

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph showing the City Academy Whitehawk 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 area with trees and a parking lot. The background shows a flat landscape under a clear sky.

Headteacher's Newsletter 14
March 31st 2023

Congratulations, thank you and good luck

As you know, this week saw the end of an era.

Tina Reynolds, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator, has been serving the Whitehawk community for over two decades. We gave her a special send off today, wishing her the best of luck with the start of her retirement. Tina has been a proactive, passionate, committed advocate for children and families for years here and she'll be sorely, sorely missed. She's had such a lasting impact on so many young people and their families that I'm sure you feel the same.

We presented Tina with some beautiful, purple (of course!), gifts from the children and staff here at school this afternoon and spent some time talking about special memories. We'll miss her very much but look forward to hearing all about her new adventures.

She was over-awed and grateful with the magnificent gifts she received from many of you this week. I'm sure you join us in thanking Tina and wishing her a well-earned rest.

Please don't forget that you can always get in touch with me, or any member of the leadership team with issues related to SEND; our Assistant SENDCo and your child's class teacher are always happy to help and answer any questions you might have so don't hesitate to email us at cawadmin@auroraacademies.org with SEND in the subject box or catch us on the gates in the morning.



Friday 31st March

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

It's been a very busy and successful week in school with lots going on: thank you so much to those of you who came in to school for our Family Engagement Events – it was great to have you back in the building. Working together means the world to us.

This Spring term has been unusually fragmented but we are pleased to report that children continue to perform really, really well against our very high expectations. Our corridors remain vibrant adverts for the excellence that children produce in their lessons. We've had many visitors to school this term who have commented not only upon the exceptionally high standard of work that children produce but also their engagement in lessons and their positive behaviours in and around the building. This is something we're very proud of – please be sure to ask your children what they received learning tickets for this term! They've demonstrated bags of effort and achieved personal excellence.

I ask, as ever, that you read this newsletter in detail so that you're aware of everything going on at school. Please note the changes to PE days and the invitation to our sessions for families to learn about our RSE curriculum.



City Academy
Whitehawk



Attendance at City Academy

I am so proud to be awarding

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

certificates to **133 children** who have achieved **97% attendance** or above for the whole term since January.



This term every certificate comes complete with a tiny chick... 😊



RSE Update 2023

The Department of Education states:

- ▶ *Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. In primary schools, we want the subjects to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy.*

Our RSE curriculum is a key part of our curriculum and one way we prepare the children at CAW for the next stage of their lives. Every year group will take part in age - appropriate lessons during the Summer term. Please find our curriculum overview and teaching documents on our school website:

[RSE at CAW](#)

Information Sessions - Monday 17th April

Please attend one of our information sessions with Miss Woods to look at some of the teaching materials that will be used during this unit of work:

EYFS, Y1, Y2 - 9:00am in the Music Room

Y3 and Y4 - 2:30pm in the Music Room

Y5 and Y6 - 3:15pm in the Music Room

Please email cawadmin@auroraacademies.org if you are able to attend one of these meetings.

Summer Term PE Days & Kits

We continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers. We must ask that PE kit reflects our school colours, if it is not official uniform.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Mondays	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday	Monday
		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday

Children should bring an appropriate change of clothes for after school sport clubs.



The session was interactive and allowed us to explore and learn about how the brain works, these were truly excellent to experience!

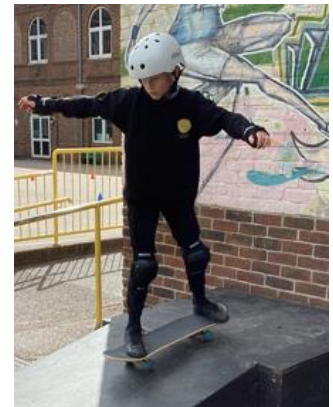
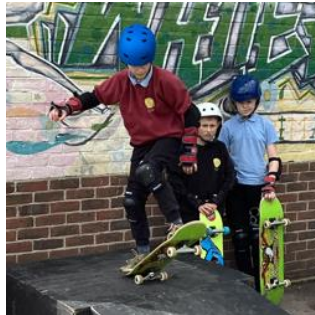
For more information about BYOBrain project please [click here](#).



We have been so lucky to welcome Ricardo and Joe from the Brighton and Hove Skate Park Team. They have been in school working with 10 children from Year 6 to help develop confidence and new skills before secondary school.

