

# 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 with many houses and green spaces. The text "City Academy Whitehawk" is overlaid at the top in large yellow font.

Headteacher's Newsletter 15  
April 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

We've had a fantastic start to the Summer term with lots of exciting learning underway. We shone a bright light on the CAW Quality of ASPIRATION last week and its certainly evident in the children's work: I've been brought some exceptionally ambitious pieces of writing to celebrate. We have really high expectations for what children can achieve and are really privileged to have the opportunity to support them to reach their 'personal best'.

We were happy to host several visits from other local educators over the past two weeks who have heard about how superbly things are going for the children of CAW. We were thrilled to show off our learning environment and see all of the children working so, so hard in their classes. We look forward to showing even more schools what we're up to in the coming weeks. Lots to learn about from the CAW team!

Our dedicated team of volunteers continue to do an excellent job of preparing the resources for our Children's Parade float – it promises to be a really magnificent piece of art. We're looking forward to finding a home for it here at school, and have based this year's Art's Week exhibition on this. We'll look forward to showing you all what we produce after school on the 25<sup>th</sup> May!

As ever, I ask that you read each page of our newsletter to hear about everything going on here at school! Happy reading...



## **Strike Action – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

The National Education Union (NEU) has declared further strike action. The remaining strike is due to take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. This strike is happening because of an ongoing national dispute between the Unions and the Government over how schools are funded and teachers' pay and conditions.

**I can confirm that due to the disruption to be caused to staffing arrangements, City Academy Whitehawk will be closed to all pupils on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.** As with the previous strike closures, I assure you that this decision has not been made lightly. I communicated this decision to you on April 20<sup>th</sup> to allow families as much time as possible to make childcare arrangements for closure.

We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils. For this to be achieved, we require a minimum number of trained colleagues to be on site and this cannot be guaranteed on these days. In the highly unlikely event that predicted staffing numbers change, I will notify families or groups of families as soon as possible.

I fully understand that this situation might be frustrating for families but we recognise and respect the rights of our staff to take part in industrial action. I recognise the impact that this is likely to have on the community and I regret the disruption that will be caused over the next fortnight. We have planned carefully and ambitiously to make sure that we make the most of every minute of every day that we are at school.

As I said in my letter, I am sincerely grateful for the support, flexibility and kindness you demonstrated during the periods of school closure last term.



City Academy  
Whitehawk



# Attendance at City Academy

Last Wednesday saw our BEST EVER DAY for whole school attendance with every child at school for **Hatchlings, Goldfinches, Greenfinches, Magpies, Kestrels and Barn Owls** classes. Well done!



**Our overall attendance rates are still lower than other schools across the city, so PLEASE do not let your child miss school unless the absence is ABSOLUTELY UNAVOIDABLE...**

**We are continuing our focus on UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES this term. Mrs Storey will be in contact with individual families about this as needed.**

**Finally, we have had a high number of requests for term time holidays already term. Please remember that we cannot authorise these and families should expect to receive fines from the Local Authority**

# 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.



# Published Author ALERT!

'The Persistence of the Moon' by Archie Hatton has been published in **iLLUSTORIA** magazine! This is such an amazing accomplishment for Archie and is something that all writers at CAW can 'aspire' to!

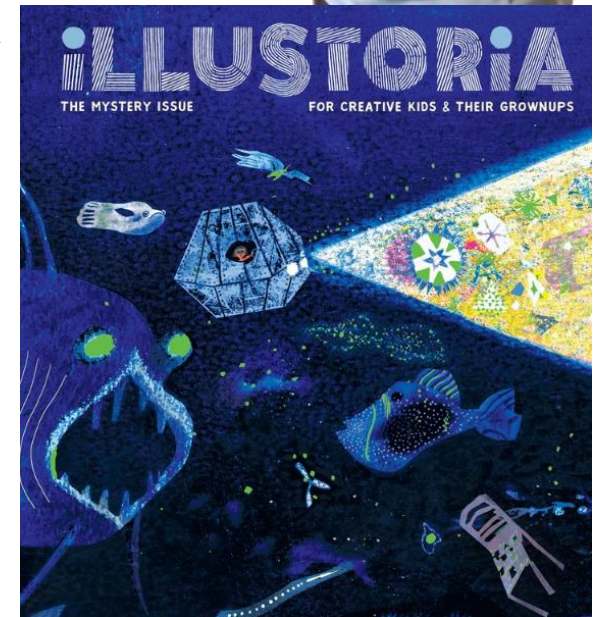
Archie has been attending Little Green Pig – a creative writing project after school and has been since year 3! Archie was also a featured guest host on the 'LGP' podcast which you can listen to below.

Thanks to Little Green Pig for helping Archie achieve this goal!

Well done Archie!

[Little Green Pig Podcast](#)

Click here to learn about the magazine! →



For more information about Little Green Pig please [click here](#).

# 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!





**HARRISON**  
EST.1994

# 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](http://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.



# Information on NHS Healthy Start Card

The NHS have started a scheme called the Healthy Start Card, which result in you receiving money towards milk, infant formula, fruit and vegetables.

[www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)



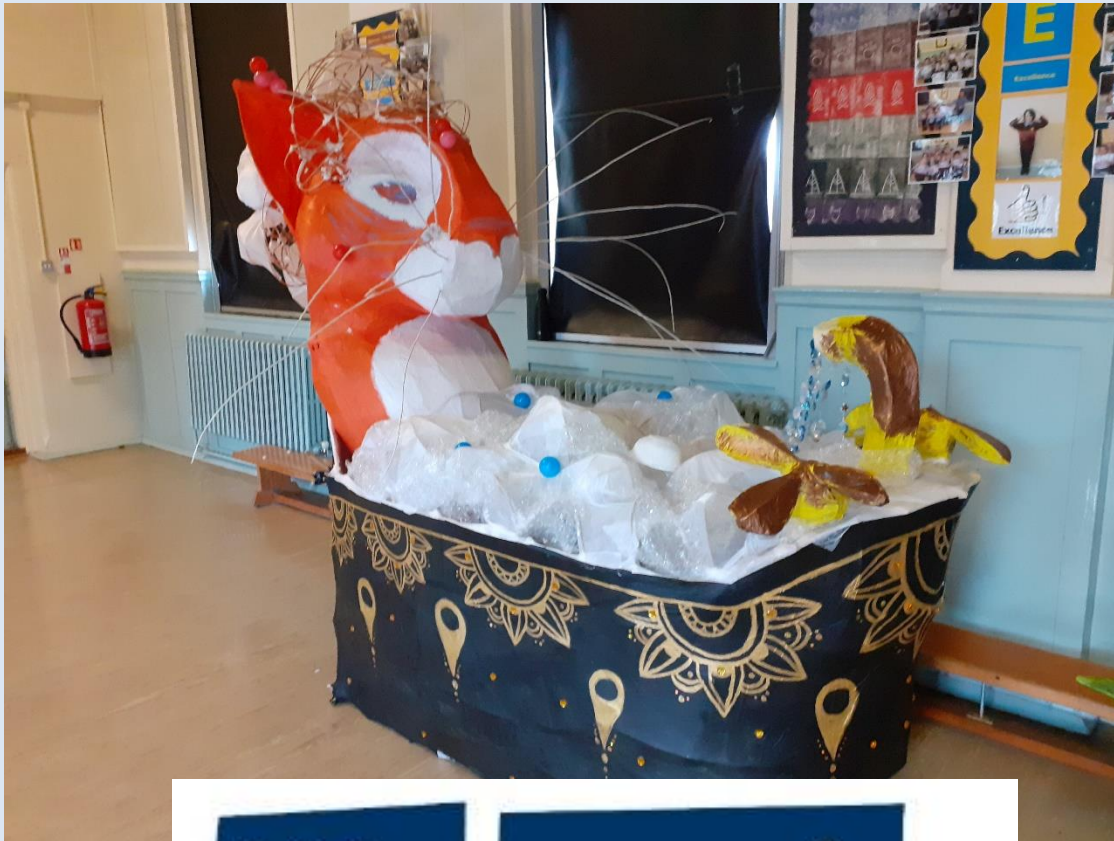
You can claim it if you receive Universal Credit and

- you are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4
- your family's monthly 'take-home pay for this period' is £408 or less from employment

You can also claim it if you get Child Tax Credit, if:

- you have at least one child under 4 years old
- your family's annual income is £16,190 or less
  - you do not get Working Tax Credit

# Children's Parade – Transportation needed!



Energy the Tiger is looking absolutely phenomenal! Massive thanks to the incredibly generous PTA for all of the time, devotion and staggering talent!

We are in need of a way to transport our amazing float to the Children's Parade on the morning of **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, and to then return him safely to school that afternoon once he's done his tour of Brighton!

If you know anyone who might be able to provide (and drive) a van, please contact the school office at [cawadmin@auroraacademies.org](mailto:cawadmin@auroraacademies.org) or speak to Mr. Wood on the playground.

**Thank you!**



# Year Six Careers Fair - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023



**We are very excited to be planning a Careers Fair for the Year Six students, to take place on the morning of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

**We'd love to have as many different jobs represented as possible, so that the children can learn about different career opportunities and ask some questions.**

**If you can spare a couple of hours, please get in touch via email at [cawadmin@auroraacademies.org](mailto:cawadmin@auroraacademies.org) for the attention of Mr. Wood**

**Thank you so much!**





# 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?

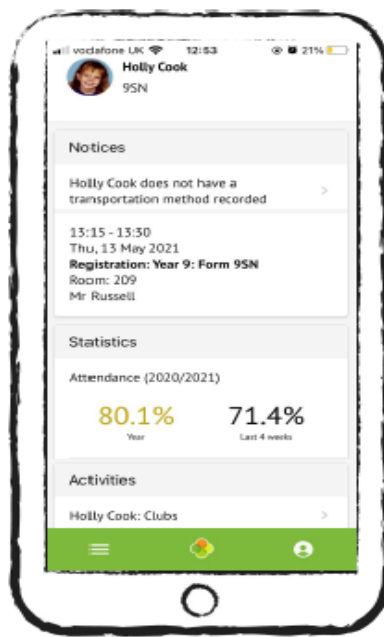
## Need help using Arbor?

**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 19<sup>th</sup> April, ready for an April 24<sup>th</sup> start.

Our 'first come, first served' ParentPay sign up process will open at 18:00 on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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>

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>

The graphic features a boy drawing a comic on an easel, a Deadpool character, and various other cartoon characters like a cat, a fish, and a dinosaur. The background is a collage of comic book covers.





# 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](http://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

The Summer Term has got off to a great start, and so many well-deserved Learning Tickets have already been awarded. Well done to all of the children who have earned them...remember that EVERY SINGLE TICKET makes a difference to your House score.

<b>C</b>	<b>Collaboration</b>	
<b>A</b>	<b>Aspiration</b>	
<b>R</b>	<b>Resilience</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>Effort</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>Excellence</b>	
<b>R</b>	<b>Respect</b>	

**Air**  
**856 points**

**Earth**  
**1088 points**

  
**Fire**  
**1121 points**

**Water**  
**945 points**

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

	<b>Year 1 to 3</b>	<b>Years 4 to 6</b>
Week 1	Woodpeckers	Jackdaws



# EXCELLENCE

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

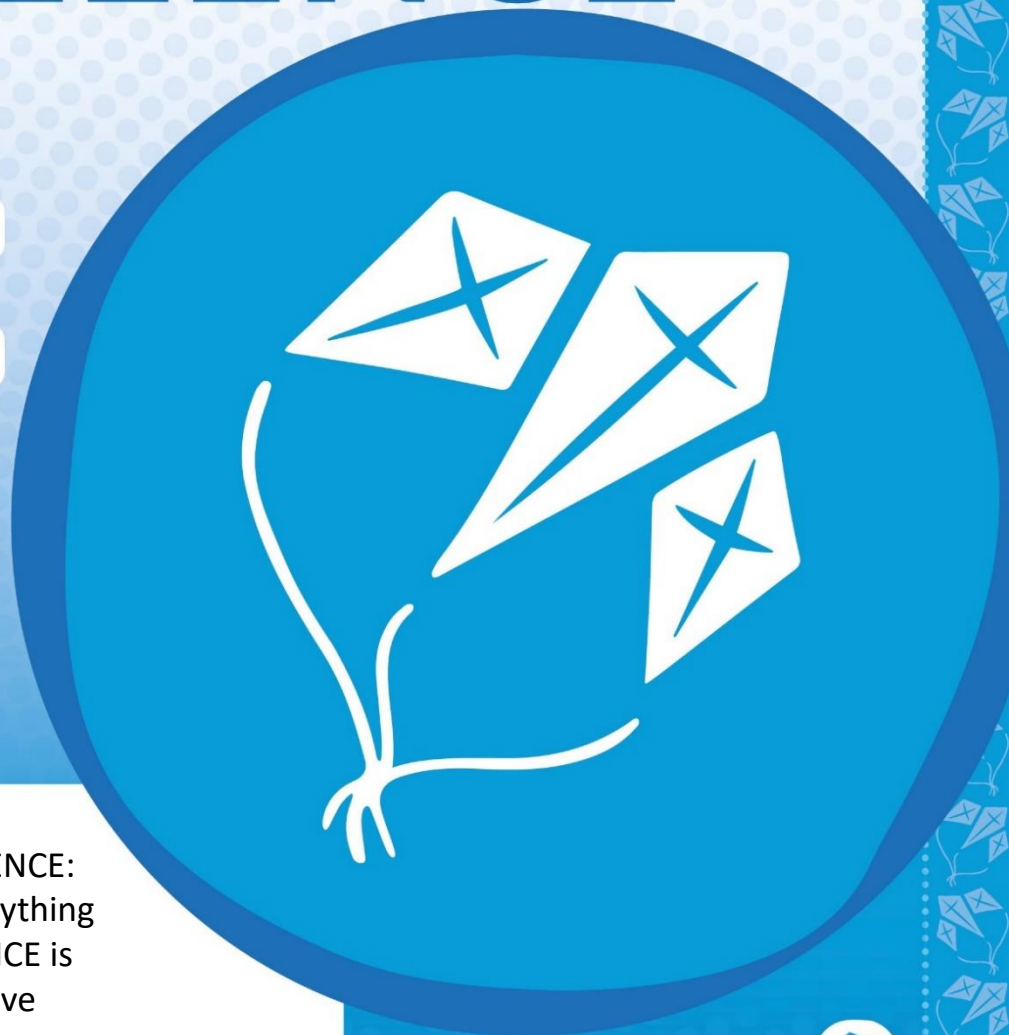
Class:

Years 1-6

- **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

Next week, we will be focusing on EXCELLENCE: aiming to produce our absolute best in everything we do. Everyone's own personal EXCELLENCE is unique to them...meaning can ALL achieve EXCELLENCE when we work hard.





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Summer 1 Week 3 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



[Paula Radcliffe facts](#)

[Paula Radcliffe sets marathon world record](#)

[David Beckham facts](#)  
[Beckham's 17 England goals](#)  
[David Beckham moments of genius](#)



CAW Significant Figures of the Week

David Beckham and Paula Radcliffe

*England footballer and long distance runner*

Both of these record-breaking WORLD CLASS English athletes live with asthma. They are living proof that it is possible to overcome illness or disability to achieve true excellence. Check the links above to find out more about their amazing careers and see videos of them in action!

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Article 32

You have the right to be protected from work that harms your health or education

PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL WORK



# 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!





## Summer 1 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT

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International  
Dance Day

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>

April



**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

**Dame Darcey Bussell**

*Ballerina, author and charity campaigner*

Darcey  
Bussell  
introduces  
her *Magic  
Ballerina*  
books  
The Best of  
Darcey  
Bussell's  
ballet  
Ballet  
stretching  
exercises

unicef  
UNITED KINGDOM



RIGHTS  
RESPECTING  
SCHOOLS



DEFINITION  
OF A CHILD

**Article 1**

**Everyone  
under the age  
of 18 has  
these rights**

In recognition of International Dance Day, the week's Significant Figure is Darcey Bussell. She became the Royal Ballet's youngest ever principal dancer at the age of 20, and went on to become a world famous ballerina. Ballet takes incredible strength, coordination and EFFORT! You may recognise her as one of the judges from *Strictly Come Dancing*.

# 2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

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

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March:** End of Term 2

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April:** Start of Summer 1

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Bank Holiday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Start of SATs week

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May:** Art Exhibition 15:00

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** INSET

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Enjoy an excellent Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing children on Wednesday morning.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas McMorris  
Headteacher

