

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

24th April 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

This week started with our reading stars having the opportunity to visit Waterstones to choose their book prize. From facts about dinosaurs to stories about wizard schools, choosing from the vast array of books was a tricky, but fun, task! The children enjoyed our time, spotting stories they had read and finding new ones to look forward to. Well done to those reading stars who have been reading at home and gained a ticket for the reading star jar. Maybe your ticket will be pulled out of the jar next time!



This week has had a science theme as our children have been exploring different science week activities with their class. I have enjoyed hearing about experiments with light with detailed diagrams in Key Stage 2 and worm hunting to create a wormery in Key Stage 1. Mrs Hall tells me there was great delight among the children observing the worms!

I was disappointed to miss Fox class assembly on Wednesday. Staff tell me that it was really informative and it was great to see our Year 5 and 6 speaking with confidence about their learning. Talking to an audience is a key skill for life and one part of the work we do on oracy in school. Well done to Fox class.

Oracy may be a word that you are not so familiar with. It has been a big focus for us in school this year. Learning how to speak and listen well (oracy) is something that the children have been learning about in class through developing their own oracy charter and practising good talking through partner talk activities and group work. The children have created their own video about oracy which explains it beautifully so check it out on our website [Oracy – Howard Community Primary School](#) .

Mrs Weir

Coming up at Howard

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!

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Mia P

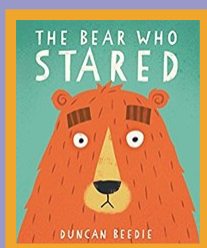
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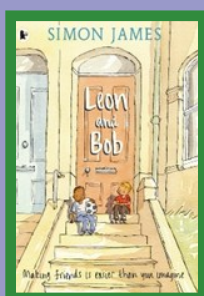
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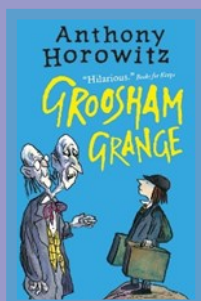
Looking for a good read?



The Bear Who Stared
Duncan Beedie



Leon and Bob
Simon James



Groosham Grange
Anthony Horowitz

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
- 19.5.26 Hedgehog class and Fox class reading café
- 21.5.26 Otter class reading café
- 25.5.26-29.5.26 Half term break

FamilyLine

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

Stars of the Week

Mrs Hall for all her work on leading our phonics provision in school.



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 signpost you to some websites with useful tips around sleep, which are especially helpful if you suspect your child has ADHD.

[Overcoming ADHD Sleep Challenges in Children](#)

[Sleep Hygiene: Good Sleep Habits | Sleep Health Foundation](#)

[ADHD & Sleep - Children's ADHD Intervention Team - Connect NHS](#)

Also as you will be aware the government is proposing changes to the SEND system. Your views are very important before anything changes.

Please complete the [Suffolk Local SEND Reforms - Parents and Carers Survey](#) and share your thoughts, views and ideas.

Please respond by **Thursday 30 April 2026** to help shape Suffolk's SEND Reform Plan.

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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