The sessions were amazing and all children made incredible progress! Here are some comments about the sessions:

“I am so happy that I can ollie and drop in now. I saw my friends become more confident and now I am also...” - Danny



For more information about skate parks in Brighton and Hove please [click here](http://www.bhsa.org).

The Zoo That Comes To You!

Year 5 and 2 were really lucky to have an amazing theatre show all linked to our science topics. Year 5 had also been learning about palm oil, rainforests and deforestation in their geography lessons so it was a real hit! Thanks to the AMAZING Scarlet Oak Theatre Company for putting on such a great show!



New Library Books!

We've responded to lots of children's requests to get more of the Little People Big Dreams books and this is what Year 4/5/6 walked into on Monday morning's assembly! Who can read them all?



Reading Raffle 4 Results!

Congratulations to this term's winners!

Alivia from Hatchlings

Annie, Sydney-Rose and Kieron from Reception

Lily, Maiya, Amelia P, Harley A and Lana from Year 1

Millie from Year 2

Jazmine, Flo, Sahira, Maggie-May and Albie from Year 3

Veera from Year 4

Summaya, Ava and Keeley from Year 5



RR4 Highest ticket-earning classes were...

1. Barn Owls (50)
2. Puffins (40)
3. Magpies (38)

Book Votes

Book	Total
Choose your own book	144
Dinosaur Department Store	20
Kensuke's Kingdom	16
Like A Charm	6
The Lost Whale	33
I really need a wee	104
Rebel Girls	30
Space Blasters	35

Reading Raffle 5!

Reading Raffle 5 is underway! Please see the below links to learn more about each pick.

The Story Orchestra –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rD6ZR0RKdRg>

The Lost Leopard –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EX4CEQtjac>

Loki: A Bad God's Guide To Taking The Blame –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqolsTlmpOo>

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGfysC3ucKw>

King Flashy Pants and the Toys of Terror –

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/king-flashypants-and-the-toys-of-terror/andy-riley/9781444929614>

The Hunt For The Nightingale –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5QzNzEd-y4>

The Skies Above My Eyes –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zxqAOWJlrx4>

Choose Your Own – This is the child's own pick; whatever they want!



Support your local football team!

Show the voucher below for a child to get FREE entry to see Whitehawk FC playing, as long as they are accompanied by an adult (who only has to pay £5)

The next home game at The TerraPurra Ground is vs. Chichester City on Saturday 8th April

Come on you Hawks!

CITY ACADEMY KIDS GO FREE*

**WHITEHAWK FC, EAST BRIGHTON PARK, 3PM KO
WALK THROUGH THE PARK TO THE GAME**

SATURDAY 11th MARCH SEVENOAKS TOWN

SATURDAY 25th MARCH CRAY VALLEY PM






SATURDAY 8TH APRIL CHICHESTER CITY

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL CORINTHIAN

ADULT £5 WITH THIS VOUCHER

***WITH AN ADULT**



Isthmian South East										
Club		MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
1	 Ramsgate	31	18	8	5	60	35	25	62	
2	 Whitehawk	31	17	7	7	53	29	24	58	
3	 Chatham Town	31	17	7	7	49	30	19	58	
4	 Beckenham T...	31	17	5	9	51	39	12	56	
5	 Cray Valley PM	31	15	8	8	56	30	26	53	



Choking Prevention

CAPT have issued advice on choking prevention in young children.

It includes information on foods to avoid, foods to cut up, prop feeding, advice on small objects and support on what to do if a young child or baby is choking.

Avoid these foods – for babies and young children

While it's possible for a child to choke on anything, some foods pose more of a risk than others and should be avoided until your child is a more competent eater.



Hard food like **popcorn** can easily get stuck.



Marshmallows get sticky when wet so can seal the airway and may not come out with back blows.



Round hard sweets (including mini-eggs) are slippery so can easily be swallowed and completely block the airway.



Jelly cubes can get sticky when wet so seal the airway.



Peanut butter on its own – globs of peanut butter can seal the airway, so only use it as a spread.



Whole grapes are the perfect size to block the airway and can be difficult to dislodge because of their flexible texture. Always cut them up. [Learn more](https://capt.org.uk/choking-prevention/)



A note about lollipops – if a lollipop comes off a stick, it in effect becomes a hard boiled sweet. So they're best avoided for under-threes.

