

# City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk, a large brick school building with a prominent red-tiled circular section in the foreground. The school is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses, some featuring 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.

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Happy New Year!

The children have started the term incredibly well and superb learning is already underway. In our assemblies on Wednesday we spoke about New Year Resolutions, setting targets and being Aspirational. I look forward to awarding Aspiration certificates on Monday morning!

We have some important changes to school organisation next week so please make sure you have read every page of this letter before coming on to site on Monday morning.

# Changes To School Entrances

Mrs. Dolan, Mr. Hill and I are excited to announce that **next week** our Trim Trail play equipment is being removed and replaced with brand new play apparatus. This means the Hatchlings will have a new Trim Trail and our upper playground Trim Trail will be replaced for all other year groups to use in the drier months. We can't wait!

We will have a construction team on site for the week so please note:

- There will be no access to the office through the Paddock gate or North entrance.
- Hatchlings will be dropped off and collected through the Orchard gate (see below) and via the Reception veranda.
- Years 1-6 can still be dropped off and collected using the canteen gate but please keep your children safe around the vehicles and skips that will be parked in the canteen car park.
- All members of staff have received a Risk Assessment that will be in effect for the duration of the works.
- Every member of the construction team has a DBS and is working safely inside Covid regulations.

These works are only scheduled to last a week and we plan to return to normal access and egress arrangements from January 17<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to sending you photos in my next letter!



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





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.

<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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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>£5 per week paid directly to the coach</div> <div></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>	



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# Attendance at City Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! It was amazing to give out so many Excellent Attendance certificates before Christmas. The next "Hot Chocolate winners" will be announced on Monday - the classes with the best attendance for the last half term can enjoy a celebration hot chocolate party in the hall... watch this space!

This term we will be focussing on punctuality – **please remember that all children in Reception to Year 6 can arrive at school at 8.30am, and any children arriving after 8.45am will be marked as late.**

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.



# Reading Raffle 2 Statistics!

Miss Scozzafava let you know about our Reading Raffle 2 in the [last newsletter of term](#). We're focusing on the CAW Quality of Aspiration this week, so we will set ourselves some targets with these Autumn 2 statistics:

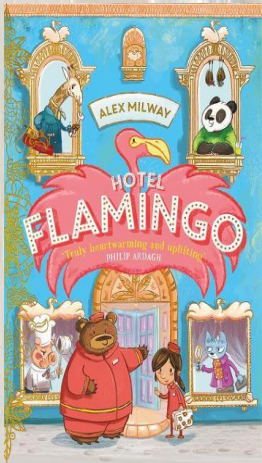
674 tickets were entered into last term's raffle!

That's 3,370 reads at home!

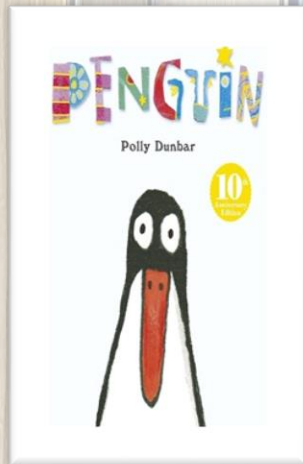
This is a 930 read increase on Reading Raffle 1!

The top ticket earning classes were: Barn Owls (114), Herons (77) and Magpies (67)

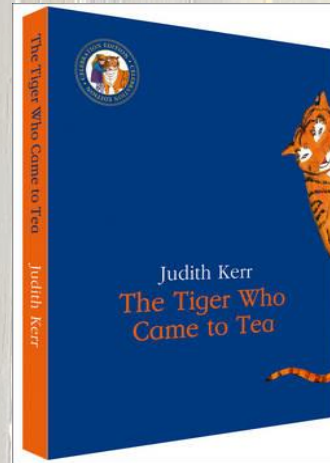
The top 4 ticket earning books were:



