

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk. The school is a large, multi-story brick building with a long, rectangular main section and a smaller, circular section in the foreground. The circular section has a red-tiled roof. The school is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses, many of which have solar panels on their roofs. The foreground is filled with dry, brown grass and some bare trees, suggesting a winter or late autumn setting. The sky is overcast.

Headteacher's Newsletter 11
2021-22



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3rd February 2022

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope this finds the children ready for a three day weekend. We're getting ready for our INSET day, during which school staff will be engaging in important training.

The children have had yet another successful fortnight with more pen licences, fluency badges and CAW Quality Certificates being awarded. We're really proud of the new displays going up in our corridors and I hope those of you that were able to come in to Carer Consultations this week were impressed with our beautiful learning environment!

As ever, please read every page of our newsletter to make sure you're up to speed with everything going on at school.

New Trim Trail



We really want the children to get the chance to have a go on the brand new Trim Trail, and so we are doing a Grand Opening next week! Next Friday 11th February all classes will have a time to go and do this- what a great end to the half term!!

As it is on the grass, if you would like your child to bring spare trousers and footwear into school next Friday please do. They can bring this in a PE bag to get changed into during the day. We hope the children enjoy the new equipment!



Change to Planned Dates

Our Parent Engagement events are scheduled for the Week Beginning 7th February – Mr. McAdam emailed you about this earlier this week.

You received an email from me this week postponing Class Photographs so as many children as possible can be in the pictures. This is now scheduled for April 6th. Thanks for your flexibility.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being celebrated this year therefore there is a National Bank Holiday that falls during the June half term break. We will celebrate this Bank Holiday on Friday 22nd July, making the last day of this school year Thursday 21st July.

Dear CAW Families,

Great News about February half term HAF events funded by the Household Support Fund. Learn more about HAF: [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf)

At City Academy Whitehawk we are delighted to **host** an offer in addition to the wide range of HAF activities shown further down this message.

Russell Martin Foundation (Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 February; 9am-2pm)

This is open to all CAW children in Years 4 - 6. 60 places are available via Parent Pay on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to sign your child/ren up, apply now!

In addition, the following activities during February half term only, are for families with children aged four (and in school) to 12 who are on benefits-related free school meals. Focus is on essential respite, childcare to attend or seek employment, or attend other essential appointments.

16 providers operating across 22 venues in the city, are offering just over 1,500 individual HAF session places during the week commencing Monday 14 February 2022.

Provision includes (View the February HAF events calendar at [February Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Calendar \(brighton-hove.gov.uk\)](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/haf))

- Brighton Table Tennis Club on Bedford Street, Brighton
- Elm Grove Out of School Club at Elm Grove Primary School in Brighton
- Energy Kidz at Peter Gladwin Primary School in Portslade
- Footsteps Day Nursery Holiday Camp – Hollingdean, Hove and Portslade
- Pioneer Childcare - Balfour Primary and Stanford Junior Schools
- PLAY at Carden, at Carden Primary School
- SportsCool Brighton at Longhill Sports Centre and Moulsecoomb Leisure Centre
- Starfish Holiday Playscheme at St Andrew's Church Hall, Hove
- Stay & Play at Aldrington CE Primary School in Hove
- Sussex Kids Hub at St Nicolas's Primary School in Portslade
- Tarner Community Project at Tarner Park in Brighton
- Trust for Developing Communities based between Hawks Café and Manor Gym

Parents and carers should contact the Family Information Service: FamilyInfo@brighton-hove.gov.uk if they have any questions.

Sally Singh

Welfare Manager/Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Staying Healthy

Nut Allergy

We have children in school with severe Nut Allergies, therefore, please can we remind you that **no** food containing nuts should be brought into school. This includes but is not limited to Nutella, Peanut Butter, Pesto, Bread or Cereal/Chocolate Bars. Please take care when sending your child into school with food by checking the ingredients.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, please do not send them to school until 48 hours after their last bout. This is crucial in supporting us in reducing the risk of spreading viruses and keeping the school community as healthy as possible.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your children bring a named water bottle to and from school each day. We must remind you, we struggle to provide children with cups as these cannot be shared and are ecologically and economically a worse option than each child having their own clean bottle. **Please help us to keep your children hydrated by sending them to school with a named bottle every day.**

