

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph showing the City Academy Whitehawk building, a large brick structure with a red roof and a central tower, situated in a residential area. The school is surrounded by greenery and a parking lot. In the background, a dense residential neighborhood with many houses is visible, and further back, a green hill under a blue sky.

Headteacher's Newsletter 18
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Friday 20th May 2022

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

We've shone a bright light on Resilience and Effort over the last two weeks. Children from every single year group have demonstrated bags and bags of hard work so I'm really looking forward to Monday morning's assemblies to award certificates for these CAW qualities.

Special mention must go to Year 2 and Year 6 who have impressed us all with their positivity and perseverance during their SATs weeks – I could not be more proud. It is a team effort; I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the staff team here at Whitehawk who enable our children to perform at their best day in day out - they do such an important job and do it exceptionally well. As I wrote last time, we're frequently visited by people who have heard about our [success as a school](#) and every child and adult who walks through the gates in the is so deeply valued. Thank you.

And on to the news... please read each page of the following letter to find out what makes us special and what's going on over the next little while, including a Jubilee non-uniform day!

The DfE Visits Whitehawk

Mental health and wellbeing support that prepares students for classroom learning

Thomas McMorrin and Sally Singh, 11 May 2022 - [Pupil wellbeing and behaviour](#)



Thomas McMorrin, headteacher, and Sally Singh, welfare manager of City Academy Whitehawk in East Brighton, share how they have developed a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing.

About the teaching blog

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In April 2022, we welcomed Brighton and Hove Schools Wellbeing Service and the Department for Education for a tour of City Academy Whitehawk.

During this tour we were proud to showcase our Inclusion Suite, Nurture Classroom, Play Therapy Room and introduce our visitors to some of our amazing Welfare Team.

Mrs. Singh, who leads our amazing Welfare team, and I were then thrilled to be asked to write a blog on our approach to supporting all children to be successful. Please click [here](#) to have a read of our blog on the DfE's website!

RESILIENCE

AWARDED TO

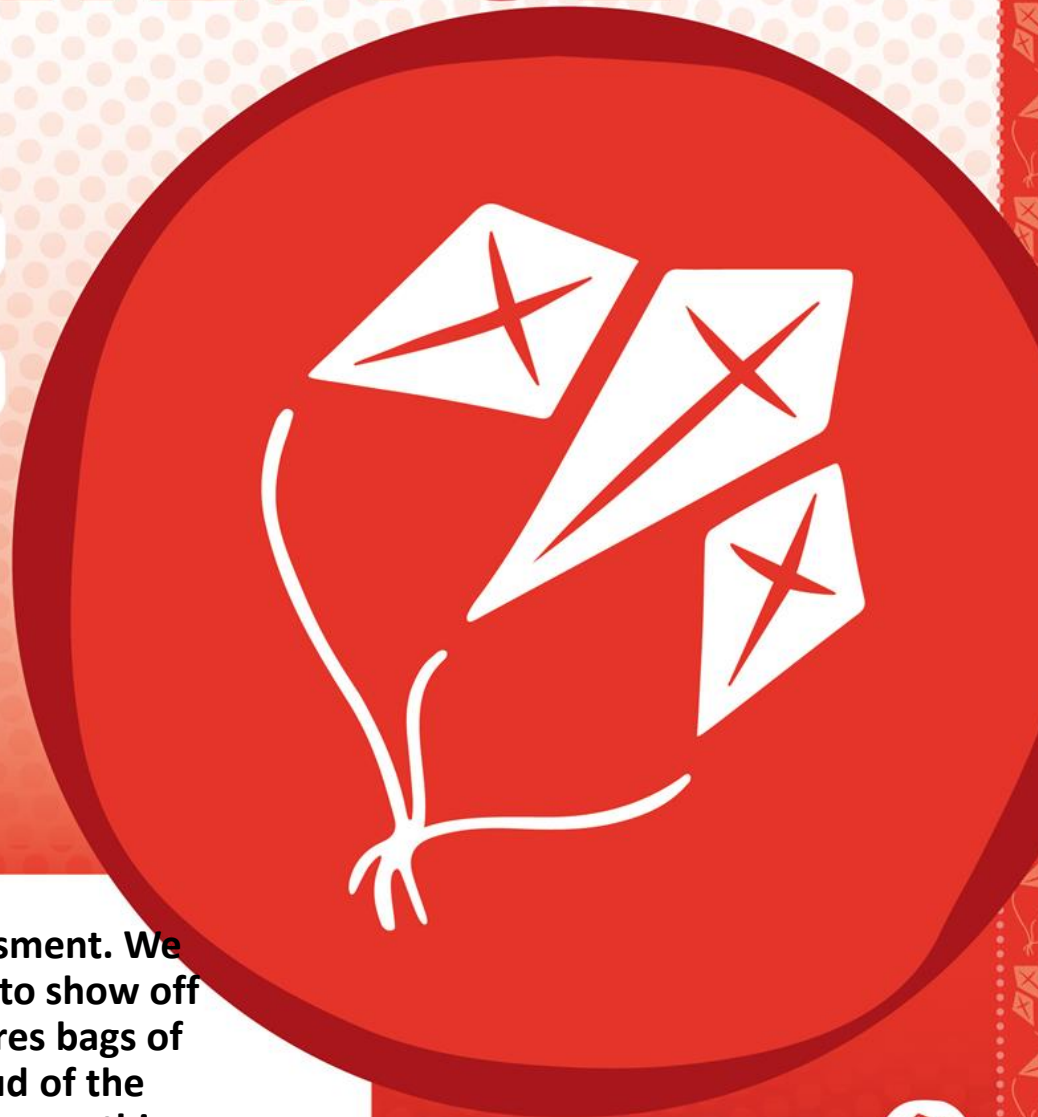
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Class:

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

Teacher's Comments

Summer 1 is always a busy term for assessment. We say that an assessment is just your chance to show off what you know so far... but this still requires bags of RESILIENCE! We could not be more proud of the RESILIENCE that Year 2 and Year 6 have shown this month. Superstars, every last one of them!



EFFORT

AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- Jump in!
- Try hard
- Grow your brain
- Be brave
- Learn from mistakes
- Be excited to try new things

Teacher's Comments

I'm looking forward to issuing EFFORT certificates on Monday for the children in each class who have gone above and beyond to demonstrate super hard work this week. We spoke about what hard work looks like and how to show our teachers we're grafting!



Children's Parade 2022



BRIGHTON
PALACE PZ

Children's Parade 2022

I am thrilled to announce that the Children's Parade 2022 was a resounding success!

Athena the Lobster was carried aloft by a proud team of parents and staff, starting off the Brighton Festival with a BANG!

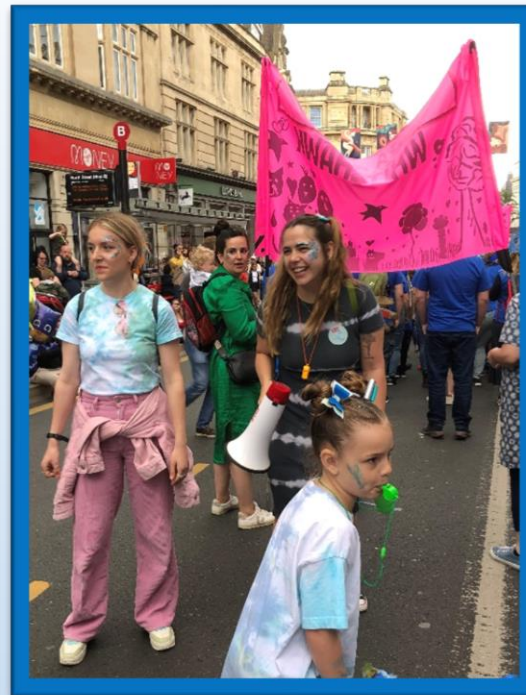


Athena the Lobster was named by the winner of our school naming competition, Archie in Year 1! When asked how he chose the name, Archie replied, "It's my sister's name!"

Athena the Lobster



Finally, a big shout out to thank everyone who took part! Particularly, Danni Smith and her team of super-talented parent helpers, Miss Rackham for her remarkable trumpeting, Miss Cuthill for keeping us all in tune on her mega-phone and of course Miss Jones for single-handedly keeping Athena aloft (see photo below)



Thank you, Team Lobster!



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.

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

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



YEAR

2 0 2 2 L E A V E R S

SIX

We are so excited to celebrate how amazing our Year children are! This term, we have an array of experiences that we are thrilled to offer...

All of this will be in addition all the transition work we will be doing to prepare for secondary school, needless to say its going to a fun, busy and memorable way to send off this amazing cohort!

Mrs Luna and Mr McAdam

Upcoming Trips



Taster Day June 23rd

Leavers Trip – July!

YEAR

2022 LEAVERS

SIX



**Year Group
Football Match at the
Manor Gym (July)**

Leavers Assembly – July 21st @ 9:30

Leavers BBQ – July 20st @ 3:15-4:15

June 27th and 29th



June 28th

May 25th



**Residential
July 4th – 7th**

Year 6 Parents Residential Meeting

Where: Eagles Class (Y6)

When: Thursday 26th May @ 3:15

If you are curious about the Y6 residential at Worth, this meeting is for you. It will be an opportunity to ask questions and be informed of what we are planning for the week!

Please can parents make payment in full by June 10th on ParentPay.

Mr McAdam and Mrs Luna



National Smile Month



**Oral Health
Foundation**

This week marks the beginning of National Smile Month, and our wonderful team at CAW Nursery are taking the opportunity to introduce daily tooth brushing at school for all our little Hatchlings!

On Wednesday, our Hatchlings will welcome an NHS dental nurse who will teach them how to brush their teeth and send them home with a special Smile goodie bag.

Here's to beaming smiles full of healthy pearly whites!



City Academy
Whitehawk



Attendance at City Academy

As you might be aware, there is currently a real “push” on promoting excellent attendance for all pupils, from all schools and at local and national government level. As children have missed so much school over the last two years it is going to be so important that everyone is at school, every day – unless the absence is absolutely unavoidable.

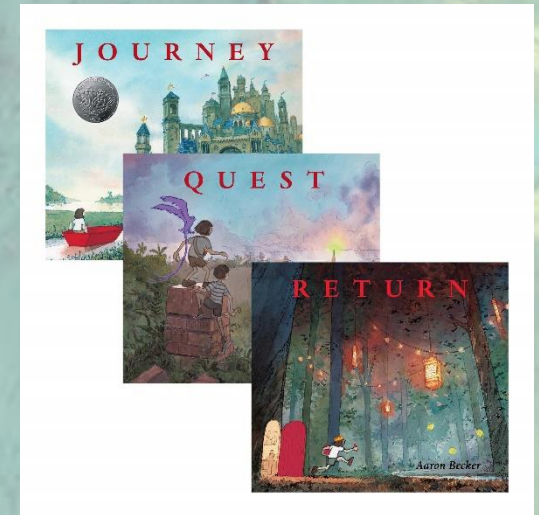
We have seen an increase in requests for absence due to term time holidays recently, and in line with Brighton & Hove City Council’s Code of Conduct these are recorded as unauthorised. Please do not book any trips or holidays during term time as these will not be authorised. Any parent/carer of a child who is absent for a holiday during term time should expect to receive Fixed Penalty Notice fines from the Local Authority.

Please, please, please use the wonderful 175 NON-school days each year for holidays, trips and family time 😊

Journey by Aaron Becker

As Told By CAW Children

As part of our World Book Day celebrations last term, each class looked at the book Journey – a wordless picture book – and came up with their own version of the text. Click each link to read their words alongside the original illustrations.



If your child enjoyed Journey, there are two more books in the trilogy, Quest and Return, which continue the adventures of the two children!

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

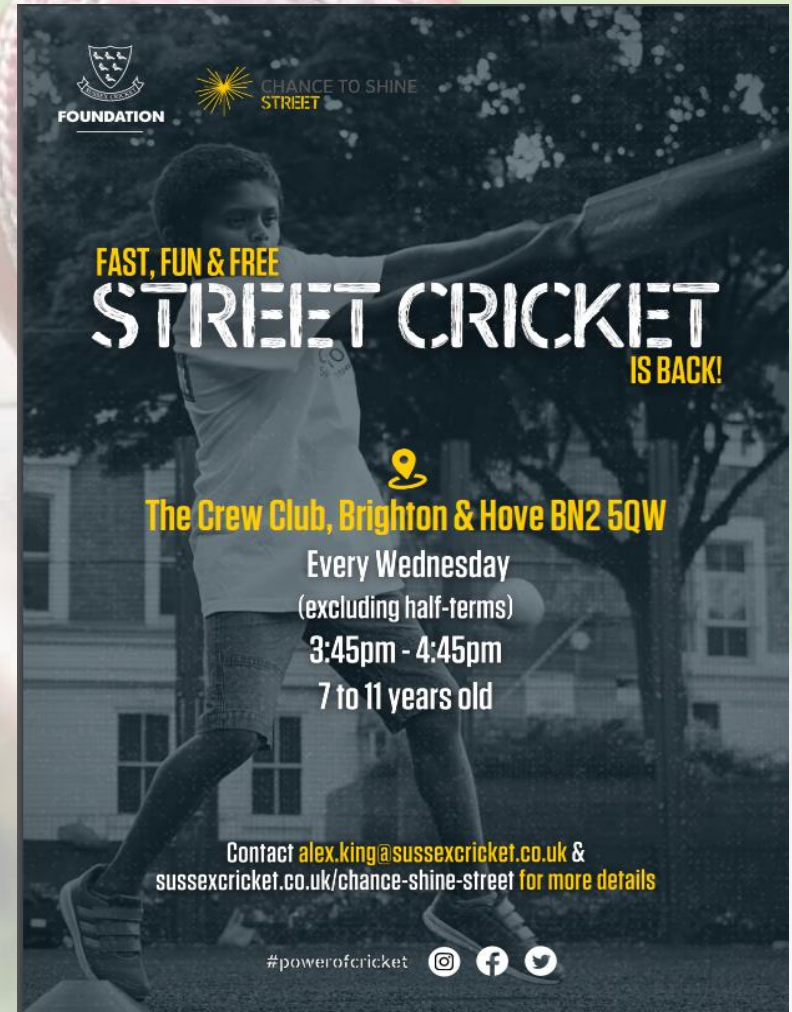
[Year 6](#)

Sporting Opportunities at the Crew Club

Would your child like to learn to play cricket? We run free sessions every Wednesday at the Crew Club between 3.45-4.45 pm. Sessions are coached by Sussex Cricket.

Would your child like to learn to play tennis? We run free coached sessions at the Crew Club every Wednesday between 4.45 and 5.45pm.

Drop in and give it a try! The Crew Club, 26 Coolham Drive, Whitehawk, BN2 5QW



  CHANCE TO SHINE
STREET

FAST, FUN & FREE
STREET CRICKET
IS BACK!


The Crew Club, Brighton & Hove BN2 5QW

Every Wednesday
(excluding half-terms)
3:45pm - 4:45pm
7 to 11 years old

Contact alex.king@sussexcricket.co.uk &
sussexcricket.co.uk/chance-shine-street for more details

#powerofcricket   

PE Kits

We have decided to continue asking children to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days during the Summer 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	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
		Friday	Friday	Thursday	Thursday	Friday	Thursday

Thank you all so much for your enthusiasm about school clubs. You received an email about these earlier today.

City Academy Whitehawk - After School Clubs Summer Term 2022

w/c Mon 2nd May to Fri 27th May (4 wks) then w/c Mon 6th June to Fri 15th July (6 wks)

*** PLEASE NOTE ALL CLUBS (other than Running Club) NEED TO BE BOOKED USING PARENTPAY ***

B R E A K F A S T C L U B 08.00 to 08.30am Every day In the School Canteen FREE	MON	 ROUNDERS Years 2-6 MISS SCOTT 3.10 - 4.05pm FREE <i>Rounders games and activities in the sunshine!</i>	 GYMNASTICS Years R-2 STAR GYMNASTICS 3.10 - 4.05pm FREE <i>Develop your gymnastics skills with professional gymnastics coaches</i>		 ART & CRAFT Year R-2 Miss Varco 3.05 – 4pm FREE <i>Have a go at a variety of art and craft activities!</i>
	TUES	 STREET DANCE Years 3-6 JULES 3.10 - 4.05pm FREE <i>Participate in street dance with a dance teacher</i>			
	WEDS	 RACKET SPORTS Years 5 and 6 Mr Chick 3.10 – 4.10pm FREE <i>Badminton, tennis and table tennis club!</i>	 FOOTBALL Years 1-4 Russell Martin Foundation 3.10 – 4.05pm FREE <i>Football training with football coaches</i>	 ROCK MUSIC Years 3 - 6 Mrs Elliott 3.10 – 4.05pm FREE <i>Learn to make music in a variety of ways!</i>	 COOKING Years 1 and 2 Miss Rackham, Miss Jones and Mr Newbatt 3.10 - 4.10pm FREE <i>Cooking a variety of foods!</i>
	THURS	 MOVEMENT AND YOGA Years R - 3 Miss Cuthill 3.10-4.05pm FREE <i>Yoga and movement games and activities</i>		 FENCING AND ARCHERY Years 4-6 STEVE from SportsCool 3.10-4.10pm FREE <i>Archery and fencing games and activities</i>	
	FRI	 RUNNING CLUB Years 4-6 Mr Chick 8.00-8.30am FREE <i>Come along via Breakfast Club for a run and a healthy breakfast!</i>	 SAMA KARATE All Years 3.10-4.10pm <i>Sama Karate are an independent organisation Membership forms are available from the school office £5 per week paid directly to the coach</i>		 NETBALL CLUB Years 3-6 Miss Briggs, Mrs Grandi & Mr Isaacs 3.10 – 4.05pm FREE <i>Have a go at playing netball!</i> 

Whitehawk Library



Children will be visiting Whitehawk library again early this term to browse the selection and get some new books to have in their classrooms. Each class has a lovely new box to keep them safe!

If you haven't signed up for the Brighton Library Service, you can do by clicking this link: <https://brighton-hove.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/JOIN>

Did you know?

- ▶ There are 14 Brighton & Hove Libraries you can use with a library card
- ▶ Children can borrow up to 40 books at a time!
- ▶ Children can borrow books for 3 weeks at a time
- ▶ Children's accounts do have overdue fines so please make sure you return or renew your books on time
- ▶ You can also use the 'digital services' which includes e-books, e-magazines and audio books!
- ▶ There is a Toy Library at the Whitehawk Library where you can borrow toys!
- ▶ If another library has a book you want, they can order it to your closest library for free!
- ▶ You can reserve and renew books online

...to join the library today

First Name		Date of birth	
Family Name			
Address			
Postcode		Phone/Mobile	
Email Address			

Signature Parent/Carer - please sign below and give your full name for under 13s

To receive library news and what's on information via email please tick here: ☐

For more information about Brighton & Hove Libraries:
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libraries@brighton-hove.gov.uk
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...to join your Library

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**We will be
celebrating Friday
27th May, with a
Red, White and Blue
non-uniform day!**

**There will also be a
special lunch menu,
details to follow.**

Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Meatballs in a BBQ Sauce with Penne Pasta

Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potato

Roast Gammon served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Beef Pasta Bolognese served with a Herb Bread Wedge

Battered Fish and Chips

Macaroni Cheese

Vegetarian Sausages served with Mashed Potato

Vegetable Parcels served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetarian Mince and Vegetable Fajita

Quorn Nuggets and Chips

Jacket Potatoes served with a Variety of Fillings

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Fresh Vegetables

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Chocolate Ice Cream

Syrup Sponge with Custard

Strawberry Jelly

Freshly made Cookies

Shortbread Fingers

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Available daily

Freshly Baked Bread

Freshly Prepared Salad



Weekly menu

Monday

Margarita Pizza served with Potato Wedges

Tomato and Vegetable Penne Pasta in a Rich Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potatoes served with a Variety of Fillings

Fresh Vegetables

Strawberry Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Tuesday

Ham and Cheese Pasta Carbonara

Mild Vegetable Biryani

Jacket Potatoes served with a Variety of Fillings

Fresh Vegetables

Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Custard

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Wednesday

Roast Chicken and Stuffing served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake

Jacket Potatoes served with a Variety of Fillings

Fresh Vegetables

Cherry Shortbread Finger

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Thursday

Chicken Fajita served with Potato Wedges

Vegetarian Mince Wellington served with Potato Wedges

Jacket Potatoes served with a Variety of Fillings

Fresh Vegetables

Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Friday

Beef Burger in a Soft Bun and Chips

Vegetarian Burger in a Soft Bun and Chips

Jacket Potatoes served with a Variety of Fillings

Fresh Vegetables

Jelly Pots

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Available daily

Freshly Baked Bread

Freshly Prepared Salad

Weekly menu



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Sticky BBQ Chicken served with Rice and Peas

Sausage Penne Arrabiata

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Creamy Chicken Korma served with Rice

Pork Sausage and Chips

Vegetable Lasagne and Garlic Bread

Vegetarian Sausage Penne Arrabiata

Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Cheesy Pasta Bake

Breaded Fish and Chips

Jacket Potatoes served with a Variety of Fillings

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Fresh Vegetables

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Vanilla Ice Cream

Sultana Sponge Cake with Custard

Chocolate Brownies

Maryland Cookie

Chocolate Oatie Cookie

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt

Available daily

Freshly Baked Bread

Freshly Prepared Salad

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.**

Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 27th May: End of Summer 1

Monday 6th June: Start of Summer 2

Friday 17th June: INSET

Monday 20th June: INSET

Thursday June 23rd & Friday 24th: Sports Day (details TBC)

Thursday 21st July: Last day of school

Friday 22nd July: Nominated Jubilee Bank Holiday

I trust that this letter has provided you with information you need to be ready for school.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#) if you have any queries.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the children's parade!

Sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

