

NEWSLETTER



Howard
Community Academy

3rd July 2026

A Message From Mrs Weir

Being creative and getting ready have been key themes for us this week in school.

As part of our creative crafts project week, it has been a delight to see the beautiful artwork, working with different media, appearing in school. From activist art inspired work in Year 5 and 6, Henri Matisse inspired work in Year 3 and 4 through to creating a wonderful wall display with beautiful pastel flowers in Year 1 and 2, our children have been fully emerged in developing their creative skills. This builds on the work with artist Steve Glynn last week when we created our minibeast cabinet full of attractive, eye-catching and imaginative creatures! Immersed in their creations, our children have enjoyed exploring textures, colours and form.....and have loved every minute of it!



We also celebrated the Bitesize healthy eating project that Year 5 and 6 took part in earlier this year with Tesco and the Eastern Education group as Tesco handed over a generous donation to the project. Thank you to Riley and his dad for being willing to represent us at Howard.

As I write, we are preparing for Bury in Bloom officials who are coming tomorrow to judge our entry for this year's competition. A huge thank you to gardening club, Mrs Biggs, Mrs Walker, Mrs Steed, Mrs Schofield and Mrs Weaver for all of their hard work behind the scenes to support gardening club with their entry. We also look forward to our PTA Summer Fair and want to give a huge shout out to all who are involved in organising behind the scenes to make it happen.

As we look forward to next week when temperatures are set to rise again, please ensure your child comes into school appropriately prepared with a hat, water bottle and suncream on. Also, a reminder that pets are not permitted on school grounds.

Mrs Weir

Coming up at Howard....

Tuesday 7th July at 2.30pm– Hedgehog art workshop (parents invited to join)

Wednesday 8th July at 9am—Year 6 Leavers assembly

Friday 10th July- Rearranged sports day for Early Years (9am) and KS1 (9.30am)

Friday 10th July-Year 6 celebration

Headteacher Awards

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



Savannah C

Mina B

Deborah U

Frankie M

Theo J

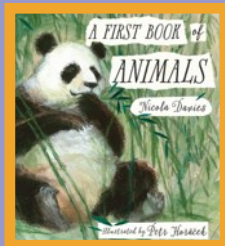
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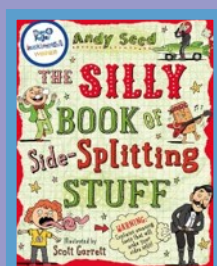
Looking for a good read?



A First Book of Animals
Nicola Davies



The Hodgeheg
Dick King-Smith



The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff
Andy Seed

Dates for your diary

- 7.7.26 Hedgehog class art workshop
- 8.7.26 Year 6 Leavers assembly
- 10.7.26 Rearranged EY and KS1 Sports
- 10.7.26 Year 6 Leavers celebration
- 14.7.26 Early Years Teddy Bears picnic
- 16.7.26 Choir to perform at Celebration
- 16.7.26 Last day of term



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Stars of the Week

The gardening club team for going above and beyond.



Attendance

This week average attendance was 92.1%. 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 also like to share some useful tips that give ideas to help with transition. The most important thing is to think about what your child will find most difficult (e.g. changes to routine, environment, or staff) and discuss ways they can be supported with this.

- Try to find out **what your child is worried about** and talk to them about what might make things better.
 - Explain to your child **what will be different**. Discuss what is the same and what will be different.
 - Seeing **photos or a virtual tour** of the class/school layout may benefit your child (Social Stories for each class will be emailed to you to use over the summer holidays)
 - Think about **what has worked well** in the past when you've helped your child prepare for a new experience.
- Your child will be **reassured by your calming responses** and a reminder that you and school or college can support them in managing the changes.

Also, this is the time of year when you child's APDR is being reviewed, and new targets will be set. So be ready to meet your child's teacher in the next couple of weeks to contribute to this.

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>