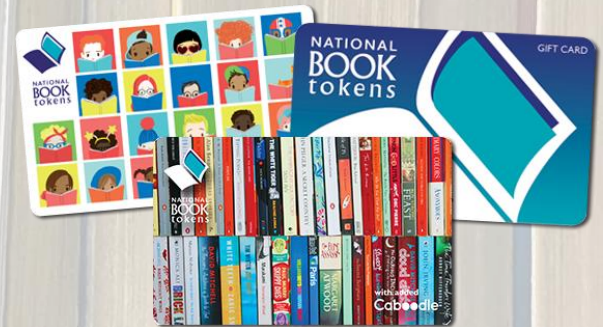
145 tickets



105 tickets



84 tickets



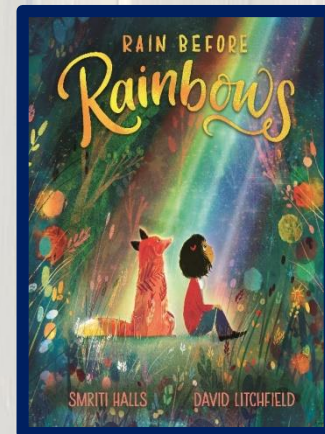
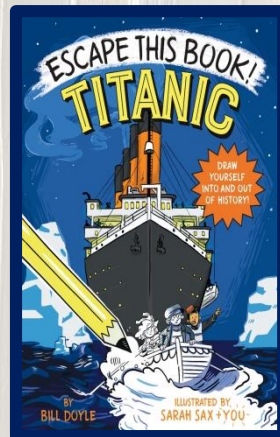
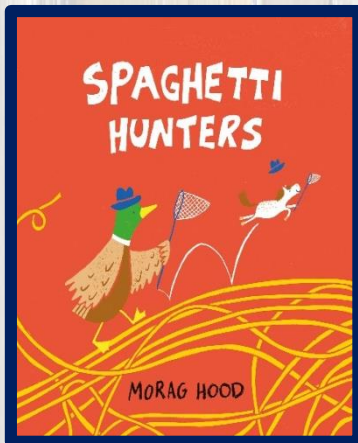
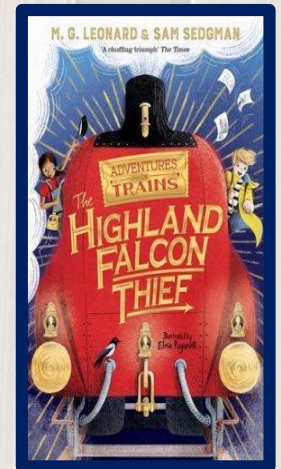
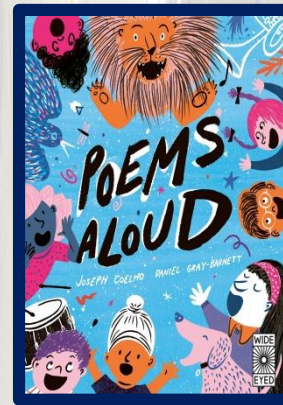
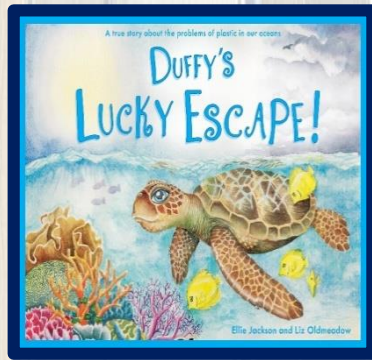
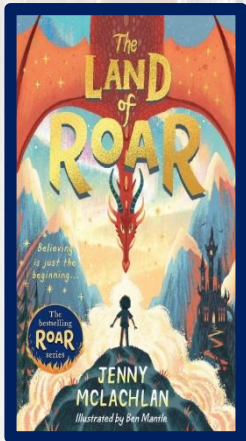
137 tickets

**The new Reading Raffle Prizes have been announced in class this week and the tickets are already mounting up nicely!**



# Reading Raffle 3

Remember, for every five signed home-reads, you can earn a raffle ticket! 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.





# World Book Day 2022

Although World Book Day isn't until 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



Is your child unsure what to read next? If so, check out the 'book finder' tool on The Book Trust website!

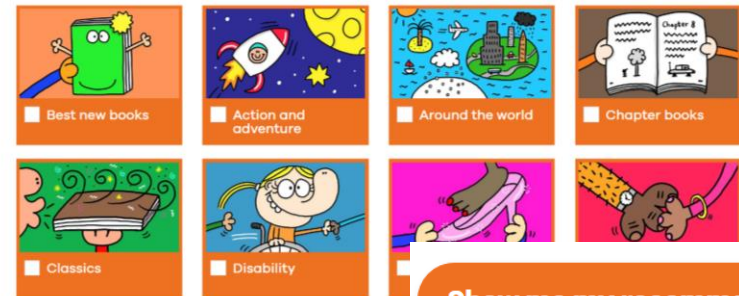


Next, talk to your child about what type of book they want to read next, choose a category and press 'show me my recommendations'.

First, choose the age range best suited to your child



Step 2: Choose a type of book



Show me my recommendations

Last, browse the selection and make your pick! Many are available in Brighton and Hove Libraries and we may even have them in school – ask your teacher!

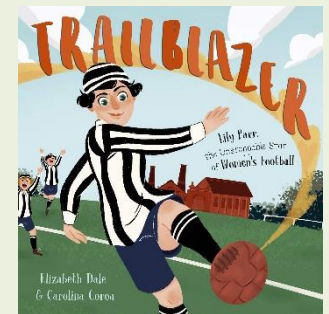


<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>



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Miss Scozzafava borrowed some of these over the Christmas holidays and would really recommend:



# ASPIRATION

## AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- Aim for the top
- Achieve your best
- Be proud of yourself
- Apply your learning
- Learn from your mistakes
- Know that you will do it!

