

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph showing a large brick school building with a red roof and a small green cupola, situated in a residential area with many houses. The school has a curved section and is surrounded by greenery and trees. In the background, there are rolling green hills under a blue sky.

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22nd October 2021

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope this finds you well at the close of our first term of the year. Well done to everyone who worked so hard and achieved so much.

Children and staff have received heavy praise for their work over the past 7 weeks – I look forward to sharing the feedback you left during our Parent/Carer consultations following the half term break.

Please read each page of this newsletter so that you're 'up-to-date', have seen the new menus and can celebrate the great news within...



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Attendance at City Academy



As we approach half term (and a well-earned rest!) we are celebrating some individual children with **amazingly improved attendance**, and there are a wonderful **132 children** at school who have **100%** for the whole half term! This is absolutely fantastic and there will be certificates and prizes before Christmas to celebrate. Please remember that any "covid-related" absences do not count as absences this year.

If your child's attendance for the half term is under **90% (3 or more days' absence)** then you will receive an email after the break letting you know that we are keeping an eye on their attendance, as they are officially classed as a "Persistent Absent" child. Please speak to Mrs Storey in the office at any time if you have any questions about this.

Remember – every school day matters and there are 175 non-school days to enjoy every year.

Class Attendance winners (11th – 15th October)

YEAR 1 - 3

Ms Cuthill's Kestrels Class 97.7%

Year 4 - 6

Ms Reynolds' Jackdaws Class 98.1%



Spread the word for CAW!

At 18:00 on Thursday 11th November, we are going to hold an open evening for prospective families for Reception 2022.

Please contact the school office on 01273 681377 if you would like to attend.

I can also offer personal tours for small groups of parents who would like to come and see our amazing learning environment.

Please spread the word with families whose children start Reception next September.

**WELCOME TO**
CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2022?



I'd like to offer a warm welcome to all prospective parents.
Here at City Academy Whitehawk we are immensely proud of our school community. We would love for you to join our 'Outstanding' Reception classes in September 2022. We believe passionately in every child's potential; we support, nurture and challenge all children so that they flourish and become the very best that they can be. We strive to provide exceptional learning opportunities so that every child develops the self-belief, skills and knowledge that they need to live a successful, fulfilling life.

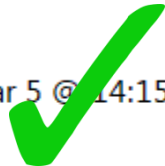
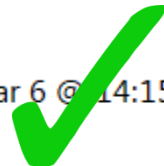
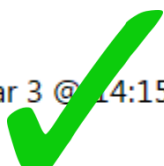
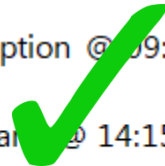
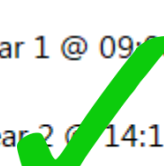

Thomas McMorris, Headteacher

Why come and see us?

- Ofsted rated us as a 'Good' school in November 2018 with an 'Outstanding' Early Years Provision. Ofsted said that our 'appreciation of the needs of children in this age group has enabled them to provide good quality resources, both indoors and in the well-equipped outdoor area.'
- Our highly skilled Reception team is committed to providing exciting learning experiences of the highest quality.
- We are incredibly well resourced. We have superb facilities for children to enjoy their learning.
- We have a high ratio of adults to children in Reception to enable children to have the best possible start to school.
- All children are invited to attend a free Breakfast Club from 8am every day.
- Our whole school assessment results have increased significantly in recent years. Ofsted noted 'Pupils who left Year 6 made better progress than others nationally'.
- Children benefit from high quality and comprehensive Speech & Language provision.
- We have high expectations for behaviour in Reception and the school. Our children look smart, are polite and behave well.



Parental Engagement Events and Consultations

Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
Year 5 @ 14:15 	Year 6 @ 14:15 	Year 3 @ 14:15 	Reception @ 09:00 Year 2 @ 14:15 	Year 1 @ 09:00 Year 2 @ 14:15 

We were pleased to recommence our Parent Engagement events this week. It was so lovely to see families back in classrooms. We had 166 families attend across the week! Amazing! We hope you enjoyed yourself if you were able to visit.

Thank you to all families who came to a consultation on Tuesday or Wednesday – it's so important that we communicate so that we can all support the children to make the greatest possible progress. The feedback you left us looks fantastic so I will pull this together and report back to school leaders, the Trust and to families so that we can be pleased with what's working well and identify 'next steps' where appropriate.

A Reminder: Year 6 Parents

Application deadline for starting secondary school in September 2022

The closing date for applications to transfer to secondary school in September 2022 is **31st October 2021**.

Guidance on the application process is available on the council website [School application guides](#)

Online applications are open on the council website. [Apply for a school place](#)

Email offers in response to online applications will be made after noon on 1st March 2022.

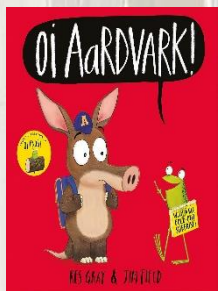
No decisions will be given by telephone.

