



# City Academy Whitehawk

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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

It's been wonderful to welcome the children back to CAW! The Summer Term is always a very special time at school, and we have so many great events coming, including our famous Arts Week (19th-23rd May) and our Sports Days (keep an eye out for the dates which will be confirmed very soon).

Before Easter, we hosted a visit from [Chris Ward, the MP for Brighton Kemptown and Peacehaven](#). He loved touring the school and was very impressed by the wonderful CAW students. We spent some time discussing Whitehawk and how he could support our community. We're looking forward to working with him again in the future. You can see a picture of Chris with some of our CAW Ambassadors on Slide 4.

We're getting very excited about the Children's Parade on Saturday 3rd May. The PTA and many of our staff members have worked incredibly hard on our new float for this year...a lizard called Chucksy! If you're going to see the parade, please do make lots of noise and give us all a wave when we go past. We're Number 25 in the running order and will be representing Whitehawk loudly and proudly. Slide 5 has more details.

I'm delighted that we are hosting a Brighton and Hove Anti-Racism Workshop for families from four local schools on Tuesday morning. We'd love to welcome CAW families to join us to continue helping promoting this important initiative. There is more information on the very next slide.

Have a fantastic weekend in the sunshine,

Russell Wood  
Headteacher

PS Please keep checking [our school Facebook page](#) for daily positive updates about what we're doing at CAW, and for important information and announcements

# Anti-Racist Education Strategy



## **Anti-Racist / Racial Literacy Workshop Invite for All Parent/Carers**

Our aim is for all our families to be actively engaged in teaching their children about being anti-racist citizens as well as all being secure in their own racial literacy. Please make the time to come and reflect together on how this can best be done.

**When: Tuesday 29th April 2025. 9.15am – 11.30am. Please come after school drop off.**

**Workshop provided by: Brighton and Hove Council Anti-Racist Education Strategy Team**

### **Brief Outline of Workshop:**

#### **What is anti-racism and what does it mean to be an anti-racist school?**

Schools should be places that are safe and welcoming for all students and staff. This session will give parents and carers an insight into the training that school staff receive as well as helping you to develop your own understanding on how to be anti-racist and developing your own racial literacy. The aim is that those attending will then use this information to further support their own child's racial literacy at home as families work to ensure that their children grows up to be an anti-racist member of society. This workshop will help support those attending to develop their confidence when identifying any form of racism (including microaggressions) and aims to help attendees to feel better equipped and skilled when talking to their children about this in a way that is effective and has lasting impact.

**Chris Ward MP with Mr. Wood and some of our CAW Ambassadors!**





# 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.



# Brighton Children's Parade – May 3rd 2025



CAW are excited to once again be taking part in the Children's Parade to launch the Brighton Festival this year. Our wonderful children and some AMAZING volunteers have been working together to create this year's masterpiece! We are all truly excited to share 'Chucksy' with you on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025. We have children, families and staff representing CAW on the day and it would be lovely to see some of our families as we travel along the route.

We would love to see you at our 'Autism in Schools' Parent Carer coffee morning on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 9am.**

Please wait at the front office and we will welcome you in.

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Please contact Gabby Gosztonyi (Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion, SENDCo) if you have any questions about the event.



Do you have a child/young person who has special educational needs and/or disabilities ('SEND'), or are curious that they may have?

Drop-in and join us at the 'Autism in Schools' parent carer coffee morning:

- Meeting in school each half term to share experiences, access training, and work with PaCC (Parent and Carers Council).
- Sessions will last for one and a half hours, although parents and carers are welcome to drop in and out as they can.

We are keen to make the forum accessible to disabled and neurodivergent parents; let us know if we can support you by making adjustments.

We welcome all parents from within the SEND community.

# Effort and Resilience Certificate winners from Monday's assembly!

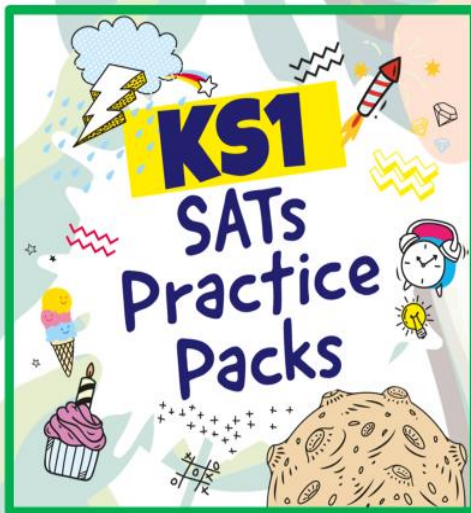
We were delighted to start the new term by celebrating the success of our certificate winners



# Year 1 and Year 2 family reading meeting

Year 2 families are invited to a SATs preparation reading meeting. We will celebrate the reading success of Year 2 children so far and look ahead to the SATs papers they will be sitting. Everyone that attends will take home an exciting SATs practice pack!

