

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

17th April 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

Welcome back to our Summer term. Already, we have started the term at Howard with an amazing week filled with a mix of different learning opportunities. On Wednesday, Claudia Grinnell from the cathedral came in to school and led a singing assembly. We sang a delightful 4 part song together which sounded beautiful with our children's amazing voices. Music is such a wonderful way to connect with each other and our singing assemblies are always a special time for us. The enthusiasm and opportunity to express yourself together in song with your community is a unique and affirming experience which we thoroughly enjoy. St Edmundsbury Cathedral are having an open day for those interested in becoming a chorister on 5th May– see the flyer for more details.



Just before the Easter break, we were gifted 10 apple trees by Greene King to plant in our school grounds. Some children in Key Stage 1 and Hedgehog had fun planting the trees with Mrs Grundill and Mrs Biggs. We look forward to them growing and bearing fruit. Thank you to Bury in Bloom and Greene King for our trees.

We have had a number of children this week who have not had their lunches ordered which has caused some distress for the children. If you haven't ordered school lunches then you need to provide your child with a packed lunch as they will not be able to have a school lunch on the day. Our caterers order ingredients for the number of lunches booked online so please remember to book your child's lunches if you wish them to have a school lunch.

Badger and Kingfisher enjoyed a trip to the Suffolk Farm Fair on Thursday. Teachers reported that they had a great trip with lots of fun and smiles from those involved!

Mrs Weir

Coming up at Howard

Week beginning 20th April- Science week at Howard

Wed 22nd April at 9am– Fox class assembly

Wed 29th April at 9am– Ladybird reading café

Wed 29th April at 2pm– Badger class reading café

Thurs 30th April at 9am– Owl class reading café

Thurs 30th April at 2pm –Kingfisher class reading café

Headteacher Awards

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



Archie Z



Kyle H

Harper P

Millie M



Looking for a good read?



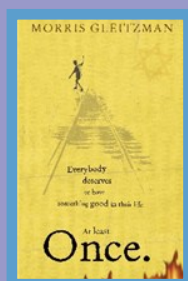
The Bear and the Piano

David Litchfield



Hot Like Fire

Valerie Bloom



Once

Morris Gleitzman

Dates for your diary

29.4.26 Ladybird class and Badger class reading café

30.4.26 Owl class and Kingfisher class reading café

4.5.26 Bank holiday

11.5.26 Year 6 SATs

21.5.26 Otter class reading café

25.5.26-29.5.26 Half term break



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Stars of the Week

Mr Evans for all of his support in Early Years



Attendance

This week average attendance was 93%. 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 about our Parent/Carer coffee morning that will be starting this term. It will be a relaxed and friendly coffee morning at school on the first Wednesday of every month. No diagnosis will be needed - if you feel this space is for you, it is.

It will be a space to meet other parents/carers, share experiences if you would like to, and feel less alone in the journey.

There will be no pressure to talk — you are very welcome to just come along, have a drink, and listen. Even if you can only stay for 10 minutes, you will be welcome.

We are also exploring the idea of a small, supportive parent network, which could grow over time depending on interest.

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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