

# NEWSLETTER

12th December 2025

## A Message From Mrs Weir



We are delighted to share that we are celebrating as we have been awarded the National Nurturing Schools Award. As part of an intense assessment on Tuesday this week, the assessor from Nurture UK spoke to children, staff, parents and leaders to learn about all that our school does to nurture our children. In preparation for the day itself, we shared a bank of evidence and a short video tour of our school. We are particularly grateful to Mr Oakley who collated much of the evidence for the assessor. It is important to mention that we were praised for the way that the principles of nurture run through everything we do in school.

Tuesday brought the opportunity for Key Stage 2 to watch The Magic Flute at Dance East in Ipswich. We were transported to a magical world of music, dance and movement as we followed a mysterious quest with vibrant and strikingly bold costumes and talented singing. The children really enjoyed the performance and could be heard humming the music on the way home!

Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a taster morning run by Premier sports on Wednesday. Playing dodgeball, basketball and football, the children were able to have a taste of what Premier offer in their holiday sports camps and after school clubs. There are still a few places left for the Premier holiday camp here at Howard on 22nd and 23rd December. For more information, please contact the office.

As Australia begin to implement a mobile phone ban for teenagers due to the adverse effects of too much mobile phone use, we would encourage you to model good mobile phone use habits for our young people. Greeting your child on collection from school can be a special time and a great time for sharing their news from the day. Think about putting away mobile phones for that time so your child knows they have your full attention and enjoy that moment. Mobile phone use on site by children is banned and we would appreciate your support in enforcing this with your children.

*Mrs Weir*



Next week at Howard .....

Tuesday 16th December at 1.30pm– Christmas Carol concert

Wednesday 17th December at 9.15am– Christmas Carol concert

Thursday 18th December– Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

## Headteacher Awards



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

Ella E

Louie F

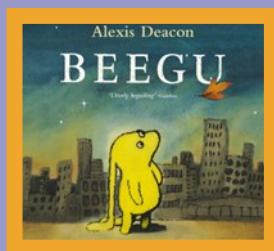
Emilija S

Joanna G

Joshua J

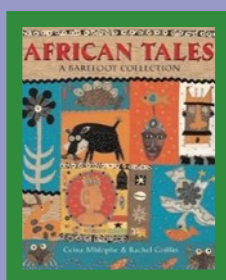
Jago M

## Looking for a good read?



**Beegu**

**Alexis Deacon**



**African Tales**

**Gcina Mhlophe**



**Artemis Fowl**

**Eoin Colfer**

## Stars of the Week

Mrs Smith and Miss Benjamin for their endless patience and care.



Patience is not simply the ability to wait—it's how we behave while we're waiting.

—Joyce Meyer



## 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 signpost you to some support for children who are struggling with all the changes around the Christmas festivities. These resources are from the National Autistic Society—[Preparing for Christmas: autism resources](#)

They include tips for an autism friendly Christmas, advice around anxiety and a sensory guide to Christmas.

I do 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](mailto:otter@howardprimary.org) for Otter class.

## Dates for your diary

- 16.12.25 After school cooking event with Abbeycroft
- 16.12.25 pm Christmas Carol Concert
- 17.12.25 am Christmas Carol Concert
- 18.12.25 Christmas lunch and jumper day
- 19.12.25 Last day of term
- 6.1.26 Term starts for children

## 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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