RESILIENCE

AWARDED TO

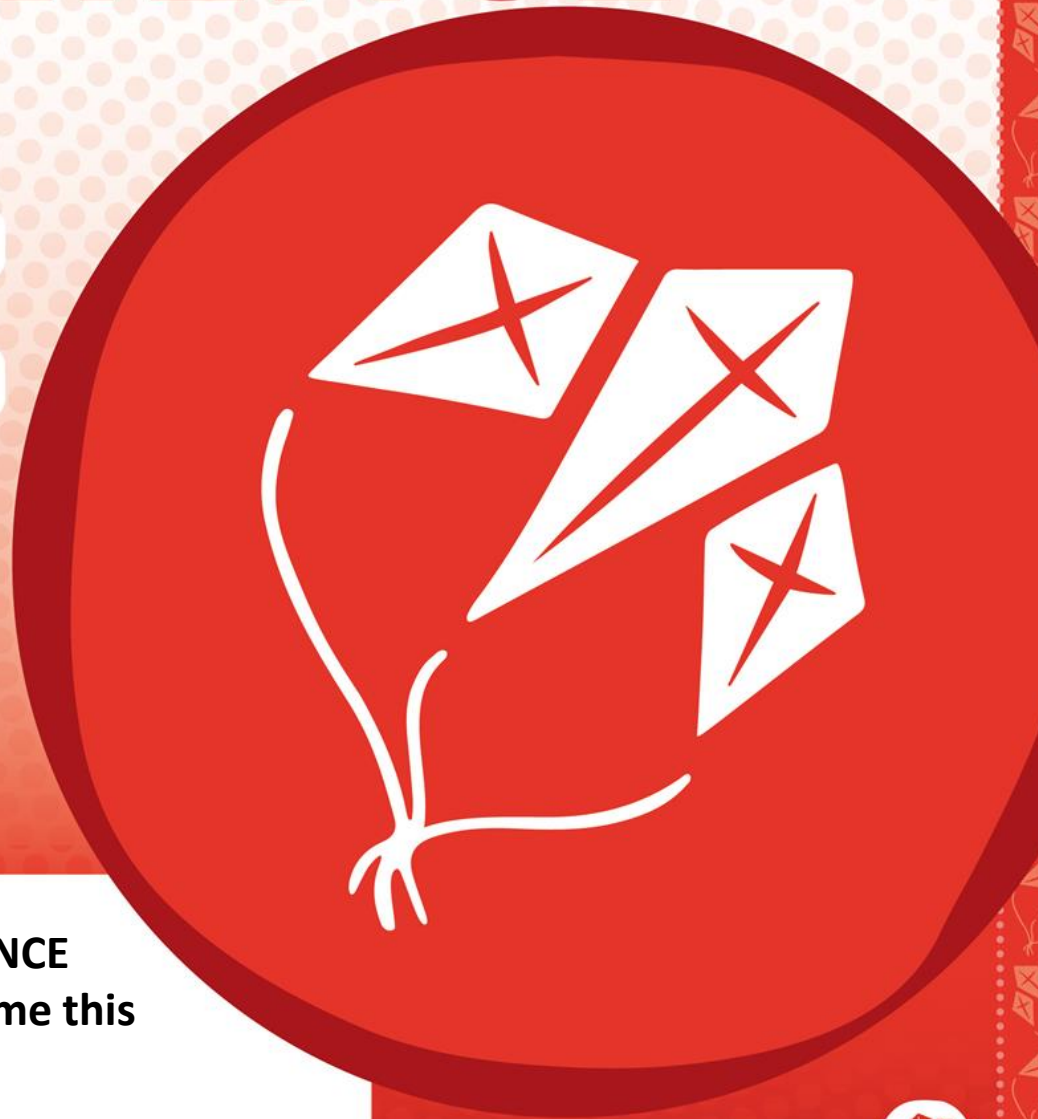
Name:

Class:

- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

Teacher's Comments

**Keep an eye out for some RESILIENCE
certificates that might have come home this
week!**





LATES...

have become a problem this term for some families.

**Please aim for children to be in school at 8.30am
and no later than 8.45am.**

It's very disruptive for teachers and other children when learning tasks are interrupted by children arriving late to class on a regular basis. Lateness puts your child at a disadvantage, starting their day behind their peers.

Thank you to the vast majority of families who are always at school on time.



City Academy
Whitehawk

As always, if you have any questions about attendance, lateness or absences please speak to Mrs Storey in the school office every morning until 11.00am.

