

# NEWSLETTER

23rd January 2026

## A Message From Mrs Weir



With big smiles on their faces and lots of excitement our Year 6 headed off to the O2 in London to sing with other children from across the country at the Young Voices concert on Wednesday. Joining with 8,600 other children, the children, Ms Tomlinson and I thoroughly enjoyed singing and dancing our hearts out as part of the concert. The atmosphere in the arena was so energetic and we were entertained by some amazing dance from Urban Strides and singing from Ruti from The Voice. It truly was an amazing experience and lots of fun. Although a little tired from the late return from the concert on Wednesday, Year 6 headed off on another trip to West Suffolk College on Thursday. As part of a skills escalator day to challenge stereotypes and perceptions around the workplace, the girls enjoyed some computing challenges while the boys learned how to do some CPR using the healthcare equipment. The children had a great time.



A huge thank you to our parent helpers who came with us on both trips and helped enable these experiences for our children. We are so fortunate to have such great support from our parents at Howard.

Our reading cafes are always popular and it was great to have so many parents join us from Hedgehog, Owl and Badger this week. The children really look forward to having you join them in school and to spend some time reading with them. We really value seeing you too!

In addition, we had our health and safety review this week. There are lots of positives to celebrate. A huge thank you to Mr Chaplin who works tirelessly behind the scenes to look after our premises and open up our building, even at midnight for our Y6 trip returning.

*Mrs Weir*

### Next week at Howard....

Monday 26th January at 2.30pm– Kingfisher reading cafe

Wednesday 28th January– Year 5/6 Tchoukball tournament

## Headteacher Awards



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

Ariana N

Aiden J

Rowan K

Harper B

Oscar F

Nate W

Anna P

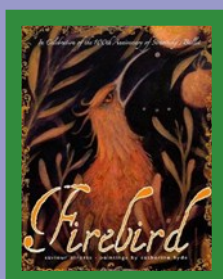
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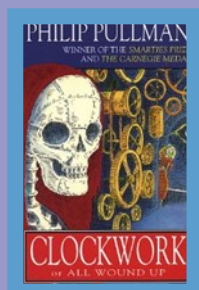
## Looking for a good read?



**Pumpkin Soup**  
Helen Cooper



**Firebird**  
Saviour Pirotta



**Clockwork**  
Philip Pullman

## Star of the Week

Ms Tomlinson for all her efforts in leading our Young Voices trip.



## Attendance

This week average attendance was 92.6%. 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 online course that are being offered by SENDIASS over the course of this term.

These are:

Understanding behaviour as a communication need-25/02/26  
10.00-11.30

Comic Strip awareness-17/03/26 10.00-11.00

I hope these are 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

26.1.26 2.30pm Kingfisher reading café

4.2.26 Owl class assembly

6.2.26 Number day

13.2.26 Professional training day for teachers

16.2.26-20.2.26 Half term break

## 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>

@HowardAcademy

National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247



Call: 0808 802 6666 Text: 0737 404 282  
Email: [familyline@family-action.org.uk](mailto:familyline@family-action.org.uk)

## Parent workshops in 2026

### PINS workshops

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Hamish and Milo Families Together

We are excited to invite you to join our new Hamish & Milo Families Together Programme.



Hamish & Milo programmes help children develop social and emotional literacy skills, become more self-confident and resilient, so they feel happier, less anxious, more able to self-regulate to engage in learning and fulfil their potential.

This is a ten week programme that focuses on each of the Hamish & Milo emotion themes and gives family members the opportunity to find out more about the whole programme and take part in special activities with your child for part of each session. Each week focuses on a different emotion theme and provides insight, opportunities for discussion and time to share experiences.

The ten themes are:

- Week 1 - Amazing me (self-esteem, self-worth and confidence)
- Week 2 - Calm me (anxiety)
- Week 3 - Resilient me (resilience)
- Week 4 - Celebrating me (diversity and inclusion)
- Week 5 - Exploding me (strong emotions and anger)
- Week 6 - Finding me (sadness)
- Week 7 - My friends & Me (friendships)
- Week 8 - Actions, words & me (conflict resolution)
- Week 9 - Memories & me (loss, bereavement and grief)
- Week 10 - New Beginnings & me (changes and transitions)



The sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the school's community room. Starting from 14th January onwards.

If you would like to take part, please confirm your place with the school office, either in person or by