

It has been a real pleasure to see the children settling so well into their routines over the past few weeks. As I walk around school, there is a genuine sense of enthusiasm and purpose, with children becoming increasingly confident with the expectations and routines of their new classes. Thank you, as always, to our families for your continued support in helping the children make such a positive start.

We have a busy and exciting year ahead, with lots of events, activities and opportunities planned for the children and our wider school community. Please do take some time to look through the Dates for Your Diary section of the flyer. We will continue to add important dates throughout the year, so please keep checking this section to make sure you don't miss anything.

Our new Chromebooks have also arrived in school, and it has been great to see the children's enthusiasm as they begin using them. They will provide even more opportunities for children to develop their digital skills, research independently, collaborate with others and use technology creatively to enhance their learning across the curriculum.

One of the things I have particularly enjoyed this week is listening to the conversations taking place in our classrooms. It is so encouraging to hear children talking confidently about their learning, asking thoughtful questions and exploring ideas together. Questions such as "What have the Romans ever done for us?" are prompting children to think more deeply, investigate the past and consider how events and achievements from hundreds or even thousands of years ago continue to influence our lives today.

This sense of curiosity is something we want to nurture across the school. Learning is not simply about knowing the answer; it is about being curious, asking questions, making connections, listening to different ideas and having the confidence to explain your own thinking. Seeing this enthusiasm for learning in action and hearing children keen to share what they have discovered is a very positive way to begin the new school year.

There is already so much happening across our school, and I am excited to see how the children continue to grow in confidence, curiosity and independence as the term progresses. Thank you to our staff, children and families for playing such an important part in making the start of the school year such a positive one.

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Chromebook Meeting for Year 3 parents and Children Monday 21st Sept @ 3.30pm

YEAR 3

Important meeting on Chromebooks - Monday 21st September at 3.30pm. As you will probably already be aware the children in Year 3 are already enjoying the use of their dedicated chromebook device within school. To enable the children to maximise the benefit of this device in their learning, we would like the children to be able take their devices home. However, in order to facilitate this we would ask all Year 3 parents to:

(a) complete the online as soon as possible: <https://forms.gle/JTxMgfMRVJ2DF3NJ6>

(b) attend a short meeting after school, c.3.30pm in the junior hall, where the teaching team can explain the devices, how we monitor their safe use at home and how you can support your child's learning. You will then be able to 'sign for' your child's device and they can then start bringing it home every day.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please speak to your child's class teacher or message the office and we will arrange a mop-up session for those parents unable to make Monday's meeting.



REC TO Y6

Flu Vaccines for Reception to Year 6

We have sent out some information from the Medway NHS team today about the flu vaccine programme (nasal spray) for Reception to Year 6 parents.

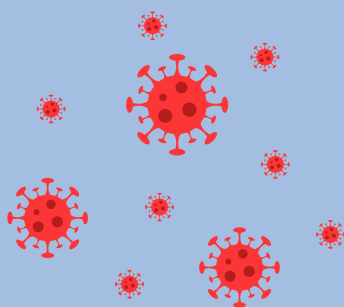
If you wish your child to have the nasal spray flu vaccine in school when the nurses visit in October then please go to:

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/>

and use the following codes:

Rec to Year 2 = KT145042

Year 3 to Year 6 = KT144969



5 reasons

to get your child vaccinated

1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

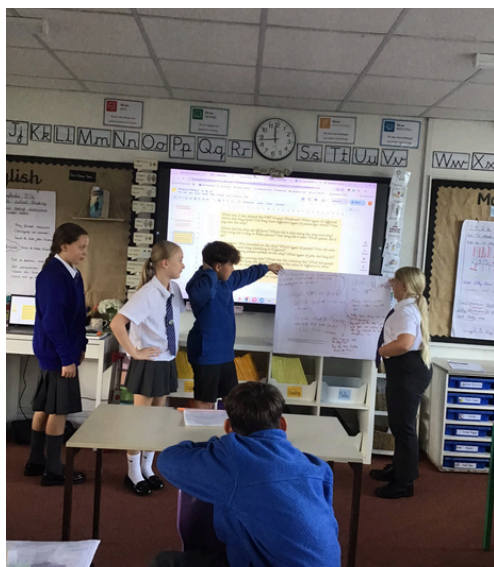
4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

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GUITAR TUITION

Fun, friendly lessons in your child's school



YEAR 3 +

2026/27 SPACES

A brilliant start in music

Small-group guitar lessons held during the school day - helping pupils learn, play and grow in confidence.

£38.50
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Learning for all styles and types of guitar, including pop, rock and musical foundations.

PLAY

A supportive small group, with plenty of fun along the way.

PERFORM

Opportunities to share progress with friends, family and school.

A MUSICIAN YOUR CHILD CAN LEARN FROM

I have taught in and out of schools since 2005. I also run wedding/function band Electric Outfit and independent recording studio Grange Music Studios.

