

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

5th June 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

This week one of our reading volunteers contacted me to tell me how impressed she was by one of our pupils, describing him as a little gentleman. They had been reading together when I was able to present a certificate of appreciation to her for her help as a reading volunteer. She was delighted and even more so, when the pupil congratulated her again as he returned to class.

Our reading volunteers are a wonderful group of people who help our children week in, week out and we are so grateful for them giving up their time on such a regular basis. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, do let us know. Following on with a reading theme this week, our book fair has arrived in school. Please do check out the selection after school in the community room which will be open on Monday and Tuesday next week too. It was also wonderful to see Owl class children supporting their classmate when she was recognised for her great attitude and kindness to her friends with a spontaneous round of applause and high-fives.

Year 5 have enjoyed developing a range of skills this week! As well as being part of the Construction Skills Escalator day at West Suffolk College, trying out lots of practical skills such as cement making and plumbing, they also enjoyed some art, PE and history workshops at County High this week too. I loved hearing all about their favourite parts. A reminder that we ask you to ensure children are not bringing in toys from home into school. Recently we have had a number of "fidget toys" being brought in to school which actually are not fidget toys and are distracting for our children's learning.

Finally, a reminder that it is parental responsibility to be supervising children before we open the gates at 8.40am as our staff are not available due to getting prepared for the day ahead. If you wish your child to attend breakfast club on site from 8.15am, you **MUST** book in by the day before at the latest. Recently we have had children arrive unexpectedly and we do not have enough staff supervision to accommodate this. If you have not booked, your child may not be able to access the breakfast club. If you have booked a place, but no longer need it, please let us know as soon as possible so that others can use the space.

Mrs Weir



Summer 1 Reading Stars

Daisy M Karina K Melody C
Charles W Madison P Harry P Cassidy B



Headteacher Awards

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



Annabel P

Bay M

Parker L

Tabasom W

Evangel U

Isabelle M

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Amelia L

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Looking for a good read?



The Rainbow Fish
Marcus Pfister



Bill's New Frock
Anne Fine



A Girl Called Owl
Amy Wilson

Dates for your diary

- 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
- 7.7.26 Hedgehog class art workshop
- 16.7.26 Choir to perform at Celebration
- 16.7.26 Last day of term



Star of the Week

Mrs Biggs for her determination and resilience!



Attendance

This week average attendance was 92.5%. 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 that have ideas and strategies around transition. All children will be facing a transition soon whether it is to a new class or a new school.

[Coping with change - Suffolk SEND Local Offer](#)

[Transition - Suffolk SENDIASS](#)

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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