



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 17
Friday 13th June 2025



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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

Our second Summer term is well underway and we've packed lots in already!

Year Six recently held their third annual **Careers Fair**, and we were delighted to welcome people from a really varied number of job roles: the volunteers included an NHS Librarian, a Sound Engineer, an Actor/Barista, a Royal Marine, an Educator, and local MP Chris Ward. It's a great event that allows children to think about what they would like to do beyond school and is part of us preparing children to be 'next stage ready'. Photos on the next slide!

The Year One children have taken their **Phonics Screening Check assessments** this week, and have worked so hard. The Year One team hosted special 'Fred Breakfasts' each morning for the children and, as you can see from the photos on Slide 4, they loved having toast with their friends and testing the adults on their sounds! I'm so grateful to Miss Delaney and the Key Stage One team for all the work that has gone into making phonics and reading such a priority for us. Reading is a huge part of the City Academy Whitehawk culture and really important for us helping enable children to become independent learners.

Year Fours also had assessments this week with their **Multiplication Tables Check**. The results were fabulous and the children have really done themselves proud. Mrs. Baker and the Year Four team have really inspired the children to do their very best, and these times table skills will support them with their maths throughout their entire life.

Have a fantastic weekend in the sunshine,

Russell Wood
Headteacher

PS For any fans of Lego, the [Brighton Brick Festival](#) is taking place at the AmEx on Sunday!

Year Six Careers Fair





FRED'S BREAKFAST CLUB!



Year 1 had so much fun at Fred's breakfast club this week! The children all worked so hard in their phonics quizzes and we are excited to share their progress with you in July.





Year Ones enjoying a sunshine party with ice lollies on the Trim Trail this afternoon after all their hard work this week!



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



The Attendance Wheel of Fortune

6 lucky winners are chosen every Monday from children in years 1 – 6 who are at school every day on time for the previous week. Well done!

Monday 9th June

Penelope – Woodpeckers

Jason – Magpies

Leo – Kestrels

Reuben D – Barn Owls

Edith – Kestrels

Jasper – Falcons



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

Brighton & Hove City Council

Please speak to Mrs Storey in the office at any time if you have any worries or questions about your child's attendance or punctuality. There is often something we can do to help if children or families are finding it difficult.

Thank you so much for your support!

Term Time Holidays

At this time of year we receive lots of requests for term time leave for holidays. Please remember that these can't be authorised, even when families are travelling to visit relatives overseas. We have to make referrals to the Local Authority who issue fines to families for unauthorised absences ☹

Children at CAW have lost 462 days of school this school year due to unauthorised holidays since September 2024.

Please use the amazing 13 weeks of school holidays (plus inset days!) for family trips and family time

[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 \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.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!



House Points

The Summer 2 House Learning Ticket competition is underway! Water House have stormed into an early lead, but there's all to play for over the next five weeks.

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**545 Air
points**

**538 Earth
points**

**511 Fire
points**

**621 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
Summer 1 Week 6	Kites	Jackdaws
Summer 2 Week 1	Kestrels	Magpies

EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

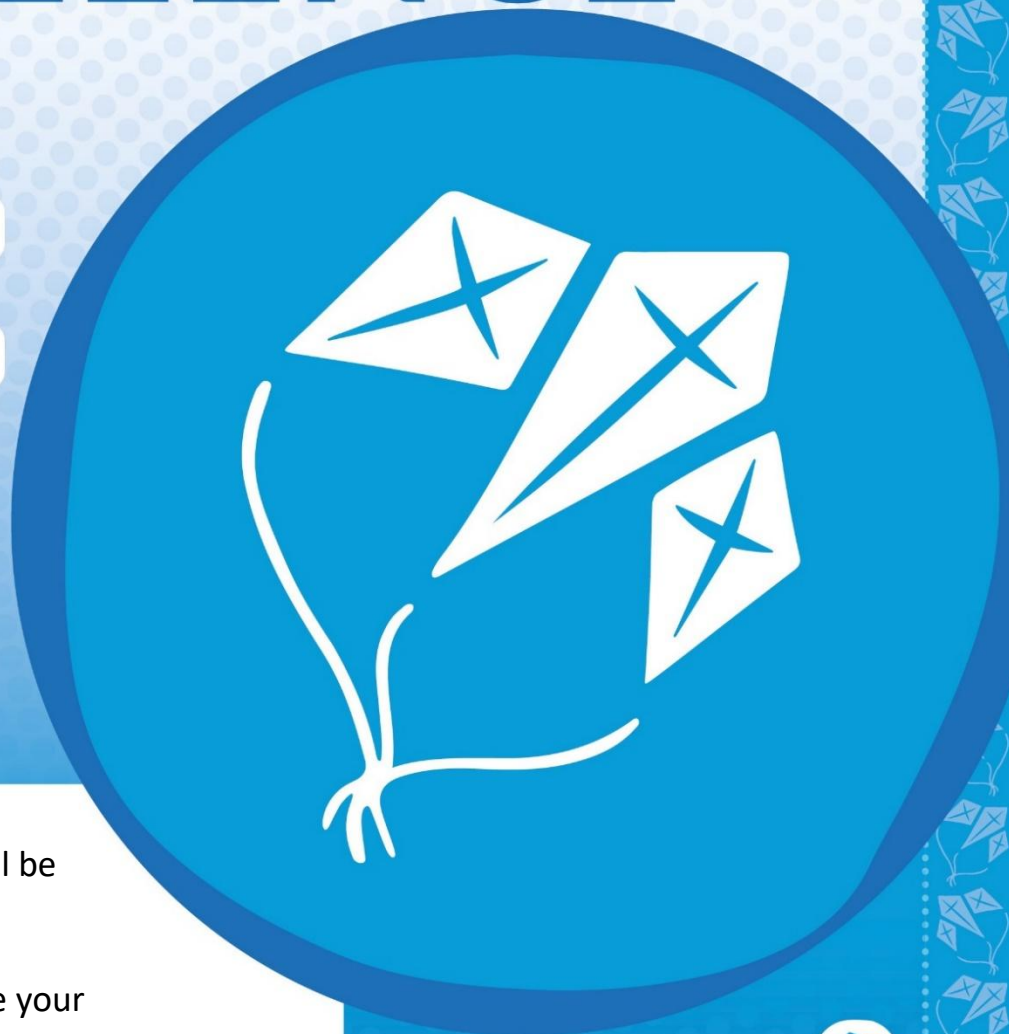
Years 1-6

- 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, our CAW Quality of the week will be
EXCELLENCE/BE BETTER BEE.

How will you use the CAW Qualities to achieve your
personal best in your learning?



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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!



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



C Collaboration

A Aspiration

R Resilience

E Effort

E Excellence

R Respect



TERM 6 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

[Who is Yoko Ono? | Tate Kids](#)

[Plastic Ono Band - Give Peace A Chance \(1969\)](#)

[Becoming an Artist: Yoko Ono | Tate Kids](#)

How can children have an impact on Climate Change?



Our City, Our World

Yoko Ono

Yoko Ono is a famous artist and peace activist known for her creative projects that promote love and kindness. One of her most well-known works is called "Imagine Peace," which encourages people to think about a world without war. In 1969, Yoko and her husband, John Lennon, held a peaceful protest called a "Bed-In for Peace" where they stayed in bed for several days in Amsterdam to promote peace during the Vietnam War. The "Bed-In" was widely covered by the world's media and became an international symbol of nonviolent protest. Through her art, music, and activism, Yoko Ono continues to inspire people to spread peace and stand up for what's right.



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

FREE SWIMMING

Brighton Swimming School have secured funding to offer free swimming to children who are eligible for Free School Meals via the HAF scheme.

Bookings can be made using the web address below from Monday 3rd June.

A vibrant poster for 'Summer Swimming Lessons 2025'. The top half features a large, stylized photo of three young girls in a swimming pool, wearing swim caps and goggles, smiling. The text 'SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS 2025' is overlaid in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue outline. Below this, there are three small inset photos: a child in a pool, a child on a beach, and a child swimming. The bottom section contains a table with 'When?' and 'Activities' columns, a booking link, and contact information. The HAF logo is on the left, and the Brighton Swimming Centre logo is on the right.

HAF
Holiday Activities and Food

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS 2025

FREE SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS
for Children on Free School Meals
(Holiday Activities and Food Programme - HAF)

BRIGHTON SWIMMING SCHOOL
BRIGHTON SWIMMING CENTRE

When?	Activities
Monday 28 th July – Friday 1 st August	11:00–11:30 = Group Lessons
Monday 4 th August – Friday 8 th August	11:35–12:05 = SEN 1:1 Lessons
Monday 11 th August – Friday 15 th August	Followed by lunch afterwards
Monday 18 th August – Friday 22 nd August	

Daily Bookings

Booking Opens 3rd June 2025
<https://eequ.org/brightonhovehaf>

Brighton Swimming Centre
Eastern Road, Brighton, BN2 5JJ

admin@brightonswimmingschool.com 01273 434400



City Academy
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Family Support Service

Understanding and supporting
your child's anxiety and worries
workshop

On Thursday 26th June
at 9am

If you would like more information about this workshop,
please call 01273 681377 or

Email: fescott@cawhitehawk.org.uk



COST OF LIVING PROGRAMME



With Interpreters

Struggling with water, gas and electricity bills? Food prices and childcare costs?

Confused about benefits and council tax?

We can help! Book one of our sessions. This programme specifically supports women

2025 Dates:

6th February | 18th March |

13th May | 10th June | 15th July |

Time: 10:00-12.30

Where: Citizens Advice Bureau,
Tisbury Road BN3 3BQ

By appointment only:
col@niwbh.org or
077 83 792 650



Did you know that
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
Abkhaz	Avar	Batak Simalungun	Buryat	Corsican	Dutch	French	Gujarati	Iban	Javanese	Kinyarwanda	Latgalian
Acehnese	Awadhi	Batak Toba	Cantonese	Crimean Tatar (Cyrillic)	Dyula	French (Canada)	Haitian Creole	Icelandic	Jingpo	Kituba	Latin
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Afar	Assamese	Bambara	Cebuano	Croatian	Esperanto	Friulian	Hausa	Ilocano	Kannada	Komi	Ligurian
			Chamorro	Czech	Estonian	Fulani	Hawaiian	Indonesian	Kanuri	Konkani	Limburgish
			Chechen	Danish	Ewe	Ga	Hebrew	Inuktit (Latin)	Kapampangan	Korean	Lingala
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
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#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.

As the weather is warming up, please ensure that your child comes to school every day with:



Suncream Applied



Sun Hat



Named Water Bottle

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.

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 12th-Thursday 15th May: Year Six SATs

Monday 19-Friday 23rd May: whole school Arts Week

Wednesday 4th June – ‘Autism in Schools’ Parent Carer Coffee Morning