

NEWSLETTER

16th July 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir



Thank you to all of you who joined us for our Art exhibition on Monday. It was a delight to share the amazing work that our children have been creating. Early Years thoroughly enjoyed their Teddy Bears picnic on Tuesday, making the most of exploring our Healing Woods area. It is an exciting adventure for our littlest people.

In a busy week, we managed to squeeze in a trip to Waterstones so that our Reading Stars could choose their reading star prize book. With so much choice, we had to make quite a few agonising decisions over what we wanted to read next.... We also enjoyed our whole school reward of an ice cream and extra play.



As I write we are preparing for our choir to perform at Celebration at Snape Maltings. We are one of a selected few schools from across Suffolk, performing on stage. It is a huge privilege and we are really excited. Our choir have been practising hard and I look forward to watching them on stage this evening.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to two of our class teachers at the end of this term. Miss Tomlinson has been with us in Otter class since September and has brought lots of musical talent to school, running our choir and leading our singing assemblies. We have enjoyed having her with us at Howard, going on residential with our Year 6 and wish her well in her next steps.

Many of our children have been taught by Mrs Ashdown over the past few years and will have fond memories of her time with us. Mrs Ashdown has led much of the arts work in school, notably coordinating arts projects and has been enthusiastic in leading our computing curriculum. Whilst we will miss her in the classroom and enthusiastically leading our running club, we are grateful for all that she has brought to our school and wish her all the best in her next steps. Happy holidays, everyone! *Mrs Weir*

Headteacher Awards

I am pleased to announce the following pupils have received a Headteacher award.

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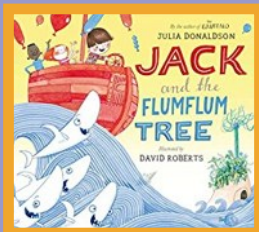
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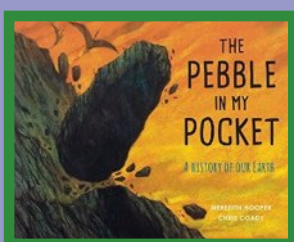
The Great British Summer Savings scheme

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

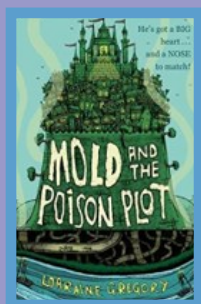
Looking for a good read?



Jack and the Flumflum Tree
Julia Donaldson



The Pebble in My Pocket
Meredith Hooper



Mold and the Poison Plot
Lorraine Gregory

Wishing all of our families a relaxing and restful Summer break!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 3rd September.

Stars of the Week

The amazing Howard staff team who work tirelessly throughout the year to provide the best for our children.



Attendance

This week average attendance was 91.9%. 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 draw your attention to the Suffolk Holiday Activity and Food Program 2026

HAF enables children and young people to access enriching and fun activities, particularly those who receive free school meals.

This is the link that you will need to book-

[Suffolk InfoLink | Holiday Activity and Food \(HAF\) programme 2026 in Suffolk](#)

Hope you find this useful.

Also please look out for a social story that will be sent out today with details of the adults in your child's classes and details about the provision.



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:

<https://www.facebook.com/HowardCAcademy>