Electric Outfit • Grange Music Studios



PARENTS/CARERS

Register your interest today

Complete the online form to request a place.

[Register Online](#)

Questions?

craigphillipsguitar@outlook.com

Places are limited. Later responses may be added to a waiting list, and you will still be contacted.

YEAR 6

Secondary Open Evenings at local secondary schools

Although the children have only just started in Year 6, it's already time to start to consider what school you would like for your child next September! We will share news of open evenings as we hear from our local secondaries.



Learning today - Beyond tomorrow

You are invited to our
YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING
A great place to learn and grow!

Thursday 24th September 2026
🕒 4pm - 7pm

📢 Headteacher talks at 4pm, 5pm & 6pm

Open Mornings
If you are unable to attend our evening session we have Open Mornings by appointment on:

- Tuesday 29th September
- Wednesday 30th September
- Thursday 1st October

🕒 9.15am - 10.45am

BOOK ONLINE TO...

- Tour our school and facilities
- Meet our dedicated staff and current students
- Discover our curriculum and enrichment programmes

Complete the [booking form here](#) or access it via the QR code link





Principal's Talks
30th September 2026
4.15pm, 5.30pm & 6.30pm



Scan the QR code to book your place at a talk

Dream, Believe, Achieve

We would like to invite you to our Principal's Talks, where you will have the opportunity to hear from Mrs Cramlington, tour the school and explore what Leigh Academy Rainham can offer children starting Year 7 in September 2027.

- ✓ College based pastoral support through the small school model provides every child the individual care and support needed to ensure a successful transition.
- ✓ An enrichment programme with a wealth of co-curricular opportunities including sporting, creative, academic and cultural pursuits.
- ✓ Outstanding academic support tailored to meet the needs of all individual students, including our Grammar Stream and Meegan Centre provisions.

Otterham Quay Lane, Rainham, Kent ME8 8GS
leighacademyrainham.org.uk





The Howard School

Open Events
Thursday 1st & Saturday 3rd October

An 'Exceptional' Rated Ofsted School

Welcome to The Howard School! We are consistently one of the most successful non-selective, non-denominational boy's schools nationally.

Our local and national reputation is excellent; we support our students to make outstanding academic and personal progress, and our GCSE, A-Level and BTEC outcomes are consistently strong.

We offer a warm and well ordered environment, with high expectations of our whole school community. This is enhanced by our outstanding pastoral and careers programmes and our many extra curricular activities, with our Personal Development offering recently receiving an 'Exceptional' rating by Ofsted.

"The school's universal inclusive offer ensures that pupils thrive."
- Ofsted, 2026

Why Choose The Howard School?



Ranked in the Top 2 non-selective boys' schools in Kent



An inclusive school, embedded in the local community



Exciting co-curriculars including trips, clubs and activity days



Fantastic results and outcomes for GCSE & A-Level Students



Ofsted Rated 'Exceptional' for Personal Development & Wellbeing



An expansive and expert Pastoral Office Team



A broad and balanced curriculum



Student leadership opportunities



House competitions and rewards systems

Book Your Space Today!



1st October
4:30pm - 7pm

3rd October
10am - 12pm

www.thehoward-that.org.uk/opendays

Events in Red = Events when parents in certain year groups come in to join us (dates for your diary)

Events in Blue = Events happening in school for the children, that doesn't involve parents coming in

Mon 21st Sept @ 3.30pm	New	Year 3 Parents Info meeting in hall (and collecting chromebooks)
Tues 22nd Sept @10.30am	New	Falcon Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 29th Sept @10.30am	New	Hawk Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 1st October @10.30am	New	Kingfisher Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 6th October @ 10.30am	New	Eagle Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 8th October @ 10.30am	New	Woodpecker Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Fri 9th October	New	School nursing team coming to do flu vaccinations for parents who have opted in for their child
Tues 13th October @ 10.30am	New	Emu Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 15th October @ 10.30am	New	Puffin Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 3rd November @ 10.30am	New	Flamingo Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 5th November @ 10.30am	New	Tawny Owl Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 10th November @ 10.30am	New	Ostrich Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Weds 11th November (evening)	New	Parent & Teacher Autumn Consultation Meetings (day 1)
Thurs 12th November (evening)	New	Parent & Teacher Autumn Consultation Meetings (day 2)
Thurs 12th November @ 10.30am	New	Barn Owl Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 17th November @ 10.30am	New	Parrot Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 19th November @ 10.30am	New	Snowy Owl Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 24th November @ 10.30am	New	Toucan Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 1st December @10.30am	New	Macaw Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 8th December @10.30am	New	Skylark Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 8th December @ 9.30am	New	Robin Class Nativity Performance (parents invited to join us)
Weds 9th December @ 9.30am	New	Wren Class Nativity Performance (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 10th December @ 9.30am	New	Finch Class Nativity Performance (parents invited to join us)
Tues 15th December @10.30am	New	Jay Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Weds 10th March (evening)	New	Parent & Teacher Spring Consultation Meetings (day 1)
Thurs 11th November (evening)	New	Parent & Teacher Spring Consultation Meetings (day 2)
Mon 10th - Thurs 13th May	New	National Year 6 SATs Tests
Tuesday 18th May	New	Sports Day (Years 1 - 6)
(Thursday 20th May)	New	(back up Sports Day for Years 1-6, if weather poor on 18th)
Mon 2nd - Fri 20th June	New	National Multiplication checks for Year 4s
Mon 14th - Fri 13th June	New	National Phonics tests for Year 1s (and some Year 2s)
Tuesday 15th June - pm	New	EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Sports Day
(Weds 16th June - pm)	New	(back up Sports Day for EYFS, if weather poor on 18th)
Tues 6th July (pm)	New	End of Term Celebration of Learning (all classes) Parents to join us
Tues 13th July (pm until 6pm)	New	Year 6 Leavers Festival
Thurs 15th July (am)	New	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (parents invited to join us)