Reading Raffle Results!

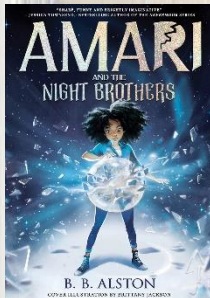
The first Reading Raffle has been drawn and we are so impressed with everyone's efforts! Over 488 tickets were entered into the raffle which equates to children having read over 2,440 at home this term!



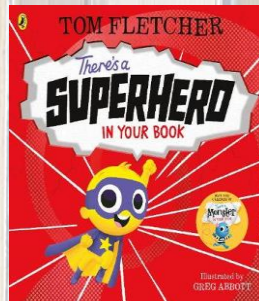
Most Voted For Books



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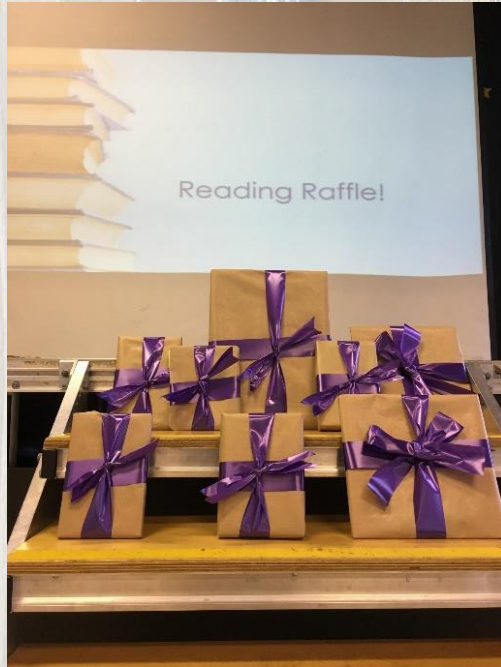


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Three highest ticket-earning classes were...

1. Herons – 96 tickets
2. Greenfinches – 47 tickets
3. Magpies – 45 tickets

Reading Raffle Results!



A huge congratulations to the 8 children who won one of our raffle prizes this half term. We hope you enjoy reading your new books and spending your book token!



New Reading Raffle!

We have now launched our new selection of books for this half term!

Please click here to read more about each book to help your child choose which text they are going to vote for with their first ticket!



Year 5/6 Boys Football League Victory!

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 boys football team who beat Rudyard Kipling on Friday 15th October. As a school we want many children to be given the opportunity to play for CAW, so we had six debutants from our after school football club playing in this game! The boys who had played before did a great job of showing the new players how to adapt to a competitive 7 aside football match. We won 4-1, with goals coming from Jimmy (x2), Marvin and Shay – who scored with a great lob over the Rudyard goalkeeper! All the players played well but the standout performance came from Albie in goal as he made many superb saves. Well done to all for a great team performance, and especially to Shay, Riley, Alfie, Yusupha, Daniel and Harry in their first ever match!



THE SHOCKADILE CROCODILE!

This is a poem to get your audience joining in and up on their feet.

Instructions to the audience:
When you hear a word that ends in an 'ock' sound
you say 'ODILE!'

I have a snappy best friend
she is a croc-ODILE.

When I call for her I have to
knock-ODILE.

She lives on the third floor
of a block-ODILE.

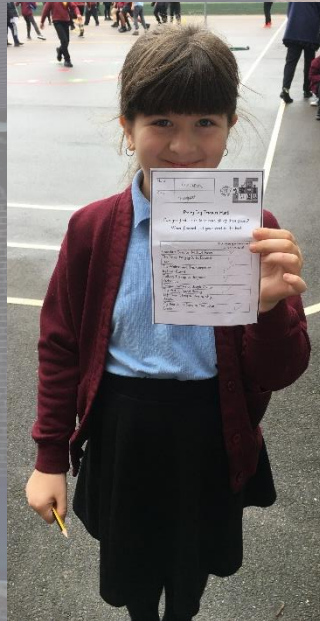
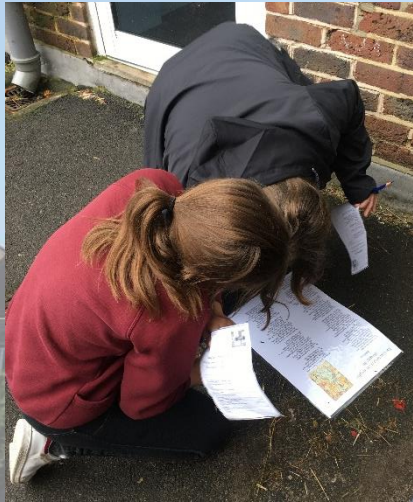
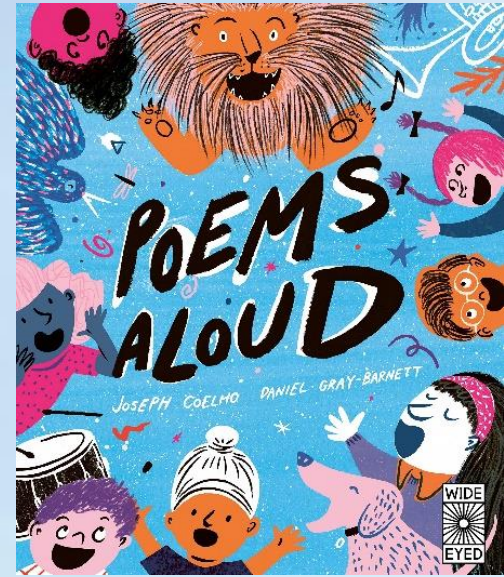
She loves loud music
she likes to rock-ODILE.

She's a great dancer
she can pop and lock-ODILE.

A super flashy dresser
like a peacock-ODILE.

Poetry Day!

We recently celebrated National Poetry and had a lot of fun! Children took part in a Poetry Treasure Hunt at lunch time and studied a poem from Joseph Coelho's book 'Poems Aloud'. Children also enjoyed playing poetry games with their class.



CAW Fluency Badge

Please can you join us in helping your children to learn their number bonds to ten (eg. $4 + 6 = 10$) and start to learn all single digit addition facts (eg. $5 + 7 = 12$). Knowing these facts helps children to be much more successful in all other areas of maths.

Children sit a national times tables assessment at the end of Year 4, by which time they should know all of their times tables facts. Please study these at home – we'll be teaching them at school too. I look forward to organising maths workshops for parents when restrictions are lifted. **Children in Key Stage 2 can be tested by Mr. McAdam to win their Fluency Badge!**



CAW Addition Facts

Our aim is for children to be able to recall all single digit addition facts as quickly as they can tell you their name.
They should also be able to recall their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

+	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

CAW Multiplication Facts

By the end of Year 4 your child is expected to know their times tables.
These multiplication facts should be hardwired just like the addition facts.

x	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Congratulations to all of the children who received 'Fluency Badges' this half term! Your hard work has been noticed and you have earned this badge by learning your maths facts. I look forward to adding many more to our team – so please keep working hard and develop your times table knowledge!



If you think you are ready to earn a 'Fluency Badge' talk to your teacher!

- Mr McAdam



2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

Our term dates for 21/22 are online: [click here to see them](#).

Friday 22nd October: End of Autumn Term 1

Monday 1st November: Start of Autumn Term 2

Friday 12th November: INSET Day

Week Beginning 13th December: Winter Performances TBC

Friday 17th December: Christmas Jumper Day and End of Autumn Term 2

Wednesday 5th January: Start of Spring 1

City Academy Whitehawk Week 1

Weekly menu



Monday

Chicken and Mixed Peppers in a Tomato Sauce served with Rice

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Pork Sausages with Creamy Mashed Potato

Vegetarian Sausages with Creamy Mashed Potato

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Syrup Sponge with Custard

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Gammon served with Fluffy Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetable Parcels served with Fluffy Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Strawberry Jelly

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday

Beef Pasta Bolognese served with a Herb Bread Wedge

Cheesy Tomato and Vegetable Pasta Bake

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Fruit Sponge

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday

Battered Fish and Chips

Quorn Nuggets and Chips

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Shortbread Fingers

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

City Academy Whitehawk Week 2

Weekly menu



Monday

Creamy Chicken Korma served on a bed of Rice

Tomato and Vegetable Penne Pasta in a Rich Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Strawberry Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Ham and Cheese Pasta Carbonara

Chinese Style Five Spice Vegetable Noodles

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Custard

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Chicken and Stuffing served with Fluffy Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Oatie Cookie

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday

Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread

Vegetarian Mince Wellington served with Potato Wedges

Jackets served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Flapjack

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday

Beef Burger in a Soft Bun and Chips

Cheese Pizza and Chips

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Jelly Pots

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

City Academy Whitehawk Week 3

Weekly menu



Monday

Sticky BBQ Chicken served with Rice and Peas

Vegetable Lasagne and Garlic Bread

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Vanilla Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Sausage Penne Arrabiata

Vegetarian Sausage Penne Arrabiata

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Sultana Sponge Cake and Custard

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Pork and Apple Sauce with Fluffy Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Quorn Roast with Fluffy Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Brownies

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday

Beef Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce served with Penne Pasta

Roasted Pepper Frittata served Herb Potato Wedges

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Maryland Cookie

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday

Battered Fish and Chips

Vegetarian Burger in a soft Bun with Chips

Jacket Potatoes served with a variety of fillings

Seasonal Vegetables

Chocolate Oatie Cookie

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

I'll next be writing to you with curriculum updates and Autumn 2 'good news' on November 5th. Until then, I hope this letter has provided you with information you need; please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#).

Have a great half term break and I look forward to seeing you all at 08:30 on Monday 1st November.

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

