

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

15th May 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

As I arrived at school one morning this week, Mrs Spall and Mrs Grundill pointed out the baby blue tits that were nesting in our bird box outside the office. The sound of chirping was a lovely way to start the day and brought a smile to our faces. The bird boxes were made by the children as a practical woodwork project so it is wonderful to see that they have been well used!



Ladybird and Owl class have been learning about the United Kingdom in geography this term and I had the pleasure of joining them this week as they were learning about the seas and oceans that surround our country. When learning about the English Channel, there was great interest in the channel tunnel and we wondered which sea life might be swimming around there.

Well done to our Year 6 who have calmly approached their SATs tests this week. Fuelled by their SATs breakfast, I was impressed by the mature and calm attitudes of our children who focused on doing their best. Mrs Johnston, Director of Primary Education for Anglian Learning, joined us on Thursday and commented on how positively the children took it in their strides.

Kingfisher enjoyed sharing their learning about the characteristic they have been learning about this year– respect. It was great to hear about the book that had made such an impression on them and how important kindness, listening and caring for each other are. Thank you to all the parents who joined us to share in their learning.

Lastly, a few reminders... Recently we have had a number of children bringing in toys from home which are a distraction to learning, causing upset when they are lost. Please leave any toys at home. Also as the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. Our school rules are water only in class to keep the children hydrated.

Mrs Weir

Coming up at Howard.....

18th May at 2pm Kingfisher art workshop

19th May at 2.15pm Fox class reading café

20th May at 9am Ladybird class assembly and Nursery story and rhyme time

21st May at 2.30pm Otter class reading café

Headteacher Awards

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



Oscar F

Madison P

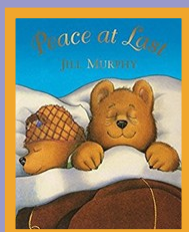
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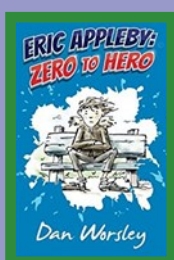
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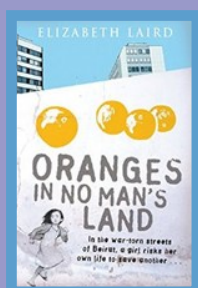
Looking for a good read?



Peace At Last
Jill Murphy



Eric Appleby: Zero to Hero
Dan Worsley



Oranges in No Man's Land
Elizabeth Laird

Dates for your diary

- 19.5.26 Fox class reading café
- 20.5.26 Ladybird class assembly
- 21.5.26 Otter class reading café
- 25.5.26-29.5.26 Half term break
- 17.6.26 EYFS and KS1 sports day
- 18.6.26 KS2 sports day

Stars of the Week

Mr Chaplin for his problem solving and liaison skills.



Attendance

This week average attendance was 92.7%. 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 useful websites to support you and your child if they are having difficulty sleeping. They offer advice on bedtime routines and tips if getting your child to sleep is a challenge.

These are:

[Children - The Sleep Charity](#)

[Sleep - a guide for school age children](#)

[10 tips to help your child sleep better | Sleep Action](#)

I do hope you find these 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:



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