

# NEWSLETTER

13th February 2026

## A Message From Mrs Weir



Despite the children only being in school for four days this week, we have managed to pack a lot in! Our clothing swap shop ran on Tuesday and it was great to see parents being able to make use of the donated clothes. If you are needing some more clothes for your child, please do let us know as the clothing swap shop can be opened up at other times.

On Wednesday Year 5 were invited to watch County High's production of Bugsy Malone. The children enjoyed the experience and they enjoyed being drama critics for the morning, reviewing the show when they returned to school. It was a week of drama as Year 6 also started work on the Tiny Plays, Big Ideas project with the Theatre Royal. We look forward to reading their playscripts with their great ideas.



There were lots of smiles and excitement on Thursday when the children enjoyed their "Wheels Day" treat, bringing in toys with wheels, scooters and bikes to play with. We have already started working towards the next whole school reward as the children earn stars and pom poms in class. School council will be discussing the next reward soon!

Early Years and Key Stage 1 were also treated to a visit from a tractor on Thursday. As part of the Tractors in Schools programme, a local farmer brought in his tractor to show the children and talk about how it is used in his farming. The children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thanks to those parents who volunteered to be part of our communication parent forum. We discussed the different systems we use in school to share information and messages with you and shared suggestions for how to make messages accessible for everyone. We will be taking those ideas on board and appreciate the feedback. *Mrs Weir*

*We wish all our families a relaxing half term break!*

## Headteacher Awards



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

Emily H

Parker L

Chibata I

Eyan J

Tiara O

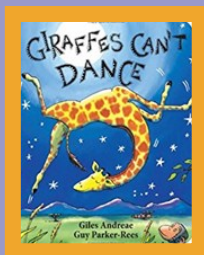
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Xiamirah K

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Kourtney W

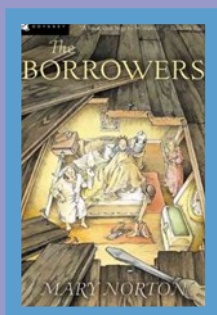
## Looking for a



**Giraffes Can't Dance**  
Giles Andreae and Guy  
Parker-Rees



**The Falcon's Malteser**  
Anthony Horowitz



**The Borrowers**  
Mary Norton

## Stars of the Week

Miss Gillingham for her patience and resilience.



## Attendance

This week average attendance was 92.5%. 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 advice to support you in navigating the school holidays if your child has neurodiverse needs. There are lots of tips on the following web page for your information.

[https://  
www.theautismservice.co.uk/  
news/guide-to-supporting-children-  
with-adhd-and-or-autism-in-the-  
school-holidays/](https://www.theautismservice.co.uk/news/guide-to-supporting-children-with-adhd-and-or-autism-in-the-school-holidays/)

I do hope you find this 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

16.2.26-20.2.26 Half term break  
23.2.26 School open for pupils  
24.2.26 Y6 After School Cooking  
25.2.25 9am Y3/4 Times tables  
workshop

## 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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