Year 2 Wednesday 23rd  
April 2.50-3.10

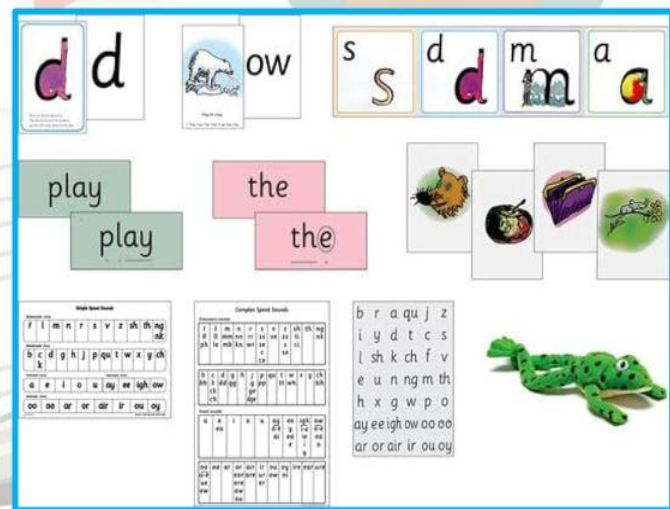


I look forward to  
seeing you there!



Year 1 families are invited to a Phonics Screening Check meeting. We will celebrate the success your child has made so far and look at some easy ways to help your child feel prepared for the Phonics Screening Check. Everyone who attends can take away an exciting Reading resource pack!

Year 1 Wednesday 30th  
April 2:50-3:10



# 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

## 100% Attendance Challenge

There are only 23 school days this term (until the May half term break).

Mrs Storey has pledged that **EVERY CHILD** who is at school every day between 22nd April and 23rd May can have a (small) prize to celebrate :)

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

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

# 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.

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



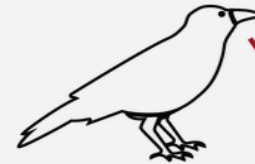
**Nursery**  
Hatchlings



**Year Three**  
Kites  
Kestrels



**Reception**  
Robins



**Year Four**  
Jackdawes  
Magpies



**Year One**  
Puffins  
Woodpeckers



**Year Five**  
Barn Owls  
Herons



**Year Two**  
Goldfinches  
Greenfinches



**Year Six**  
Eagles  
Falcons



# House Points

We're very excited to start the Summer 1 House Learning Ticket competition! Everyone started on 0 at the start of the week, so it's brilliant to see so many big scores after just four days.

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**597 Air  
points**

**623 Earth  
points**



**537 Fire  
points**

**566 Water  
points**

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

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Spring 2 Week 6	Puffins	Hérons
Spring 2 Week 5	Puffins	Barn Owls

# EFFORT

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

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

### Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be  
**EFFORT/HAVE A GO HORSE.**

How can you make sure you give 100% in your  
learning?



**C****Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****TERM 5 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: EFFORT**
[Book of Role Models](#)
[Musa Motha biography](#)
**CAW Significant Figure of the Week****Musa Motha**

Musa Motha is a professional dancer, who has inspired all with his moving story. Diagnosed with Osteosarcoma bone cancer at the age of 11, Musa survived his battle with cancer but unfortunately lost his leg. Musa shot to fame after appearing on Britian's Got Talent 2023 and was a Golden Buzzer winner for his amazing dance performance. Musa has since been on screen and has recently claimed Emerging Artist Award at the 2023 National Dance Awards. Musa has also been featured in Music Dance Videos.

How can we reuse clothing?



**Our City,  
Our World**

# COLLABORATION

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Be positive
- Listen to each other
- Everybody has a job to do
- Accept feedback from others
- Care about the team's success

### Teacher's Comments

We'll be awarding certificates for **COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK TERMITE** qualities in the next assembly.

**COLLABORATION** means working together to achieve success! This can be in the form of helping others, but also in *accepting* help from other children and adults. Together we are stronger!



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## TERM 5 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION

C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



[Sesame Street song](#)

[Sesame Street video](#)

[Little People Big Dreams](#)

[Rainbow In The Clouds](#)

**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

**Maya Angelou**

Maya Angelou was an American writer, poet, and performer. She displayed collaboration as a young woman when she sang in an international opera tour. Maya then worked collaboratively with civil rights leaders such as Malcom X and Martin Luther King Jr, to bring more equality to America. As a child she found strength in reading and read every book in her library! Angelou published over 30 titles in her life, including poetry collections, children's books, and 7 autobiographies. In 2011 President Barack Obama awarded Angelou the Presidential Medal of Freedom which is the country's highest nonmilitary honour.

How is clothing production linked with Climate Change?



**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)

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



Click this button

Choose a language...



Bingo!



# FOOD SOS

## Food Donation Plea

Get involved now  
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**FOOD**  
Partnership

If you are  
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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](#)

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.

# Dates for your Diary

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

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – ‘Autism in Schools’ Parent Carer coffee morning**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Year Six SATs**

**Monday 19-Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: whole school Arts Week**