Class Photos – 3rd February

Class photos will take place on
Thursday 3rd February.

If your child has PE on this day (Year
6 and Year 3), please wear full school
uniform to school and bring PE kit in
a bag.

February 3rd: Covid Update

As Covid remains a risk in school we will contact you as soon as possible if we suspect your child has come into contact with someone who has tested positive. You will receive a Warn and Inform letter with advice on what to do next. If your child has been identified as one of those who may have had contact, we would strongly recommended that you **use LFD tests for 7 days and if positive isolate.**

When to stop self-isolating

- People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with an LFD test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be **reported to NHS Test and Trace**
- If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

You can stop self-isolating after the 10 days if either:

- You do not have any symptoms
- You just have a cough or changes to your sense of smell or taste – these can last for weeks after the infection has gone

Ordering Lateral Flow Tests

Many of you have been contacted through one of our Warn and Inform letters, these encourage you to test daily for seven days. You can [order online](#) or pick up test kits from pharmacies, Jubilee Library, or Hove Town Hall.

Please click [here](#) for an update about what your children are up to this term!



Nursery
Hatchlings



Year Three
Kites
Kestrels



Reception
Robins



Year Four
Jackdaws
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Hérons



Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons

Thank you all so much for your enthusiasm about school clubs. The response has been superb. Clubs start next week. We are thrilled that they filled up so quickly but we're aware that this means some of you are understandably disappointed to be on a waiting list. We will contact you if a space becomes available. Please read every newsletter to stay on top of everything going on at school.

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| <div>B R E A K F A S T C L U B</div> <div>08.00 to 08.30am</div> <div>Every day In the School Canteen</div> <div>FREE</div> | MON | <div>CRICKET</div> <div>Years 3-6</div> <div>Sussex Cricket Club</div> <div>3.10 - 4.05pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Cricket games with a Sussex Cricket Club coach</div> <div></div> | <div></div> <div>GYMNASTICS</div> <div>Years 4-6</div> <div>STAR GYMNASTICS</div> <div>3.10 - 4.05pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Develop your gymnastics skills with professional gymnastics coaches</div> | <div>ART & CRAFT</div> <div>Year R-2</div> <div>Miss Varco</div> <div>3.05 – 4pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Have a go at a variety of art and craft activities!</div> |
| | TUES | <div>STREET DANCE</div> <div>Years 3-6</div> <div>JULES</div> <div>3.10 - 4.05pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Participate in street dance with a dance teacher</div> <div></div> | | |
| | WEDS | <div></div> <div>BASKETBALL</div> <div>Years 5 and 6</div> <div>Mr McAdam</div> <div>3.10 – 4.10pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Learn basketball skills and games</div> | <div></div> <div>FOOTBALL</div> <div>Years 1-4</div> <div>Russell Martin Foundation</div> <div>3.10 – 4.05pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Football training with football coaches</div> | <div></div> <div>MUSIC</div> <div>Years 3 - 6</div> <div>Mrs Elliott</div> <div>3.10 – 4.05pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Learn to make music in a variety of ways!</div> |
| | THURS | <div>SPORTS GAMES</div> <div>Year R</div> <div>Mr Chick</div> <div>3 – 4pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Learn lots of different sports games and activities!</div> <div></div> | <div>PERFORMING ARTS</div> <div>Years 1 - 4</div> <div>Miss Cuthill & Miss Delaney</div> <div>3.10 – 4.05pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Take part in drama and singing activities</div> <div></div> | <div>FRENCH</div> <div>Years 4-6</div> <div>Mrs Grandi & Mrs Luna</div> <div>3.10 – 4.05pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Come and learn more French with Mrs Grandi!</div> <div></div> |
| FRI | <div></div> <div>RUNNING CLUB</div> <div>Years 4-6</div> <div>Mr Chick</div> <div>8.00-8.30am</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Come along via Breakfast Club for a run and a healthy breakfast!</div> | <div></div> <div>SAMA KARATE</div> <div>All Years</div> <div>3.10-4.10pm</div> <div>Sama Karate are an independent organisation Membership forms are available from the school office</div> <div></div> <div>£5 per week paid directly to the coach</div> | <div>ART CLUB</div> <div>Years 3-6</div> <div>Mrs Woodward</div> <div>3.10 – 4.05pm</div> <div>FREE</div> <div>Have a go at a variety of art activities!</div> | |

World Book Day 2022

Although World Book Day isn't until 3rd March, we're really excited that the book line-up has been released! There are some familiar authors and some excellent stories coming up. Watch this space for more information about our World Book Day Plans later in the term!