Special Mentions

Cici	Wren	For always being polite and helpful, showing a positive attitude to learning, and embracing new school routines with enthusiasm. Well done, Cici!
Archie	Barn Owl	For always showing respect to others and our classroom, and having high aspiration by always trying his very best in all of his learning. You should be very proud of yourself.
Henry T	Woodpecker	For having such a positive attitude towards his learning this week and completing every task to such a high standard. Well done superstar!
Finley	Puffin	For being incredible in his learning this week. Finley has been on task and tried his best in all areas of his learning. Well done!
Jenson	Finch	How amazing you have been this week! You have followed all of our expectations, been very polite and shown such fantastic behaviour. You have settled in so brilliantly, especially as this is only your second week
Elliot	Tawny Owl	For trying really hard to stay on task with your learning and showing sustained effort. Well done!!
Alexandra	Robin	For being a superstar learner this week and following the expectations brilliantly. Well done, Alex!
Maisie	Snowy Owl	For always trying her best in all of her learning and being a fantastic role model. Well done Maisie!
Clayton	The Nest	Clayton has been exploring our climbing equipment beautifully this week. Well done, Clayton!
Levi	Kingfisher	For having a fantastic attitude to your learning and SOARing this week!

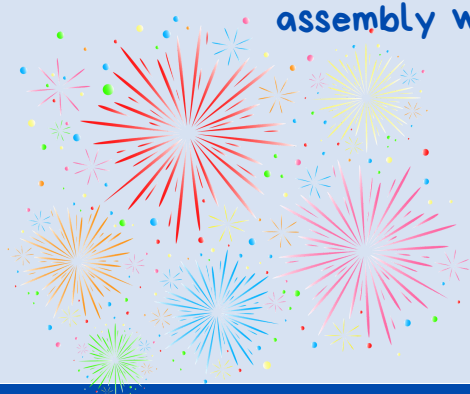
Jason M	Jay	For taking accountability for his learning this week and showing a good improvement in stamina and quality - well done!
Waverly S	Skylark	For showing fantastic resilience and always showing great respect towards her learning. Well done Waverly, very proud!
Molly S	Dove	For showing great resilience and high aspirations in her work this week. Keep it up Molly!
Amelie B	Macaw	For being an excellent role model. Amelie always upholds the Featherby values and is an absolute delight to teach. Well done!
Jenson T	Toucan	For always working incredibly hard and completing every task conscientiously. A fantastic example of dedication and effort—well done!
Brendan S	Parrot	For writing a really pleasing diary entry, including strong time adverbials and emotive language. Well done Brendan!
Lucian S	Ostrich	For his extremely positive attitude at the beginning and end of the day. Lucian consistently starts and finishes the day with enthusiasm and a great attitude towards learning. Well done Lucian!
Nazeefa B	Flamingo	For supporting a member of the class for the past two weeks and being compassionate and understanding of the needs of others
Charlie W	Emu	For his consistent, conscientious attitude to school. What a start to Year 5 you have made. Keep it up, Charlie!
Aimee L	Hawk	For working incredibly hard this week, meeting our high expectations and presenting her work beautifully with lovely handwriting and thoughtful detail. Well done Aimee!
Ivy-Rose T	Falcon	For actively taking part in all lessons and contributing thoughtfully to discussions. Her enthusiasm and curiosity are a joy to see.
Sienna R	Eagle	For being the most wonderful role model. Sienna does her best in everything she does and I have been extremely impressed with her efforts. Well done Sienna!

Attendance Winners

Class Weekly winners

Juniors
Ostrich = 99.31%

Infants
Kingfisher = 99.63%



Individual 100% - winners of the assembly weekly draw

Emeline G-W - Year 1
Rosa C - Year 2
Oliver T - Year 3
Heena C - Year 4
Isaac K - Year 5
Poppy R - Year 6