

NEWSLETTER



28th November 2025

Howard
Community Academy

A Message From Mrs Weir

As I sit down to write, there is so much to share about what has been happening in school, it is difficult to know where to begin! It has been a real pleasure to pop into classes this week to see lots of great learning in maths, from our youngest children in Reception learning about the number 5 through to our oldest children in Year 6 calculating with fractions. Using maths equipment and different representations is an important part of helping us to understand maths concepts at all stages. Recalling times tables facts are so important so please do help your child by practising these at home. All of our children have a log in to Times Tables Rock Stars– a fun game to help practice times tables. Do encourage them to take up the challenge.



We are extremely grateful to Councillor Frank Stennett for his support in organising funding for our Key Stage 2 children to enjoy Rapunzel, the pantomime at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday. A sea of beaming faces arrived back at school, excited to tell me about the show. Well done to our two stars who were brave enough to go on stage and do some dancing for everyone!

Our Governing body met this week as one of our regular meetings. Our Governors have an important role in the strategic direction of the school and bring a significant role in providing support and challenge for the school. We do have spaces for parent governors so please do get in touch if this role may be of interest.

Attendance continues to be an important focus for us. We love having our children in school and want to work with you as parents to ensure your child has the best start in life with a solid foundation and education. Government expectation is that children should be in school for at least 96% of the school year. Give your child the best chance in school!

Mrs Weir

Coming up at Howard

Monday 1st December– Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas workshop trip

Monday 1st December at 2pm– Ladybird parent DT/Art workshop

Wednesday 3rd December at 9am– Badger class assembly

Wednesday 3rd December at 2pm– Owl parent DT/Art workshop

Headteacher Awards



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

Julian W

Neharika

Frankie N

Olivia B

Graci-Mae J

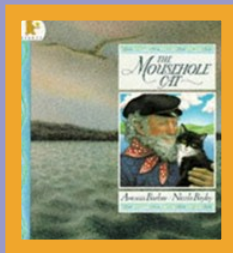
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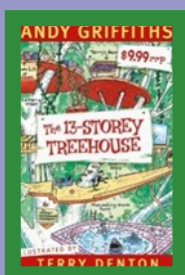
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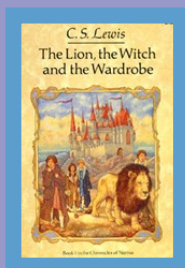
Looking for a good read?



The Mousehole Cat
Antonia Barber



The 13-Storey Treehouse
Andy Griffiths



The Lion, The Witch and
The Wardrobe
C. S. Lewis

Star of the Week

Mrs Weaver for her super efficiency and hard work behind the scenes in the school office.



Attendance

This week average attendance was 92.4%. 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 inform you of the upcoming PINS workshops that are being held in the New Year. If your child is neurodiverse or you believe they are showing neurodiverse tendencies I would urge you to sign up at the office. You don't have to attend them all and can just choose the ones that you will find the most useful.

The workshops start with:

Tuesday 6th January 1.45-3.15- Workshop 1:
Neurodevelopmental Diversity: what every school and/ carer needs to know

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

- 1.12.25 KS1 Christmas Through the Keyhole workshops
- 1.12.25 Ladybird art/ DT workshop
- 3.12.25 Badger class assembly
- 3.12.25 Owl art/ DT workshop
- 5.12.25 PTA Dress down day for Christmas Fair

Howard is fabulous!



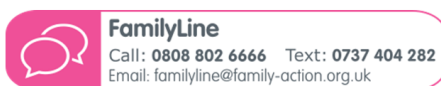
Keep up to date with news about our learning in school, events and activities as they happen, and some useful links for activities to complete at home, by following us on our social media page:



<https://www.facebook.com/HowardCAcademy>

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National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247



SEND News from Ms Whiting (continued)

PINS workshops next year:

Tuesday 6th January 1.45-3.15- Workshop 1: Neurodevelopmental Diversity: what every school and/ carer needs to know

Tuesday 13th January 1.45-3.15- Workshop 2: Learning and Executive Functioning: How parents, carers and school staff can work together to support neurodivergent children

Tuesday 20th January 1.45-3.15- Workshop 3: Emotional regulation: How to support Neurodivergent children with emotional processing and anxiety. This will include information on how sensory issues may impact in this area

Tuesday 3rd February 1.45-3.15- Workshop 4: Neurodevelopmental Diversity: Managing caregiver stress. Research suggests that parents/carers and caregivers of neurodivergent children experience greater stress than those of neurotypical children and young people. This workshop explores the reasons for this and considers some ways to manage caregiver stress and support your own wellbeing as parents/carers and school staff

More dates for your diary

9.12.25 KS2 trip to The Magic Flute, festive performance

11.12.25 After school cooking event with Abbeycroft leisure (sign up in the office)

12.12.25 PTA Christmas Fair

16.12.25 1.15pm Christmas Carol concert

16.12.25 After school cooking event with Abbeycroft leisure (sign up in the office)

17.12.25 9.30am Christmas Carol concert

18.12.25 Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

19.12.25 Last day of term