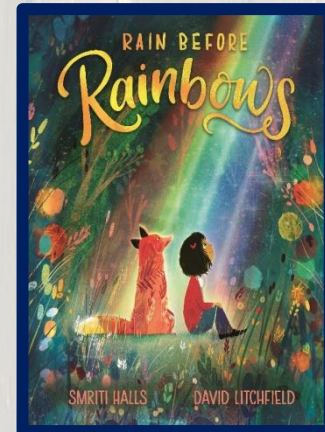
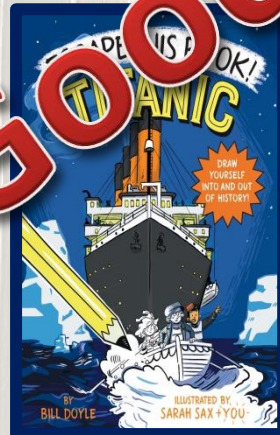
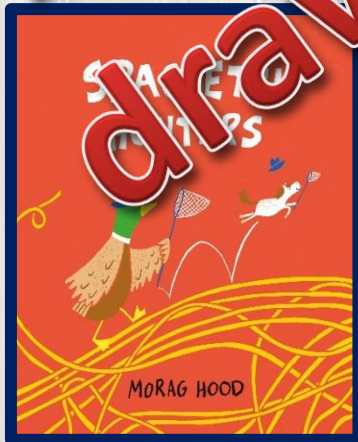
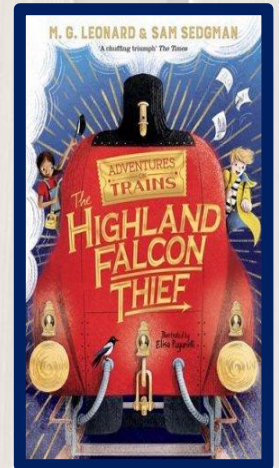
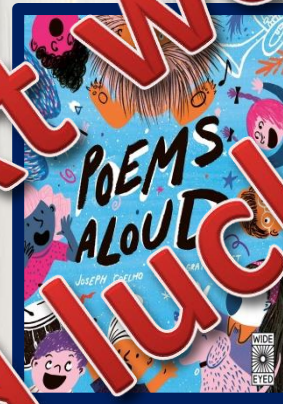
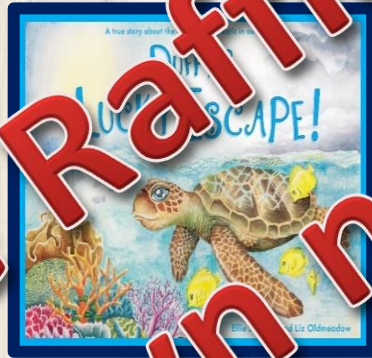
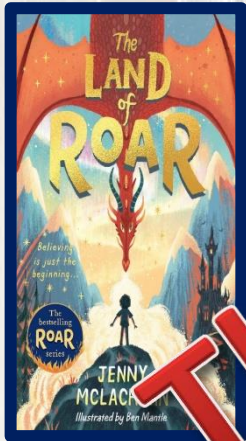
Our 2022 £1 books line-up



Reading Raffle 3

Remember, for every five signed home-reads, you can earn a raffle ticket and you can choose any book to vote for: if you want something harder than you can read by yourself, fine! If you usually read longer chapter books but really like the look of a picture book — fine! This is all about your choice and rewarding those of you who work so hard on your reading. I wonder which of these wonderful books you'll choose!

Good luck!



Looking for book recommendations?

This page of the World Book Day website has all sorts of different reading lists based on areas of interest, which are then split up into 4 age ranges so it's easy to pick an appropriate book with or for your child!

