

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

8th May 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

Although it has been a shorter week the children have been as busy as ever in their learning. I have enjoyed dropping in to a wide range of lessons from phonics to science experiments!

A highlight for me was when I met with some of our children yesterday to find out more about their learning in RE. It was fascinating to hear what they have enjoyed learning about as they were able to describe learning about Jewish festivals, Hindu deities, humanist thinking and Christian concepts of salvation. What impressed me most was their understanding that it is so important to be open minded and understand other people's viewpoints.



"I like we get to learn about different religions and learn about what our friends believe if they have a different religion."

It is such an important message in our world today to learn to understand each other, even if we don't necessarily share the same views. Too often misunderstanding leads to conflict and pain.

As a school we continue to grow and it has been a pleasure showing new families around our school with new children joining us. The feedback from visitors has been overwhelmingly positive with lots of compliments about our school. Our facilities have been in demand too, as we have had more groups and clubs hiring our sports hall. If you are interested in hiring our sports hall, please do contact the school office.

Lastly, as we go into a season of warmer weather, please remember to send you child in with appropriate sun protection– sun cream applied and sun hats.

Mrs Weir

Coming up at Howard.....

11th-14th May	Year 6 SATs and SATs breakfast
14th May at 2.45pm	Kingfisher class assembly
20th May at 9am	Ladybird class assembly

Headteacher Awards

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



Verity G

Chrissie C

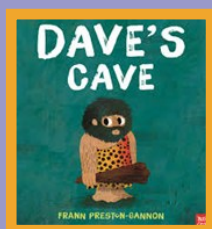
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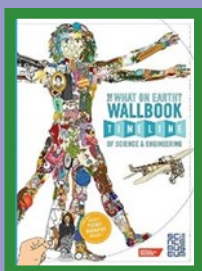
Molly R

Melody C

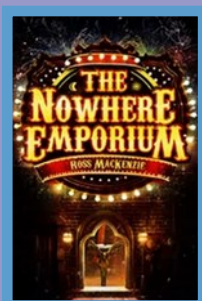
Looking for a good read?



Dave's Cave
Fran Preston-Gannon



The What On Earth
Wallbook
Christopher Lloyd



The Nowhere Emporium
Ross McKenzie

Stars of the Week

Mr Ellis for all of his hard work with our IT systems and technology!



Attendance

This week average attendance was 92.9%. 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 your child through SATs but there is also some useful advice if your child has anxiety generally.

These are:

[Supporting Your Child with SATS: A Parent's Guide | Laughology](#)

[5 ways to support your children through exams - BBC Teach](#)

[SATs Advice for Parents | How to Prepare Your Child to Succeed](#)

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.

Dates for your diary

- 11.5.26 Year 6 SATs
- 14.5.26 at 2.45pm Kingfisher class assembly
- 19.5.26 Hedgehog class and 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

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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FamilyLine

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