

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

6th March 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

Yesterday was World Book Day and we enjoyed celebrating the love of stories and reading through some special buddy reading sessions, reading activities and book swap. There was a great buzz in the morning as the children arrived in class, eager to share their favourite books and stories. The staff were also excited!



In preparation for the event, a few of our reading champions joined our reading stars on our trip to Waterstones on Monday in order to collect the world book day books for the school. We were fortunate that the shop had just enough left for everyone! Our reading stars, whose names had been pulled out of the jar at the end of last term, also had the opportunity to choose a special book to keep. Please do read with your child at home– for every four signed reading sessions in a week the children earn a ticket for the jar with the chance to win the reading star prize at the end of the half term.

Reading is such an important skill for life which enables our children to access the world and be successful. It is also a wonderful gateway to exploring other imaginative worlds and ideas in safe spaces. Curling up with a book together or enjoying a story on a wet miserable day is a really special time and it is definitely one of my favourite times of day when I have the opportunity to join our classes to share a story! This week we have set the children a challenge to take a picture of them reading in an unusual place. Please send the photo to your child's class email address e.g. otter@howardprimary.org so that they can be displayed with our staff photos in school.

Please also find details below on our newsletter about the opportunity to win £100 by answering some questions about your morning routine as part of some research being carried out around the government's National Breakfast Club scheme. *Mrs Weir*

Next week at Howard....

Tues 10th March at 2.30pm– Hedgehog parent science workshop

Tues 10th and Thurs 12th March at 3.30pm– Y5/6 Bitesize parent and child outdoor cooking

Wed 11th March at 9am– Fox class assembly

Wed 11th March– Y2 to Shrek the Musical

Wed 11th March at 6pm– Y6 residential meeting for current Y5

Reading Stars



Meila W

Glen H

Amelia L

Dominic S

Myrah C

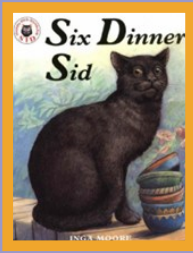
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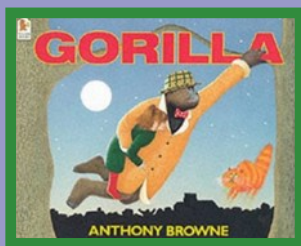
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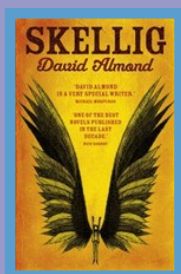
Looking for a good read?



Six Dinner Sid
Inga Moore



Gorilla
Anthony Browne



Skellig
David Almond

Dates for your diary

- 17.3.26 and 18.3.26 Parents evenings
- 17.3.26 Ladybird art workshop
- 18.3.26 Nursery art workshop
- 19.3.26 Badger art workshop
- 24.3.26 Owl art workshop
- 25.3.26 Kingfisher art workshop
- 26.3.26 After school silkscreen printing workshop for families
- 27.3.26 Last day of term
- 30.3.26-10.4.26 Easter holidays

Star of the Week

Mrs Ashdown for all her work in preparing for the Platform 26 art exhibition.



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.

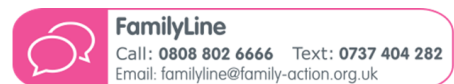
Please note that we are unable to authorise term time holidays according to government guidelines and penalty fines apply.

SEND News from Ms Whiting

This week I would like signpost you to an online course that is being offered by SENDIASS this half term.

This is Comic Strip awareness-17/03/26 10.00-11.00- This is delivered by the Communication and Interaction team from SES. It will explore how comic strips can be used to help children deal with every day social situations that they might struggle with; exploring how feelings can explore their feelings and those of others in social situations.

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 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:



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

@HowardAcademy

National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247

Your voice matters: You could win £100 by telling us about your morning school run

Howard Community Academy has a unique opportunity to help design how free breakfast clubs will look for families across the country.

We need your help. Ipsos researchers want to hear from our parents to understand what the morning school run looks like for you.

Designed by parents, for parents. We've worked closely with parents to make sure this survey asks the right questions and doesn't take up too much of your time.

The ask: Complete a 10-minute survey [Click Here](#) .*

The thank you: A chance to win a **£100 voucher**.

Who: Everyone! We want to hear from you **whether you currently use the breakfast club or not.**

Help ensure the national Breakfast Club programme works for parents like you.

* If completing the survey online does not work for you, please email UK-PA-BreakfastClubsResearch@ipsos.com.

