

# NEWSLETTER



**Howard**  
Community Academy

22nd May 2026

## A Message From Mrs Weir

A highlight of my week this week was a knock on my office door and a visit from a group of nursery children. They had come to show me the book they had been making– Nursery, Nursery, What do you see? It was a lovely piece of work with pictures of the children exploring around our school, finding new areas and landmarks like our world map in the school library. Their excitement just shone through!



I am often stopped when walking around the school by children really keen to show me what they have been learning about, from learning times tables to sharing a fantastic piece of art work. This rich tapestry of skills and learning is wonderful to share and it is great to know that our children are thriving. We are entering into the time of year where we are starting lots of national assessments– Year 4 will be doing their times tables multiplication check in the next few weeks and Year 1 will be assessed on their phonics. Both times tables and reading are key skills and parts of your child’s learning that you can help them with at home– the more practice the better!

Ladybird class thoroughly enjoyed their class assembly this week, sharing their learning about their emotions through the story of the Colour Monster and enjoying singing about what friends are for. Otter class and Fox class also enjoyed their reading cafes this week, as well as Kingfisher having their art workshop. As always, it is lovely to see you in school supporting your children in the audience.

Lastly, you may be aware that the Free school meals (FSM) eligibility is being expanded in September to all children from households receiving Universal Credit. Families receiving universal credit will be entitled to free school meals from September 2026. The new system also means that every year school will check whether your child is still eligible as this is no longer automatic. More information will follow in June. If your child is in Year 1 and 2 they will continue to receive free school meals but if you are eligible please apply as your child will benefit from additional funding in school. The office are happy to help.

*Mrs Weir*

***Wishing you a relaxing half term break!***

*We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st June.*

## Headteacher Awards

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



Samuel A

Summer-Rose P

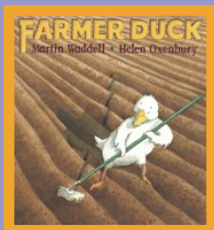
Reggie P

Monty W

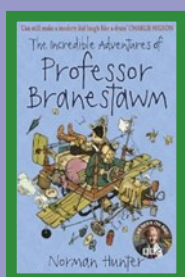
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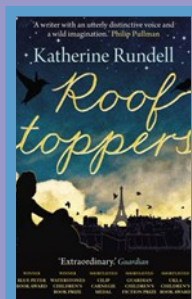
## Looking for a good read?



**Farmer Duck**  
Martin Waddell and  
Helen Oxenbury



**Professor Branestawm**  
Norman Hunter



**Rooftoppers**  
Katherine Rundell

## Dates for your diary

- 25.5.26-29.5.26 Half term break
- 17.6.26 EYFS and KS1 sports day
- 18.6.26 KS2 sports day
- 23.6.26 Owl class art workshop
- 24.6.26 Ladybird class art workshop
- 26.6.26 Year 3/4 to music festival
- 16.7.26 Choir to perform at Celebration
- 16.7.26 Last day of term

## Star of the Week

Miss Jagodzinska for her vigilance and pupil support.



## 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 the SENDIASS website for a comprehensive breakdown of the changes that will be taking place with the launch of the government white paper. There is also a link on this page, where you can give your views.

### [SEND Reform - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)

Also, I wanted to remind you about the coffee morning that will be taking place on [Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June in the meeting room @ 9.00am.](#)

This meeting is again open to all, not just if your child has a diagnosis. This month we are going to discuss transition and will look at ways this can be supported. This is not just for the children going to Secondary school next year, but it is about all children, who will be entering a new class with a different teacher, peer group and/ or classroom in September. I do hope to see lots of you there.

## 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.

## 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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