with a visit from the Wensum English hub. We have been working with the specialists at the hub over the past two years and it was a pleasure to share all the work we have been doing as a school around reading and phonics. As a basic key life skill, reading is a major focus of what we do in school. We want our children to have the best opportunities in life and so we are working hard to help them learn to read. Your role is so important so please do keep helping your child at home by practising reading with them as often as possible. It is one of the most important things you can do to help your child.

Thank you to all of Fox class parents who were able to join us for our reading café this week. It is such an important experience for your child to read with you!

Our first Governors meeting of the year took place this week. Our Local Governing Body acts as a critical friend around the strategic direction of our school. We still have some spaces for parent governors to join us. If this is something you are interested in finding out more about, please do get in touch via the school office.

We are delighted that some of the video footage from the dance project with Glasshouse Dance and our year 4 group from last year, funded by the Norfolk and Norwich Festival, has been included in a clip about Creative Schools. The children enjoyed dancing around our school as part of exploring our space. Have a look at <https://nnfestival.org.uk/schools-and-communities/creative-schools/>

Mrs Weir



Coming up at Howard next week.....

Tuesday 7th October at 8.30am– Trip to Inspire25 for Year 4

Tuesday 7th October at 6pm– Y6 residential trip meeting

Wednesday 8th October at 2.15pm– Badger reading cafe

Headteacher Awards



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

Rhys B

Ronni O

Amelia A

Bobbie A

Karina K

Lyrica O

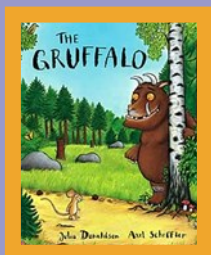
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Isabelle M

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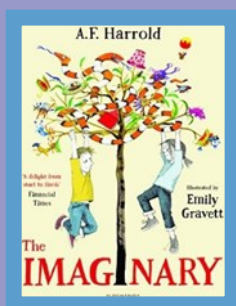
Looking for a good read?



The Gruffalo
Julia Donaldson



Lizzie Dripping
Helen Cresswell



The Imaginary
A.F. Harrold

Star of the Week

Mrs Spall for being on call in the Hive!



Attendance

This week 90.7% 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

Over the next two weeks your child's teacher should be sending home 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.

Dates for your diary

7.10.25 Year 4 to INSPIRE 25
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

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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