Follow this link to find out more: <https://capt.org.uk/choking-prevention/>



HARRISON
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EAT GOOD LIVE HAPPY

Harrison Catering Services is a family-owned business with a clear approach: we prepare **fresh food from fresh ingredients**. This means that all your child's delicious meals are **prepared by our trained chefs**.

We use high-quality, sustainably-sourced, seasonal food. Our menus feature organic ingredients, British free-range eggs, and fresh, British-sourced meat and poultry.

Harrison understands that what children eat affects their health and ability to learn and perform in the classroom.

At City Academy Whitehawk, our catering team provides nutritious, balanced meals, and we work to educate the students on how to make healthier food choices.

Our goal is to instil a love and understanding of fresh, healthy food at a young age that will positively influence them throughout life.



www.harrisoncatering.co.uk

FREE LUNCH FOR KEY STAGE 1 (UFSM)

THE UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEAL (UFSM) SCHEME OFFERS A FREE SCHOOL MEAL TO PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOW BE HAVING LUNCH.

Our menu offer includes popular meat and vegetarian hot choice with vegetables as well as a daily salad bar and fresh baked bread.

Additional **new plated packed lunch options are also available**. A homemade dessert or fresh-cut fruit or yoghurt completes the 2-course meal.

OUR NEW MENU ITEMS

OUR LUNCH OFFER

The menus are created with the pupil in mind including favourite and popular choices, along with new dishes. We gather input from our customers, our team, development chefs and company nutritionist.

Our food is prepared on site, by our trained team, in line with government school food standards and Food for Life.

Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Please speak with the school.

Children's Parade - Construction and sign up!



Our plans for an incredible Children's Parade float are bubbling along amazingly well...all thanks to the wonderful family volunteers! The theme for our parade is **the invention of shampoo.**

Check out Energy the Tiger taking shape!

If you would like to help with constructing the float, you would be very welcome. We have approximately 40 places for children to join us on the Parade on **Sunday 7th May**, and to keep things fair, we will be giving preference to families who have made a significant contribution to these sessions. Please contact the school office at cawadmin@auroraacademies.org or speak to Mr. Wood on the playground to register your interest! Dates are shown on the left.

Summer 1

Tuesday 18th April

Thursday 20th April

Friday 21st April

Tuesday 25th April

Thursday 27th April

Friday 28th April

Tuesday 2nd May

Thursday 4th May

Friday 4th May

9-11am

Children's Parade – Used donations needed



In order to complete our float, we'd love to have donations of the following used materials:

- Cotton T-shirts (black and white)
- Bubble wrap
- Sequins/ribbon
- Milk bottles
- Indian style fabrics
- Black fur (fake, not real!)
- Pool noodles/insulation tubes

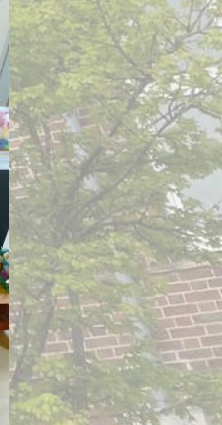
It's incredibly important to us as a school that we make the float using recycled/reused/sustainable materials, and absolutely do not want families to spend money on this!

If you have any of the listed materials that you can donate, we'd be incredibly grateful. Please hand them in to the office for Mr. Wood.





Check out some of the amazing entries to the competition. Prizes and Easter chocolate were funded by the proceeds from our previous Cake Sale and the generosity of PTA members. Thank you all so much!



RED NOSE DAY



**A huge THANK YOU to all of our Whitehawk families
for your incredible generosity on Red Nose Day.**

We raised a whopping **£153.86**

We can feel so proud that our community has been so giving.

Thank you!



We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

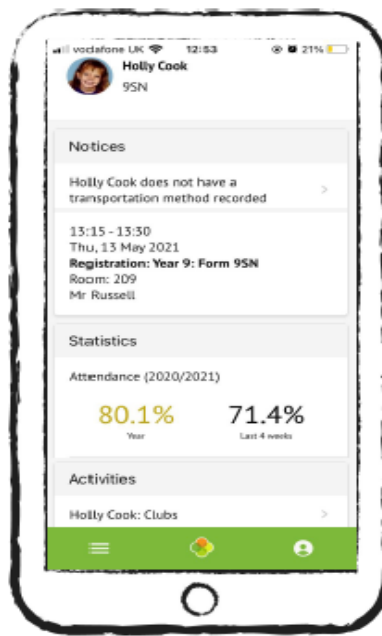
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



So far 82% of our parents/carers have signed up to use the App.

You should have received the activation email, if you are having any problems activating the App please contact the school office.

We are aiming to use this Portal as our main Communication channel, this will help reduce the amount of paper used in school.

Summer Term Clubs

Did you know that in our Autumn Parent Survey, 90% of families reported that they agreed / strongly agreed that their child had 'lots of opportunities to take part in school clubs and activities'? We were very pleased with this feedback.

We look forward to publishing our Summer offer on Wednesday 19th April, ready for an April 24th start.

Our 'first come, first served' ParentPay sign up process will open at 18:00 on Wednesday 19th April. With the exception of karate, we are very proud of our commitment to funding all after school clubs for children.

Comic Club at Whitehawk Library



Whitehawk library are offering a free comic making club for **Year 4 – 6**, running for **6 weeks starting on Thursday 20th April**. As this club starts at 3:30 (and runs until 4:30), we are offering to take children to attend this club over to the library and stay with them until 3:30, where they will be handed over to James, the comic club tutor. **This club is completely run by the library service and not CAW. Pick up will be at 4:30 directly from Whitehawk Library.** To book this club, and find out more information, please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/comic-club-at-whitehawk-library-free-6-week-course-tickets-594577265607>

A poster for the comic workshop. It features a boy drawing a comic on an easel, a Deadpool character, and various other comic book characters like a green alien, a brown bear, and a cat. The text on the poster includes: 'Whether you're a curious beginner or a keen illustrator, an inspiring, creative cartooning time is guaranteed!', 'Free comic workshops', 'At Whitehawk library starting after school on Thursday 20th April.', '3.30 - 4.30PM', 'For 6 sessions on Thursdays until 25th May.', 'For children in Year 4 – 6.', 'Booking essential on Eventbrite:', and the Eventbrite link.

Whether you're a curious beginner or a keen illustrator, an inspiring, creative cartooning time is guaranteed!

Free comic workshops
At Whitehawk library starting after school on Thursday 20th April.
3.30 - 4.30PM
For 6 sessions on Thursdays until 25th May.

For children in Year 4 – 6.

Booking essential on Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/594577265607>



SALTDEAN UNITED U9 GIRLS



We are excited to announce that we will be starting a brand new U9 girls team next season!

To register your interest in forthcoming training sessions, please visit our website which will have further details:

www.saltdeanunited.co.uk

This opportunity is for current year 3 girls!

Saltdean United FC pride themselves on their dedication to women and girls football and look to continue the pathway all the way up to our senior women's sides.



Hi Everyone,

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be sent home with a sound booklet this week. This contains sound practice sheets which match the sounds they are learning in their Phonics lessons.

These booklets can stay in your child's Reading folder, or stay at home. When your child practises a sound with you, you can record it as a read in their Reading record.

Thank you,
Miss Varco



House Points

Huge congratulations to **WATER HOUSE** for their triumph in the Spring 2 Learning Ticket competition. Children from Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a PE AND EASTER CRAFT session, accompanied by some absolutely BANGING TUNES! There are some snaps on the next slide...



Air
4892 points

Earth
5047 points

Fire
5672 points

Water
5698 points



Each week there are two classes who win a Class Reward. Congratulations to these previous winners:

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Week 1	Woodpeckers	Magpies
Week 2	Puffins	Jackdaws
Week 3	Goldfinches	Herons

House Celebration!



Congratulations to Water House!

ASPIRATION

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

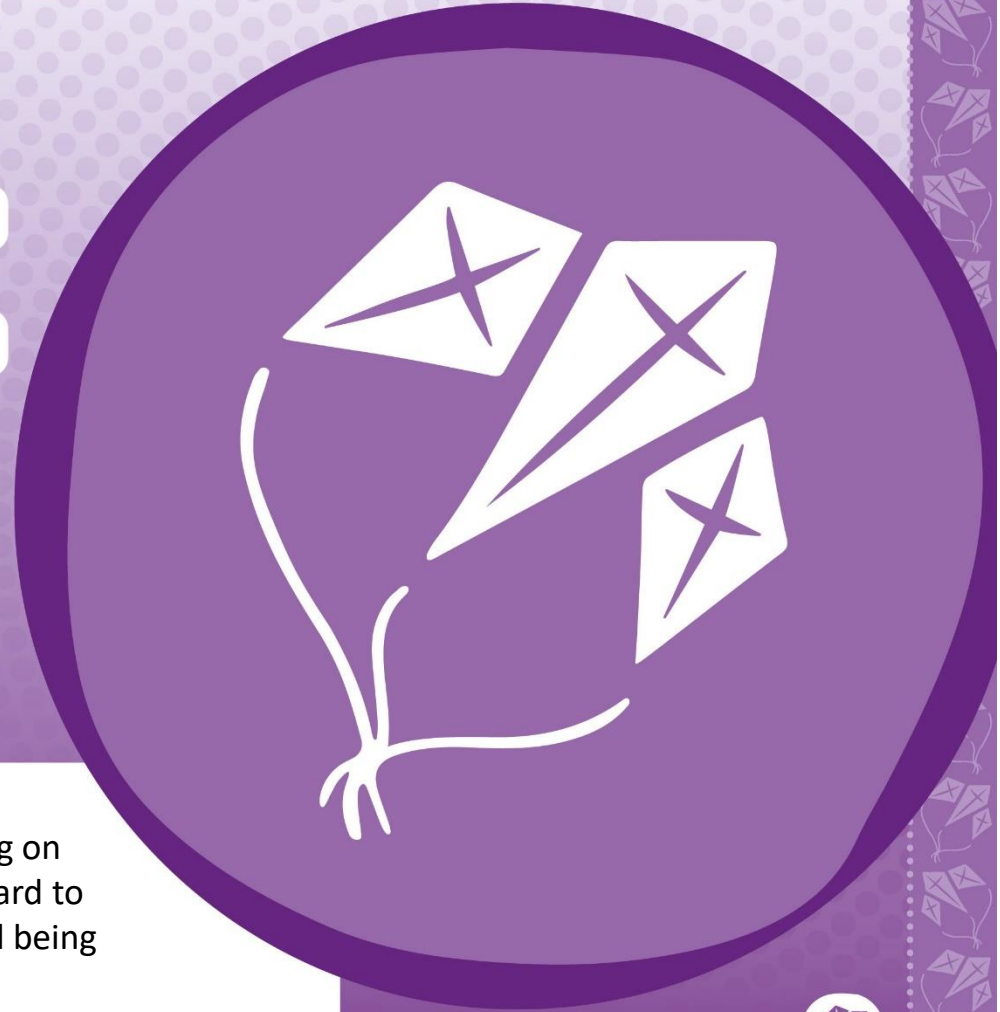
Class:

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

After the Easter break, we will be focusing on ASPIRATION: that means always working hard to achieve your own personal best results, and being the best 'you' you can be.



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C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



Summer 1 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION



Green Party

[Children ask
former
Green Party
leader
questions
\(BBC\)](#)



[Caroline
Lucas
biography
\(for older
children\)](#)

[The Green
Party in 60
seconds
\(CBBC\)](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Caroline Lucas MP *Green Party Member of Parliament*
Caroline Lucas was the first Leader of the Green Party and is still an MP for Brighton. In our democratic society we are free to choose who we vote for: we celebrate Caroline Lucas for her leadership and aspiration to make the world a better place, but respect that all people should be allowed to express their own political beliefs. As a school, we do not support any one political party.



Article 4

**Governments
must make
sure children
are allowed
these rights**



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

We've been shining a bright light on the CAW Quality EFFORT over the last week. We've discussed what it looks like to put bags of EFFORT in to our learning!



Spring 2 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT

Who was William Shakespeare and why was he famous? (Newsround)

To Wee or Not to Wee by Pamela Butchart



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

Arguably the greatest writer of all time!

William Shakespeare is famous all over the world as one of the most talented writers of all time. However, talent is not enough...it also takes serious effort to produce 39 plays and 154 sonnet poems. How many Shakespeare characters and plays can you name...?

C Collaboration



A Aspiration



R Resilience



E Effort



E Excellence



R Respect



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**RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS**

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**MINORITY CULTURE,
LANGUAGE AND
RELIGION**

**Article 30
Children have
the right to
use their own
language,
religion and
culture**

2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

Our term dates for 22/23 are online: click [here](#) to see them.

Friday 31st March: End of Term 2

Monday 17th April: Start of Summer 1

Monday 1st May: Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May: Start of SATs week

Thursday 25th May: Art Exhibition [tbc]

Friday 26th May: INSET

Monday 5th June: Start of Summer 2



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

Have a fantastic two week break with your loved ones! As I reminded the children this afternoon... there are enough days between now and the return to school to earn three whole reading raffle tickets! You can do it!

I look forward to seeing you on Monday 17th April.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

