

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

30th January 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

There were lots of smiles this week as Year 4 heard that they had achieved their Arts Award Discover. After watching the immersive Tin Forest production at Stapleford Granary, their reflections and designs around the key themes of looking after our environment earned them a very special award.



The power of a story is great and this week I have had the privilege of sharing stories with different children across our school. It is always a special time when sharing a story together and can be an important time to learn about life and other cultures. Owl class learned about the Islamic festival of Ramadan as we read together this week and we thought about the different emotions experienced during the festival.

Swimming is another key life skill that our Year 5 cohort have been practising this week. Facing the wild rainy weather on Tuesday the group enjoyed their swimming lesson and were more than happy to talk to me all about it. Physical exercise is such a positive thing in so many ways. Did you know that as well as helping physically, exercise is a great mood enhancer? Our children benefit from regular opportunities to exercise and have physical movement in their day. So if your children are feeling down, why not try some exercise together?

Linked with the theme of exercise, we were extremely proud of our Year 5 and 6 children who represented us in the Bury Sports Partnership Tchoukball tournament this week. Mrs Biggs shared that they all had enjoyed taking part.

Mrs Weir

Next week at Howard....

Tuesday 3rd February at 1.45pm– PINS parent workshop

Wednesday 4th February at 9am– Owl class assembly

Wednesday 4th February at 9am– Nursery story and rhyme time

Headteacher Awards



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

Harry D

Cameron M

Athena H

Finley S

Jana B

Elijah D

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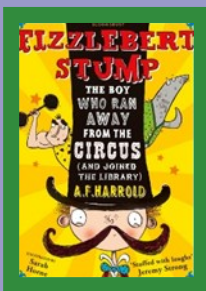
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Looking for a good read?



The Loudest Roar
Thomas Taylor



Fizzbert Stump
A F Harold



The Secret Garden
Frances Hodgson Burnett

Dates for your diary

- 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

Star of the Week

Mrs Biggs for preparing for and organising our team to attend the Tchoukball tournament.



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 remind you of the next PINS workshops that is being held next week on Tuesday 3rd February @ 1.45-3.15. If your child is neurodiverse or you believe they are showing neurodiverse tendencies I would urge you to sign up at the office.

The fourth and final workshop is about Managing Caregiver Stress: This workshop will explore the pressures and stress that caregivers may encounter and give strategies that can be used to support. I do hope to see you there.

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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FamilyLine

Call: 0808 802 6666 Text: 0737 404 282
Email: familyline@family-action.org.uk

National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247

Arts Award



Celebrating Arts Award Adventures: 384 Pupils Achieve Discover Arts Awards!

We are delighted to share that 384 of our primary pupils have earned the nationally accredited Discover Arts Award, following their incredible participation in our Trust-wide project Inspire25, in partnership with Stapleford Granary.

Inspire25: A Creative Journey

Back in October, 520 pupils and teachers from 11 Anglian Learning primary schools stepped into *The Tin Forest* at Stapleford Granary, an immersive world of music, movement, puppetry, and imagination. Guided by expert artists, pupils became part of the story through sound, song, and performance, from mechanical birds and human sound machines to body percussion and choral singing.

Thanks to the generous support of The Zobel Trust, this experience didn't end there. Pupils continued their creative journey back in school, producing personal arts logs and deepening their engagement with the arts, culminating in 384 Key Stage 2 pupils achieving their Discover Arts Awards!

What is the Discover Arts Award?

Managed by Trinity College London and Arts Council England, this award encourages children to:

- Participate - Explore the arts around them and try new art forms.
- Research - Learn about professional artists and their work.

Share - Show their creative journey and favourite discoveries to others.
This achievement shows the power of creativity to inspire, connect, and create lasting memories. We are incredibly proud of every one of our new Arts Award achievers and grateful to Kate Romano, the Stapleford Granary team, Emma Mason, Lesley Morgan and all staff whose dedication made Inspire25, and its legacy, possible.

Learn more:

[Anglian Learning Inspire25](#)

[The Making of The Tin Forest](#)

[Discover Arts Award](#)



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 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 email.**

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