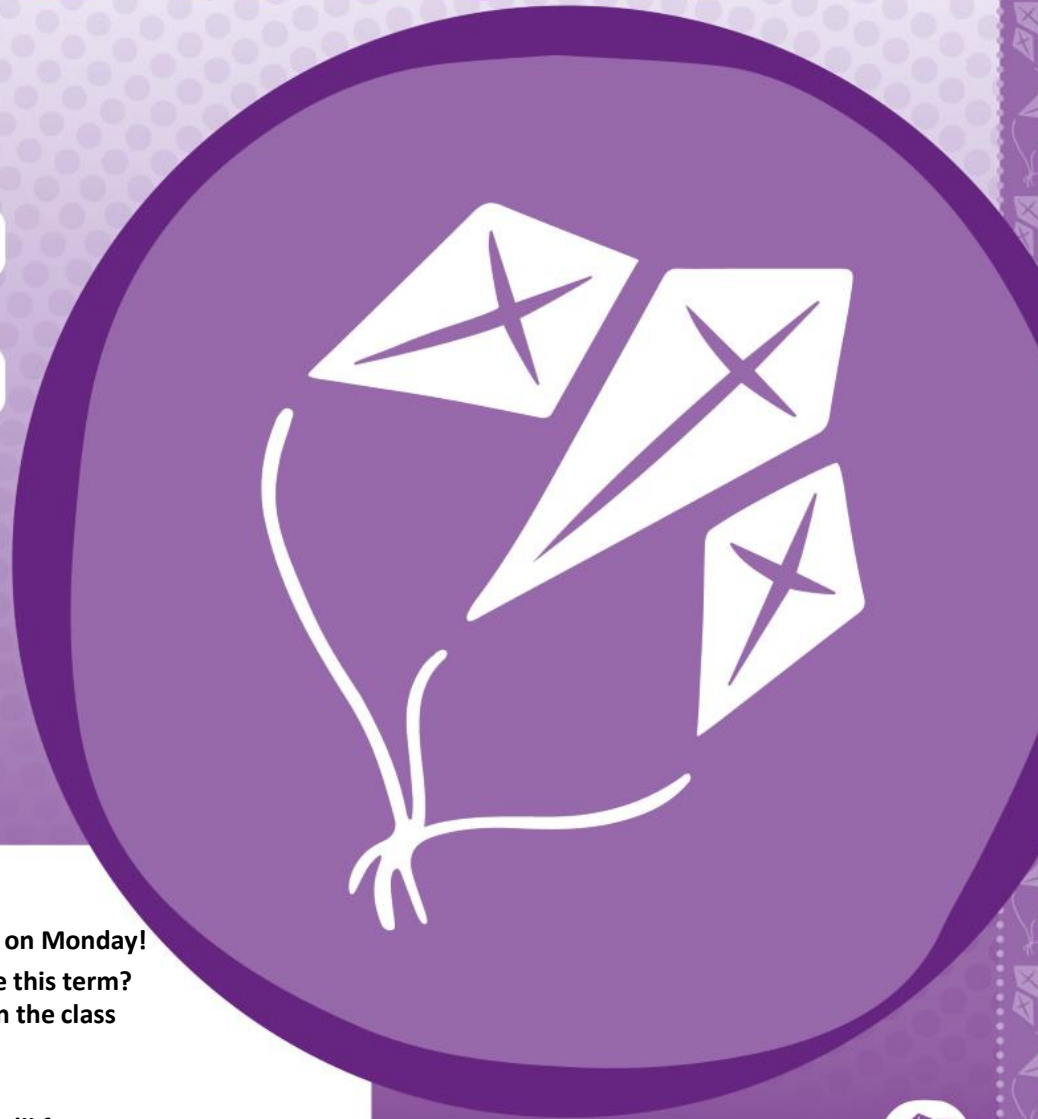
### Teacher's Comments

Keep an eye out for some ASPIRATION certificates coming home on Monday!

Please could you ask your child what they are aiming to achieve this term?

Have they earned a fluency badge? Earned a pen licence? Won the class celebration? Met their Accelerated Reader target?

We'll be focussing on the CAW Quality of Respect next week. We'll focus on acting with empathy and meeting expectations.





# 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>
Day	Mondays	Tuesdays	Tuesdays	Thursdays	Wednesdays	Wednesdays	Mondays
		Wednesdays	Fridays	Fridays	Thursdays	Fridays	Thursdays

# CAW Fluency Badge

Mr. McAdam has a rapidly growing number of children earning their number fact FLUENCY BADGE. Well done, guys.

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



# Change to Planned Dates

We hope that guidance and risk-level will enable us to invite you back in to school in the Spring Term for our Parent consultations and Parent Engagement Events. If not, we will organise to do these remotely.

Parent Consultations will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. You'll receive a sign up letter nearer the time.

Our Parent Engagement events are still scheduled for the Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> February – we'll have updates about this for you in the new year.

# 2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Start of Spring 1

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** Parent/Carer Consultation

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** Parent/Carer Consultation

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** NSPCC Maths Day

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Inset Day

**Wb. 7<sup>th</sup> February TBC:** Parent Engagement Events (Covid19 guidance permitting)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February:** End of Spring 1

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February:** Start of Spring 2

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Red Nose Day





I hope you enjoyed a wonderful fortnight at home over the break. We're really pleased to be back at school.

I trust that this letter has provided you with information you need; please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#).

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher