

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph showing the City Academy Whitehawk school building, a large brick structure with a red roof and a central tower, surrounded by a dense residential area of houses with brown roofs. The school is situated in a green field, and a road runs along the bottom of the image.

**Back to School
2024-25**



Friday 30th August 2024

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I hope you have had an amazing summer break! We are really excited to welcome the children back to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**, and to welcome our new Robins! We've had a very busy time here at school with improvements being made. We have two INSET days next week for staff to prepare for the new academic year.

This letter contains some of what I sent you on the 19th of July and also includes a reminder of drop off and collection arrangements – please read these carefully, as there are some changes from the last academic year.

ASPIRATION

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- 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

We are going to launch our first week by focussing on our CAW Quality of ASPIRATION, setting ambitious targets for the Autumn Term. We'll also be inviting Year 5 and 6 to apply for the role of school ambassador.



C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect

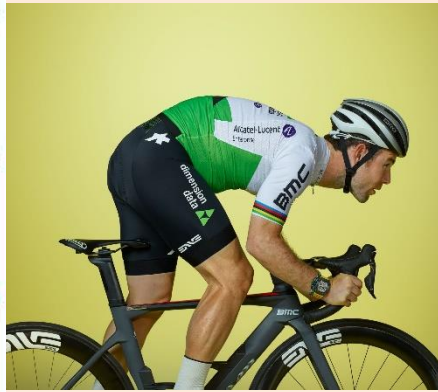


Autumn 1 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION

[Breaks record
for Tour de
France stage
wins](#)

[Top ten
sprints](#)

[2013
Newsround
interview](#)



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Sir Mark Cavendish

World class cyclist

OCOW Recap: What do
you know about
Climate Change?

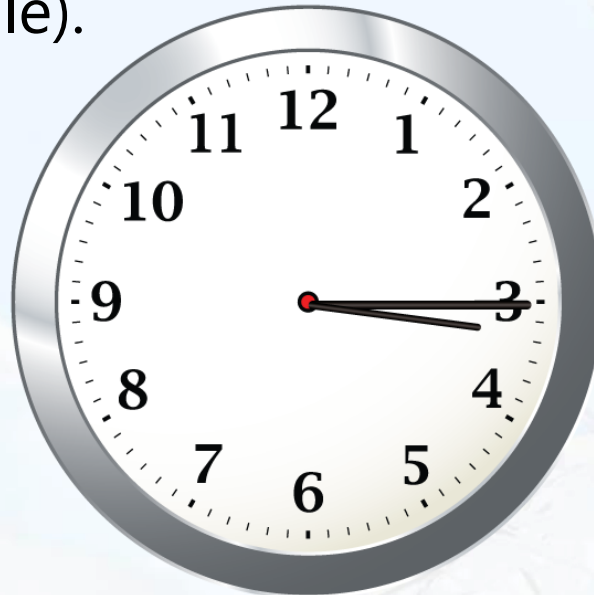


**Our City,
Our World**

Born in 1985 on the Isle of Man, Sir Mark Cavendish is one of the greatest ever road and track cyclists. He has won numerous medals at the Olympics, Commonwealth Games and cycling World Championships, and has set several world records. He is widely regarded as the greatest cycling sprinter of all time. Mark fell in love with cycling on his BMX bike, and at the age of nine he joined a competitive cycling club. He has shown huge **AMBITION** throughout his career and always aims for his personal best.

Small change to the end of the school day

- In line with [guidance from the Department for Education](#), the City Academy Whitehawk school day will now end at **3:15pm for all children**.
- The only exceptions to this are for Hatchlings in Nursery (who will still finish at 3pm), and for the Reception children's morning sessions (as communicated in the Transition Timetable).



School Drop Off and Collection Hatchlings (Nursery)

- Paddock Entrance will open to Hatchlings at 08:40 and close at 08:50
- Families who arrive at school after 08:50 will need to 'buzz' their gate to be welcomed by a member of staff and will be marked as late.
- Siblings in Years 1 – 6 can be dropped off at either the Canteen Gate or the Main Gate from 8:30 – 8:45
- Hatchlings can be collected from the same place at 11:30 and 15:00



School Drop Off

Robins (Reception)

- Orchard Gate (see map below) will open to Robins at 08:30 and close at 08:45 (please note that Robins will be welcomed from 08:30 but siblings in Hatchlings can also use this entrance but will be welcomed from 08:40 – 8:45)
- Families who arrive at school after 08:45 will need to 'buzz' their gate to be welcomed by a member of staff and will be marked as late.
- Siblings in Years 1 – 6 can be dropped off at the Main Gate or the Canteen Gate from 8:30 – 8:45
- Reception classes will now be collected from the main school playground: see Slide 8 for details



Year 1 – 6 Drop Off

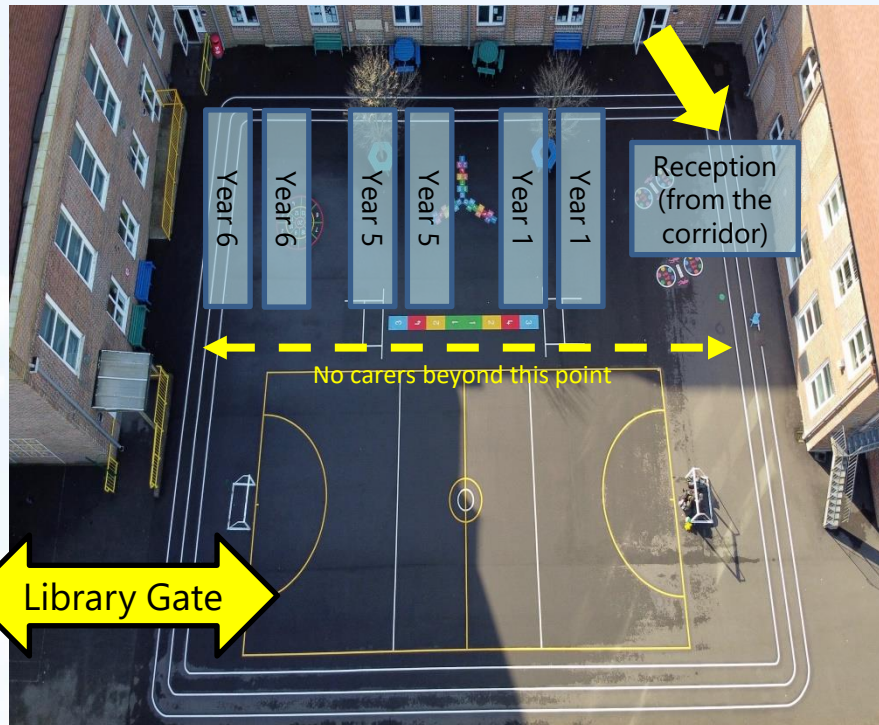
The 'main' school gate and 'canteen' school gates will open at 08:30 to admit children to school. The gate will close at 08:45. Families who arrive after this time will need to 'buzz' to be admitted and will receive a late mark.



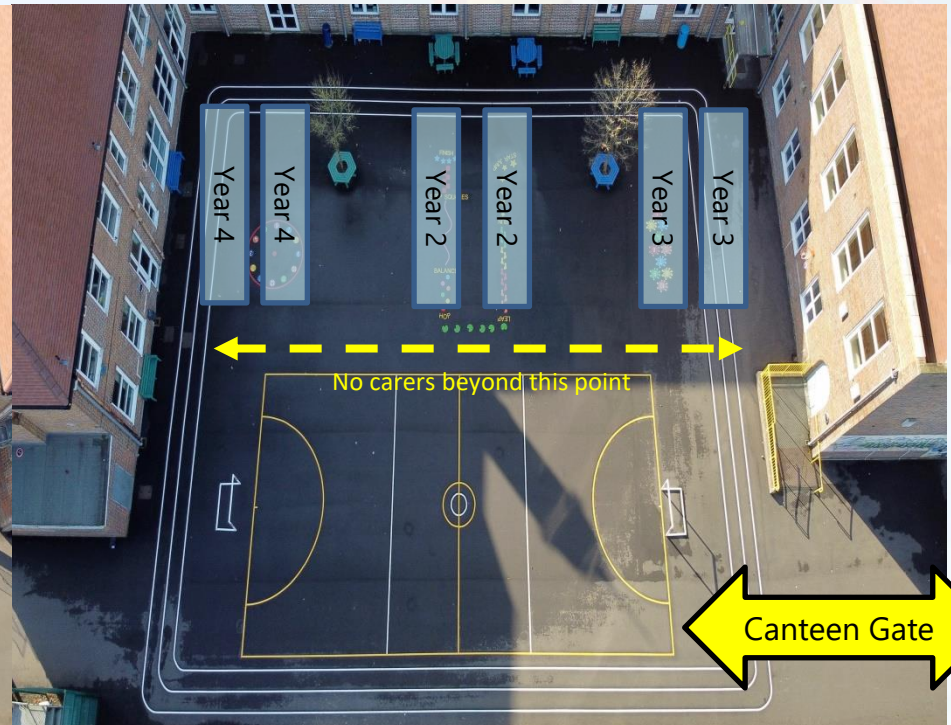
Reception & Year 1- 6 Home Time 2024/25

- The library exit and canteen exit will be unlocked at 15:15
- Children will be waiting with their teacher to be collected from their carer/nominated adult
- Reception children in Blue Robins and Red Robins will be lined up inside the school building and dismissed to families at the door to the playground. **For the first ten days of school, the Reception children finishing early (times stated in the Transition Timetable) should be collected from The Orchard** (where they are dropped off in the morning)
- Lost Property will be available on the North Playground – parents are not permitted to enter the building to look for lost items
- Carers will not be admitted to the school building from the playground at all (this enables us to keep all children who need to be in the building safe)

South Playground



North Playground



Breakfast Club Drop Off 2024/25

We are very proud that all children from Year 1 to Year 6 are eligible to come to school early for a free breakfast. Reception children are invited to join us from Wednesday 18th September and thereafter.

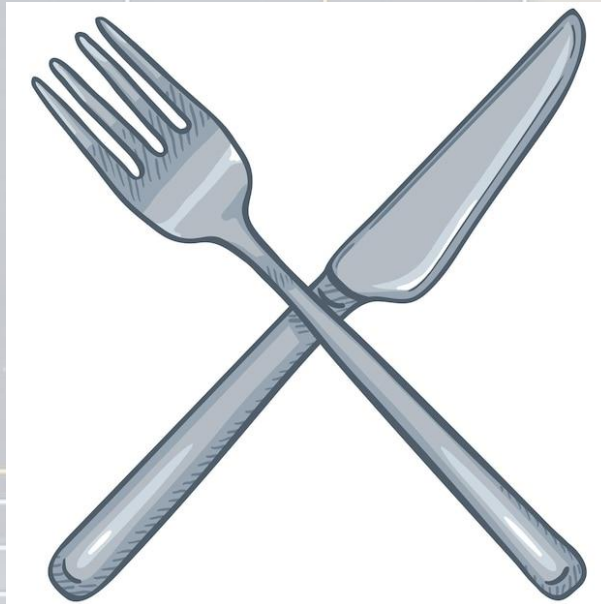
The Canteen Gate will be opened promptly at 08:00 and closed at 08:10 to admit children for breakfast.

Children are offered a wonderful range of breakfast foods and play opportunities. Our Breakfast Club team escort the children to class for 08:30.



School Dinners

We are waiting for the menus for the first week to be confirmed. As soon as we have them, we will share them with families via Arbor.



School Meals and Payments

Please don't forget that Year 2s moving to Year 3 are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals. Please download the Arbor App to make payments.

You may be eligible for Free School Meals. Please don't hesitate to contact the FSM team who are really friendly and helpful; they're available to support you on 01273 293497 or at this [web address](#).



Uniform in September

Please visit [Logo Sports](#) to purchase your uniform or see the next page about Pelican Parcels.

blue polo shirt
with academy
logo

burgundy
sweatshirt or
cardigan with
academy logo

burgundy fleece
with academy
logo

black trousers,
skirts or
pinafore dresses

plain black
shoes or
trainers (no
crocs)

plain socks or
tights

In warm
weather, black
school shorts or
blue and white
check school
dresses can be
worn

Additional Information

- For now, P.E kit will be worn on your child's P.E. days (see P.E. day slide) apart from Reception who will wear their normal school uniform every day until half term.
- Please consider sending a spare set of clothes/underwear for your child's peg if you think your child may need this.
- Please name all of your child's items. We recommend displaying their name in the collar and also writing it on the back of the item's academy logo badge.
- If you would like to buy logo free blue polo shirts please do so. We do lots of messy play in Reception and we can get dirty sometimes. Some children like to keep their logo blue shirts for special occasions such as, school photos/events.
- Please bring a named water bottle to school.
- If eating packed lunches, please name your lunchbox.
- Crocs are not allowed as part of our school uniform



Naming Uniform

Please ensure all of your child's uniform and items are named.

We highly recommend using sharpie to write their name on the back of the school logo as well as on the label.

If children attend school with unnamed uniform we will write their name in sharpie pen on the items for them. We hope this will help avoid children losing their lovely uniforms.

Uniform in September



School Uniform Order Form

Family name: _____

Child Age: _____

Child year group (eg Reception, Yr4): _____

School name: _____

Organisation / Collection Point: _____

Requested items:	Size/Age:	Quantity:
white polo shirt		
sky blue polo shirt		
black or grey trousers		
black or grey shorts		
black or grey skirt / pinafore		
blue gingham dress		
red gingham dress		
burgandy jumper		
burgandy cardigan		
red jumper		
red cardigan		
navy jumper		
navy cardigan		
black/blue PE shorts		
black/blue joggers/tracksuit bottoms		
white PE t-shirt		
grey socks		
white socks		
grey tights		
white tights		
black shoes		
PE trainers		

A PE bag / backpack, with some stationary and other items, will be provided for every child's order.

Pelican Parcels is a charity that takes donations of good quality items from families for passing on to another family. Please note that some of the uniform provided will be pre-loved, but in excellent condition. All shoes provided will be new.

Visit our website for more information: pelicanparcels.org.uk

[Click here to access
the website for
Pelican Parcels](http://pelicanparcels.org.uk)

PE Kits

For Autumn 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. We plan to return to getting changed at school after the October half term break. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather but that these should be in line with our uniform policy.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Tuesdays	Tuesdays	Mondays	Wednesdays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
		Thursdays	Tuesdays	Fridays	Thursdays	Thursdays	Thursdays

Children can bring a change of clothes for after school clubs. An announcement about clubs will be shared with you via email on Wednesday 7th September. A huge selection on offer, as usual!

Please remember to hunt around for your child's Reading Record and bring that back to school on Wednesday. Children will continue to use up empty pages in their Reading Record from last year until it is full!

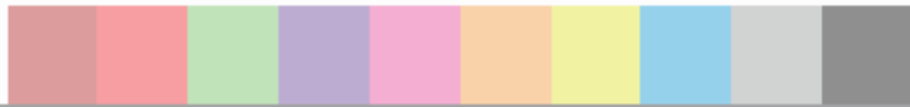


City Academy Whitehawk Reading Record


books4schools
www.books4schools.co.uk
0845 470 2001

Name: _____

Class: _____



Autumn Term: Hot Weather in September

You might choose to still put sun cream on your child before school in the mornings. You can send a named bottle of sun cream in to school with your child for them to keep in their bag but please remember that we can not apply this sun cream and children will have to manage the responsibility for their own cream. We will, of course, do our best to support them with this.

Please make sure your children bring their 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 bottle.

Children may bring caps/hats to school for play times when it is hot and sunny – you must ensure that these are named if we are going to be able to support you in retrieving any lost property.

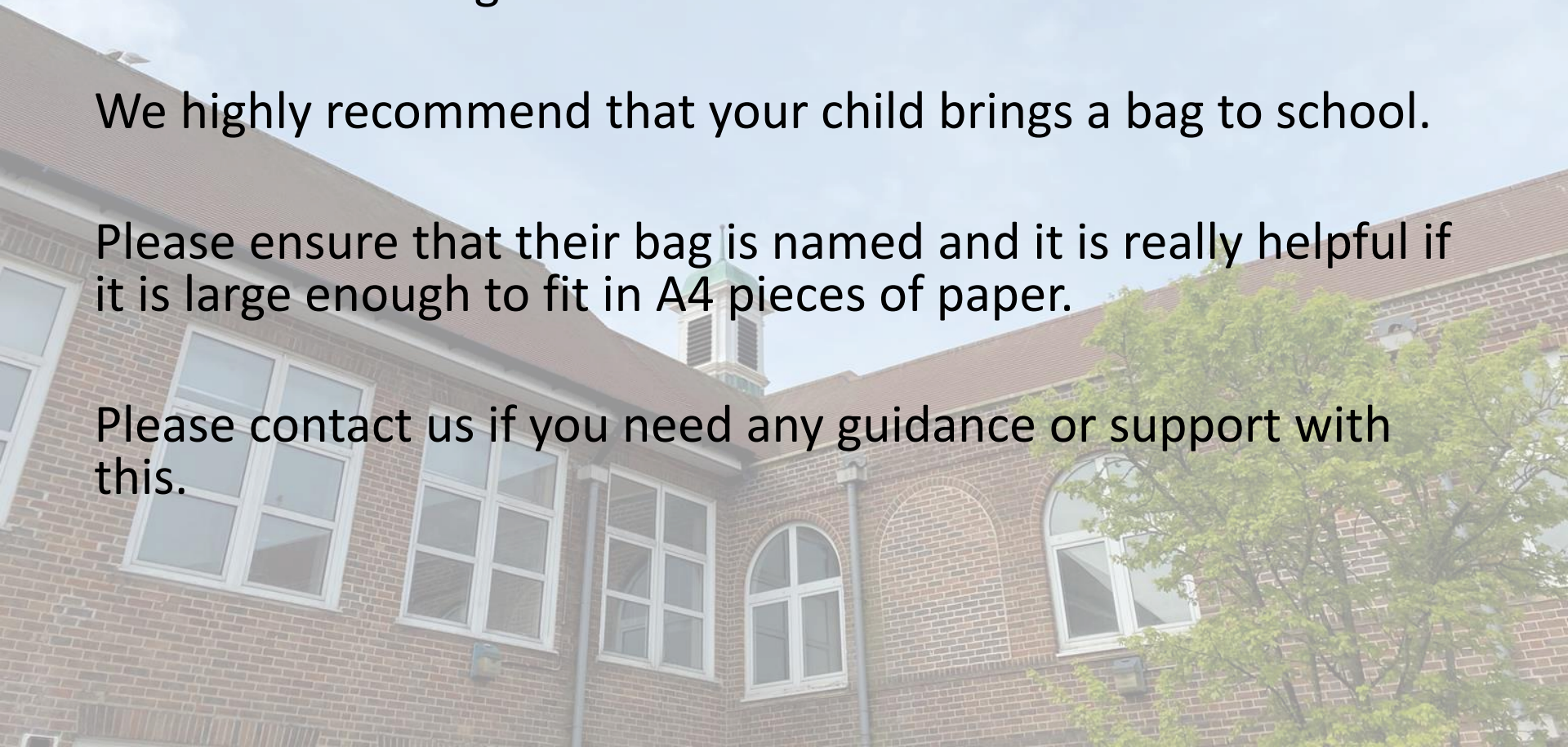
School Bags

Over the year, your child will receive resources and letters to take home. We will be sending them home with their reading books and reading record too.

We highly recommend that your child brings a bag to school.

Please ensure that their bag is named and it is really helpful if it is large enough to fit in A4 pieces of paper.

Please contact us if you need any guidance or support with this.



2020-2021 Term Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 4th September: Years 1 – 6 and Hatchlings Start school.
(Reception starters have received personalised letters with details for their start to school.)

Monday 16th September: Jeans for Genes Day

Week beginning 7th October: Family Engagement Events

Tuesday 15th October: Family/Teacher consultation 15:30 – 19:00

Wednesday 16th October: Family/Teacher consultation 15:30-17:00

Friday 25th October: End of Autumn Term 1 for children

Monday 4th November: Start of Autumn Term 2

Friday 15th November: INSET Day

Week beginning Monday 16th December: Family Engagement Events

Friday 20th December 13:00: End of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 6th January: INSET

Tuesday 7th January: Start of Spring 1 for children

I hope this letter has provided you with all the information you need to feel confident about Wednesday morning but please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#) catalogued on our website.

I'm so excited to welcome the children back on Wednesday morning so that we can kick off another super successful year. I'll look forward to seeing you on the gates!

Enjoy the rest of your summer holidays,

Thomas McMorris
Executive Headteacher