The screenshot shows the World Book Day website interface. At the top, there's a blue header with social media icons, a search bar, and a 'Donate' button. Below the header, the 'WORLD BOOK DAY' logo is prominently displayed, along with the tagline 'Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.' and a '25 YEARS' anniversary badge. A navigation bar lists categories: BOOKS, FAMILIES, SCHOOLS AND NURSERIES, SECONDARY, and FUNDRAISING. A large blue banner on the left asks 'What shall I read?' with the subtext 'Our reading recommendations' and 'For all ages!'. The main content area is titled 'EXPLORE OUR READING LISTS' and features a grid of 16 book categories, each with a representative image: All Around the World, Amazing Animals, Awesome Adventures, Back in Time, Cool Beasts, Cracking Comedy, Early Years, Fantastic Facts, Friends and Family, Fantastic Fiction, Gender Politics, and Girl Power. To the right, two specific reading lists are highlighted. The 'EARLY READER' list includes books like 'Jeremy James', 'To Wee or Not To Wee!', 'Knighted', 'The Grumpy Book', and 'King of the Castle'. The 'FLUENT READER' list includes 'The Bolds', 'Cosmic', 'Jeremy Strong', 'My Brother is a Superhero', and 'Dog Man'.

WORLD BOOK DAY
25 YEARS
Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

EXPLORE OUR READING LISTS

BOOKS FAMILIES SCHOOLS AND NURSERIES SECONDARY FUNDRAISING

What shall I read?
Our reading recommendations
For all ages!

EARLY READER

FLUENT READER



We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day over the week beginning 7th February so now is a great time to remind your children about safe online behaviors.

Children will soon be hearing about a respectful rabbit challenge that Miss Delaney, our Computing leader, is setting up!

The childnet website is a great source of information for parents and carers.

<https://www.childnet.com/>



EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- Keep reviewing your work
- Identify your best bits
- Improve one thing at a time
- Listen to feedback
- Take small steps
- Be proud of your achievements

Teacher's Comments

Keep an eye out for some EXCELLENCE certificates coming home on Monday! Children are always encouraged to produce their very best work and love rising to the challenge!



PE Kits

We have decided to continue asking children to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days during the Spring term.

Please ensure your child is wearing suitable PE kit, especially footwear, on their PE days below. As ever, it is fine for them to wear trackies and school jumpers during the colder weather. PE days have changed for many children so please see below:

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

| YG | <u>Reception</u> | <u>Year 1</u> | <u>Year 2</u> | <u>Year 3</u> | <u>Year 4</u> | <u>Year 5</u> | <u>Year 6</u> |
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| Day | Mondays | Tuesdays | Tuesdays | Thursdays | Wednesdays | Wednesdays | Mondays |
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Online Reading Update from Mr. Faers

Dear Parent/Carer,

In addition to the reading books your child brings home, you now have access to the Read Write Inc. eBook library. This includes eBook versions of the book your child is reading at school and allows your child to take a quiz to assess their understanding of the story. In line with the home reading calendar, your child's reading teacher will assign an eBook version alongside the book your child brings home.

You will find these eBooks on www.oxfordowl.co.uk. We'll staple your child's eBook log in card in to their reading record over the next few days.

If you are having trouble accessing these books or are feeling unsure, please email cawadmin@auroraacademies.org with 'Reading Question' as the subject.

Many thanks,

Ryan Faers
Read Write Inc. Leader

Number Day 2022



Happy Number Day everyone! We celebrated in a variety of ways around school and there was a huge buzz about maths...

In the afternoon as school we went outside and the Year 6s led 'Mathletics' merging PE and healthy living with maths.

In the morning our older children planned maths games for younger year groups!

Ambassadors with Reception



Year 4 with Year 2



Year 5 with Year 1 Year 6 with Year 3



A 2020-2021 school year planner calendar is visible in the background. It shows months from August to July. Various dates are highlighted with colored markers and arrows, indicating specific school events. The title '2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR PLANNER' is at the top. The calendar grid shows days of the week (SUN to MON) and dates (1 to 31).Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 4th February: Inset Day

Wb. 7th February: YR-Y6 Parent Engagement (see emails)

Friday 11th February: End of Spring 1

Monday 21st February: Start of Spring 2

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

Friday 18th March: Red Nose Day

Wednesday 6th April: Rescheduled Class Photographs

Thursday 21st July: Last day of school

Friday 22nd July: Nominated Jubilee Bank Holiday

An aerial photograph of a school complex. In the foreground, a large, long, red-brick building with many windows is visible. In front of it is a smaller, circular building with a red-tiled roof. The school is surrounded by a residential area with many houses, some of which have solar panels on their roofs. The background shows a hazy landscape with more houses and trees. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

After a fantastic Number Day and ahead of our INSET Day tomorrow, I trust that this letter has provided you with information you need to be ready for school next Monday. Please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#) if you have any queries.

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher