



# City Academy Whitehawk

**School Community Newsletter 11**  
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

We're excited that **World Book Day** is taking place next Thursday (6th March)! It's always a highlight of the school year, and a chance to really promote the love of reading that is so important to us as a school. We've got lots of special events taking place, including staff sharing their favourite books, an interactive school-wide competition linked to [our World Book Day whole school book](#), a special reading-flavoured breaktime, and a 'Guess the Reader' event. Children are welcome to come to school in pyjamas or as a book character, but this is entirely optional and we don't want any families to feel pressured into spending money on costumes: homemade is always best and a lovely creative activity to enjoy with your children.

Miss Scozzafava and I are looking forward to hosting a Family Forum here at school on Monday (3rd March) at 2pm. We'd like to welcome as many families as possible to work collaboratively with you on ways to make our school even better: we value your ideas and want to continue working closely with you. If you have any concerns about school, we'd love to hear them so that we can work together to improve your child's experience here. We all want the very best for the CAW children and we know that working with our community will help us achieve this. If you are unable to attend the Family Forum, please know that I am always keen to speak to you: please find me on the gate before school, the playground after school, or email [admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk](mailto:admin@cawwhitehawk.org.uk) to arrange an appointment.

All the best,

Russell Wood  
Head of School



# TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

- Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be using a new maths programme to support their times table learning in school.
- **Times Table Rock Stars** is a fun way of helping your child consolidate their knowledge of important times table facts.
- Please support your child at home, by using the log in stuck into your child's reading record.
- Follow the link below to find out more about **TTRS!**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>
- If you have any questions, please talk to your child's teacher.



# Attendance and Punctuality



**Your future starts at school**

**Attend Aim high Achieve**

Being at school is about much more than academic success.

It's a way of...

- making friends
- learning new skills
- building confidence
- discovering your talents
- accessing support

**We're here to help all pupils enjoy their time at school.**

If you need support getting your child back into attending school, speak to school staff or visit [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-attendance](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-attendance)

Brighton & Hove City Council

## Wheel of Fortune Prize Winners

Our lucky winners are selected from children who were at school and on time every day in the previous week...! 😊

**24th February**

Chloe – Greenfinches

Ronnie – Herons

Jessie – Barn Owls

Elsa – Barn Owls

Zachary – Kites

Leo – Kestrels

Brooke – Magpies

Nate - Kites



[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk)



# MATHLETICS

## INDOOR ADDITION



This is the 5th year that we have celebrated Number Day and it was a good one! From Maths games to collaborating with other year groups, we made the most of it! Thanks to all you number enthusiasts and mathletes for taking part today!

Number  
Day

CELEBRATING  
25 YEARS



## **CITY ACADEMY KIDS GO FREE\***

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

**08 FEB v HORSHAM  
22 FEB v CANVEY ISLAND  
08 MAR v CHATHAM  
22 MAR v CARSHALTON  
29 MAR v BOGNOR REGIS TOWN  
12 APR v DARTFORD**

**ADULT £8 WITH THIS VOUCHER \*WITH AN ADULT**

# Come and join us at WASP!

WASP is our extended after school provision to help families with their childcare needs. Children do lots of fun activities with our dedicated team of trained playworkers.

WASP is open from 3.15pm to 6.00pm during term time and places can be booked via the Arbor App up until midnight of the day before.

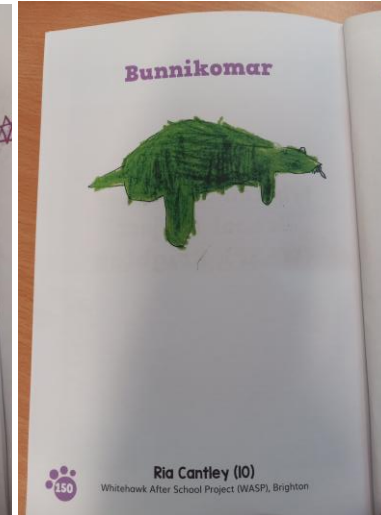
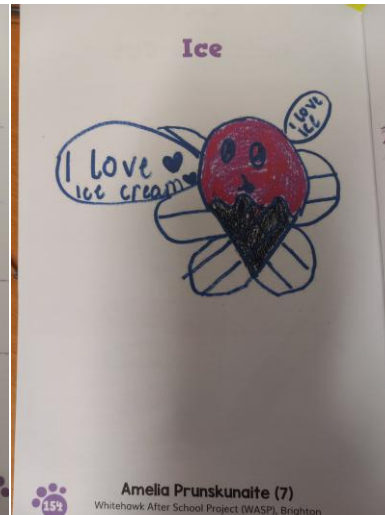
**If you need to book a space on the same day, please call the WASP mobile to check availability and book – tel: 07394 140550**

Sessions are charged at £10 per day with a reduced rate for the first sibling of £7 and £5 for the second sibling. We are also able to accept payment via the Tax-Free Childcare scheme and can provide documents to enable costs to be claimed back via Universal Credit for those families that are eligible.



# Young Artists Competition

Well done to the brilliant children at Wasp ASC, who entered the Perfect Pets art competition and have been published in the 'Young Artists' book! The Perfect Pets book contains illustrations by After School clubs/groups from across the UK.





# World Book Day – book selecting!

Plans are underway for this year's World Book Day celebrations! Before these are launched, we are keen to find out what book children would like to take home from this year's amazing selection! Please check your emails to find out more or click this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/WV1KdtK8cS>

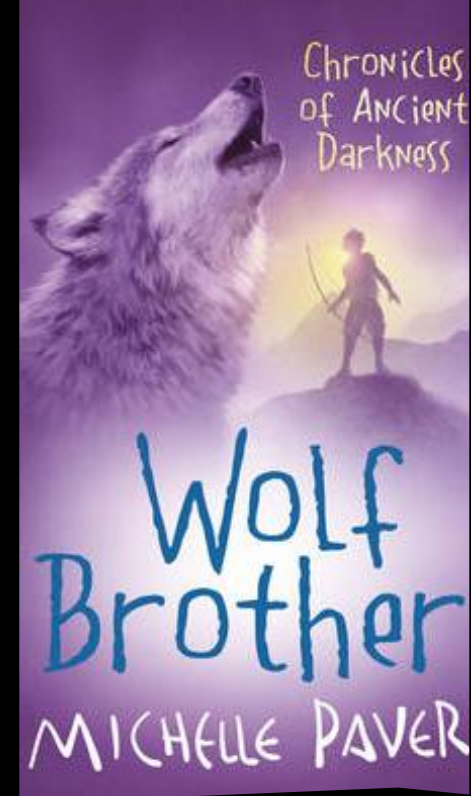
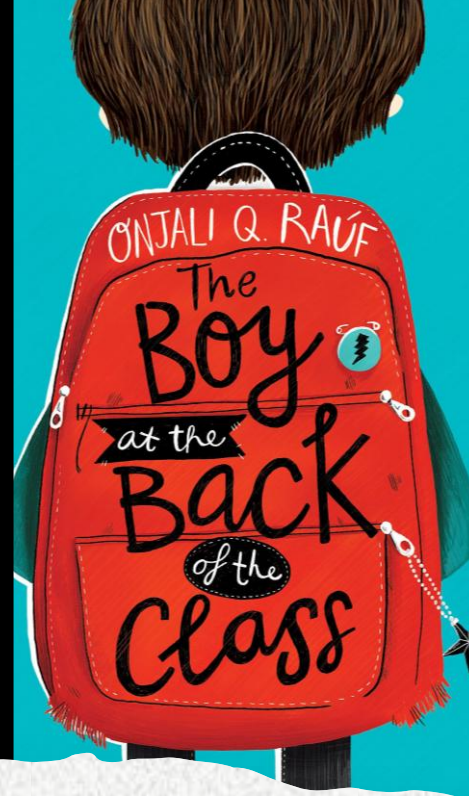
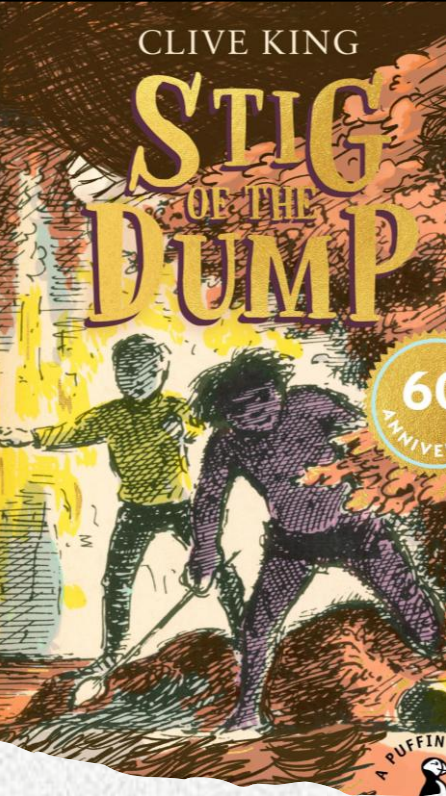


# Reading Raffle 3

[Reading Raffle 3](#) launched this term with some exceptional titles, especially Beanie The Banshee illustrated by CAW's friend, Steve McCarthy! After every 5 entries in a Reading Record (doesn't have to be consecutive days) your child will earn a raffle ticket to vote for a book they'd like to win. Please remember that we only count one read per day.







## Year 3 – 6 Texts for Spring

These are our texts for the Spring Term starting with Year 3 on the left. It's a real mix including children's classics with Stig and Barney's antics; epic missions of bravery from Tash, Sam and two trusty Yaks in Nepal; children fighting for equality and justice (and a near disastrous trip to London in the mix) for Year 5's Boy At The Back Of The Class and Torak finds his true calling in the epic Wolf Brother. We hope your children enjoy meeting their new characters!

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

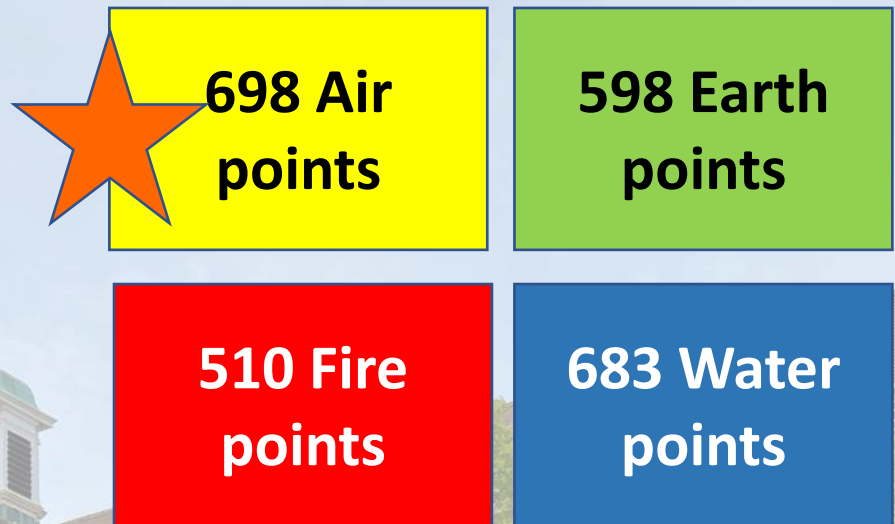




# House Points

We've started a new House Point competition for Spring 2 and Air House have taken the lead! All to play for to earn the House Celebration at the end of the half term.

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



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

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Week 1	Woodpeckers	Jackdaws

# RESPECT

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

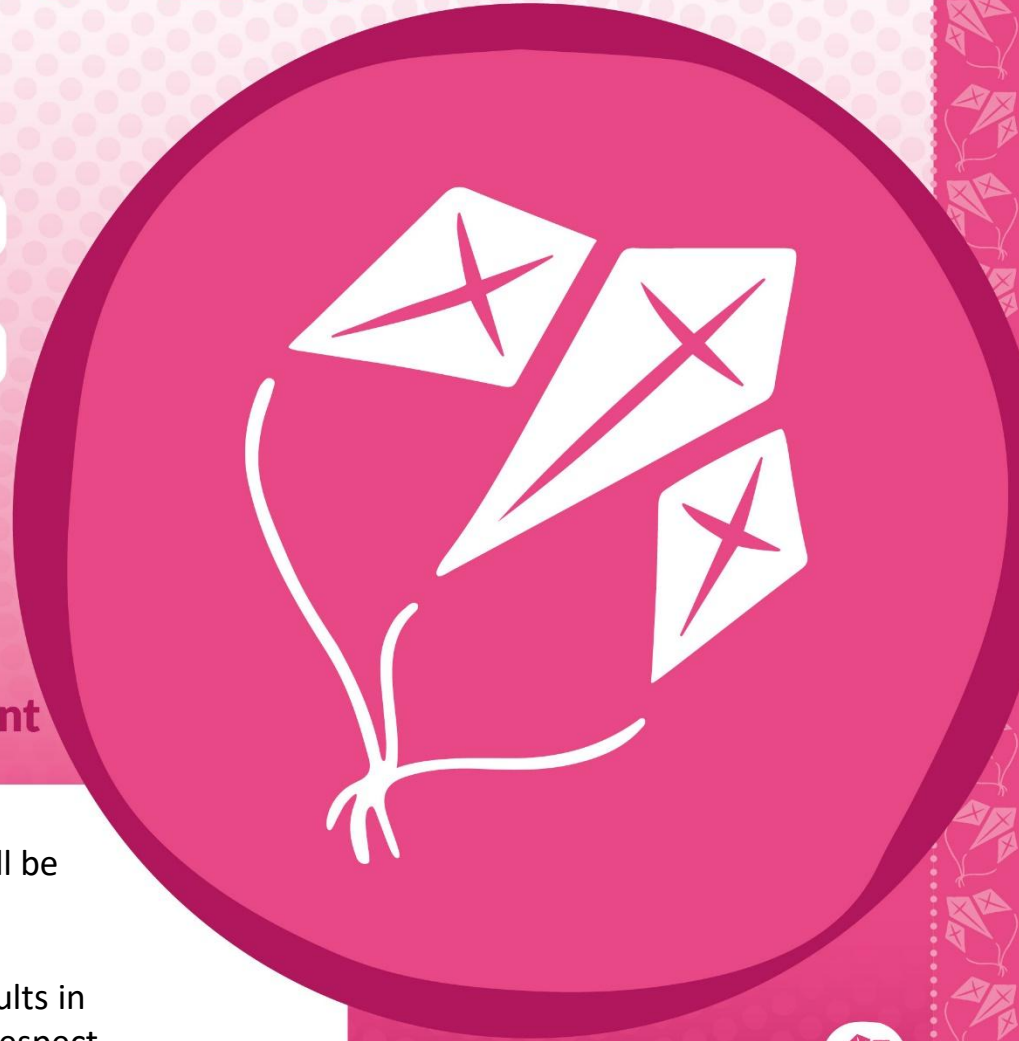
Years 1-6

- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

### Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the week will be  
**RESPECT/RESPECTFUL RABBIT.**

How will you show respect to children and adults in the school? Remember that it is important to respect yourself too!





**C****Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****TERM 4 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT**

[Maria reading  
the Stephen  
Hawking book](#)

[Maria reading  
the Frida  
Kahlo book](#)

**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

*Author of the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series*

Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara is a renowned children's author, best known for her *Little People, Big Dreams* series, which introduces young readers to inspirational historical figures. Through her writing, she shows respect by celebrating the achievements of diverse individuals, emphasising their humanity, struggles and triumphs. Her respectful approach encourages us to appreciate and learn from these figures, fostering empathy, understanding and respect for the diverse contributions that shape our world.

**How is food waste  
linked to Climate  
Change?**



**Our City,  
Our World**

# EXCELLENCE

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

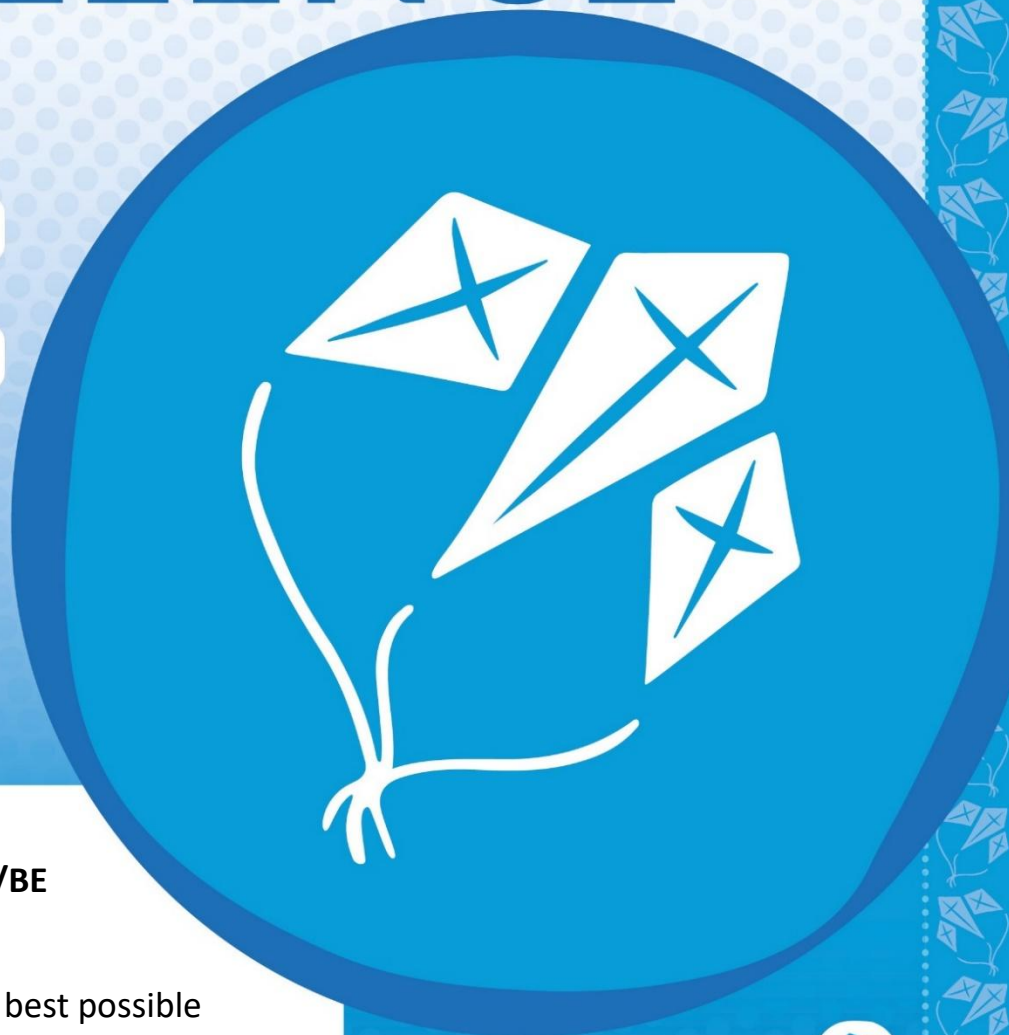
Years 1-6

- 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

We'll be awarding certificates for **EXCELLENCE/BE BETTER BEE** qualities in the next assembly.

**EXCELLENCE** is shown when you produce your best possible PERSONAL best. You can do it! Be the best 'you' that you can be.



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK





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Collaboration



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Aspiration



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Resilience



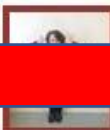
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Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



Spring 2 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



[History of Nintendo \(Newsround\)](#)

[Mario Bros. film trailer](#)

[Interview with Shigeru Miyamoto](#)

[\(dubbed\)](#)

[Miyamoto visits the Muppet Studio](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

**Shigeru Miyamoto**

*Video game design GENIUS*

Born in Kyoto, Japan in 1952, Shigeru Miyamoto loved exploring the countryside as a child, and he took this sense of adventure into designing video games and consoles. Miyamoto-san invented lots of Nintendo games and characters, including Super Mario, Donkey Kong and The Legend of Zelda.

He has brought a huge amount of joy to millions of people all over the world, and his creativity continues to change how video games are made today. Miyamoto strives to produce games that can be enjoyed by people of all ages with their families, demonstrating true EXCELLENCE.



How does food get wasted?



**Our City,  
Our World**



# Our City, Our World



We are proud to announce that we have launched a **WHOLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE** to join other schools across Brighton and Hove to help build a just and sustainable city.

Our aims at City Academy Whitehawk are to:

1. Raise awareness of environmental issues through weekly class assemblies
2. 'Green' the curriculum by adding environmental learning to our studies
3. Implement school-wide sustainable operations and systems to reduce waste
4. Create opportunities for children to connect with nature

Please ask your children about their weekly **OUR CITY, OUR WORLD** class assemblies, and check the website for more information:

<https://www.ourcityyourworld.co.uk/>

We welcome any ideas that families may have to support this important work! Please send any suggestions to Mr. Wood at: [cawadmin@auroraacademies.org](mailto:cawadmin@auroraacademies.org)



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our website  
(<https://www.caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk/>) can  
be automatically  
translated?



Choose a language...

Select Language	Assamese	Batak Karo	Bulgarian	Chuvash	Dombe	Fon	Guarani	Hunsrik	Japanese	Kikongo	Lao
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Acehnese	Awadhi	Batak Toba	Cantonese	Crimean Tatar (Cyrillic)	Dyula	French (Canada)	Haitian Creole	Icelandic	Jingpo	Kituba	Latin
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			Chamorro	Czech	Estonian	Fulani	Hawaiian	Indonesian	Kanuri	Konkani	Limburgish
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Alur	Bambara	Bhojpuri	Chichewa	Dari	Faroese	Galician	Hiligaynon	Inuktit (Syllabics)	Kazakh	Krio	Lithuanian
Amharic	Baoulé	Bikol	Chinese (Simplified)	Dhivehi	Fijian	Georgian	Hindi	Irish Gaelic	Khasi	Kurdish (Kurmanji)	Lombard
Arabic	Bashkir	Bosnian	Chinese (Traditional)	Dinka	Filipino	German	Hmong	Italian	Khmer	Kurdish (Sorani)	Luganda
Armenian	Basque	Breton	Chuukese	Dogri	Finnish	Greek	Hungarian	Jamaican Patois	Kiga	Kyrgyz	Luo

Bingo!



# FOOD SOS

## Food Donation Plea

Get involved now  
**BHFOOD.ORG.UK/FOODSOS**

**#FOODSOSBTN**



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If you are  
experiencing  
food insecurity,  
please visit

[https://bhfood.  
org.uk](https://bhfood.org.uk)

and go to the  
'[Emergency  
Food](#)' page for  
a list of helpful  
links and  
contacts to  
support you  
through this  
challenging  
time.



# Tax-Free Childcare for WASP

We are delighted to be able to confirm that our WASP after school club is now registered to accept payments via the Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

To check if you're eligible and sign up for the scheme please use the link below -

## [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

If you would like to make payment using this scheme, please advise the office of the payment reference from your account for each child you wish to book into WASP.

**PLEASE NOTE** - you must make payments for each of your children individually and not send one lump sum for multiple children.

When you opt to pay the school through your Tax-Free Childcare Account, it is sent to the school's bank account. We will then need to upload the funds to your Arbor account to enable you to book the place for your child at WASP.

As a minimum, we will upload the payments weekly on a Tuesday. You will then be able to book the days that you require via Arbor as normal. We will be unable to credit your Arbor account until the funds are showing on the school's bank account.

This is a new process for us, so we thank you for your patience whilst we embed this.



It's [Dyslexia Awareness Week 2024](#)! This year's theme is **“What's Your Story?”** It has three key messages:

- **Every story is different** – showcasing the diversity of the dyslexic community and highlighting that everyone's experience of dyslexia is unique. 10% of the population are dyslexic – that's over 6.7 million stories to tell.
- **A strong opening sets the scene** – raising awareness of the importance of early identification and intervention to ensure that every person with dyslexia can flourish.
- **It's never too late to change your story** – highlighting how the British Dyslexia Association (BDA) can provide support and signposting to help dyslexic people begin a new chapter.

Please follow the link for information on spotting the signs of dyslexia, how to talk to a child about dyslexia and some hints and tips for supporting a dyslexic child at home and school:

[BDA Parent and Carer Information Pack](#)



# Dates for your Diary

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

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day (more information to follow soon)

Thursday 13th March: Class Photographs

Friday 14th March: INSET Day (school closed to children)

Friday 4th April: Last Day of Spring Term 2