



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 18
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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

There's been so much to **celebrate** over the last two weeks! Please have a look at Slides Seven and Eight for all of the certificate winners we enjoyed recognising in Monday's assemblies. As well as children demonstrating our CAW Qualities of Collaboration, Aspiration, Resilience, Effort, Excellence and Respect, it was wonderful seeing so many children reaching new heights with the number of words they've read this year, including a record breaking student who has read over SIX MILLION words! Amazing.

The **Sports Days** were a huge success, and it was brilliant to welcome so many families to see your children putting in such incredible effort. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the children's excellence. These are quite rightly a highlight of the year for so many CAW children, and they really stepped up to the challenge and did their personal best. I'm grateful to all of our staff for putting so much into organising the events so well, and in particular to Mrs. Brown for such fantastic leadership.

The Year Sixes had an incredible adventure in Worth for their **residential** this week. While we missed having them in the building, it was amazing to see them getting so much from this experience...from barbecuing their own food, building dens, going on hikes and scavenger hunts, and beating the Adults in an epic 5-4 football victory, they really made lifelong memories. A huge thank you to the team of amazing adults who gave up so much of their time to make this special experience possible. I'm so proud to work at a school that provides opportunities like this for children.

We've had a big focus on **Maths** this year, and it was wonderful to see that 67% of our Year Four students earnt the maximum score in their Multiplication Tables Check. This is nearly double the national average from 2024, and just shows what CAW children can do when they harness their aspiration through hard work and dedication. Well done Year Four!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Russell Wood
Headteacher

Year Six Residential to Worth!





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Certificate winners from Monday's assemblies!





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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.



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

We would love to see you at our next 'Autism in Schools' Parent Carer coffee morning on **Wednesday 4th June at 9am.**

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

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



'Autism in Schools' Parent Carer coffee morning

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.



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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](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)

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
Jackdaws
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Hérons



Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons

House Points

Three more weeks for the children to earn lots of Learning Tickets and to help their house win this half term's competition. Air House are in the lead but there's still all to play for.

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**2140 Air
points**

**2093 Earth
points**

**1753 Fire
points**

**2046 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
Week 2	Kites	Magpies
Week 3	Greenfinches	Magpies

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

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be
ASPIRATION/LEARNING LION.

What can you do to set your targets as high as possible? What will help you aim for the stars?



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



Summer 2 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION

C

Collaboration



A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



OCOW Question: Who can we share our message with to help Climate Change?



**Our City,
Our World**



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Bly Twomey

Paralympic ping ponger

Born in 2010, Bly Twomey lives in Brighton and went to Cardinal Newman secondary school! She started playing para table tennis when she was 11 (at a Moulsecoomb holiday camp), and only three years later she represented Great Britain in the para doubles table tennis. She is coached by Will Bayley, a paralympic gold medallist who also lives in Brighton. Bly has shown incredible ASPIRATION/LEARNING LION qualities and is a true inspiration.



[Bly Twomey](#)

[Paris 2024 Paralympic Games](#)

[Newsround interview](#)

RESPECT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

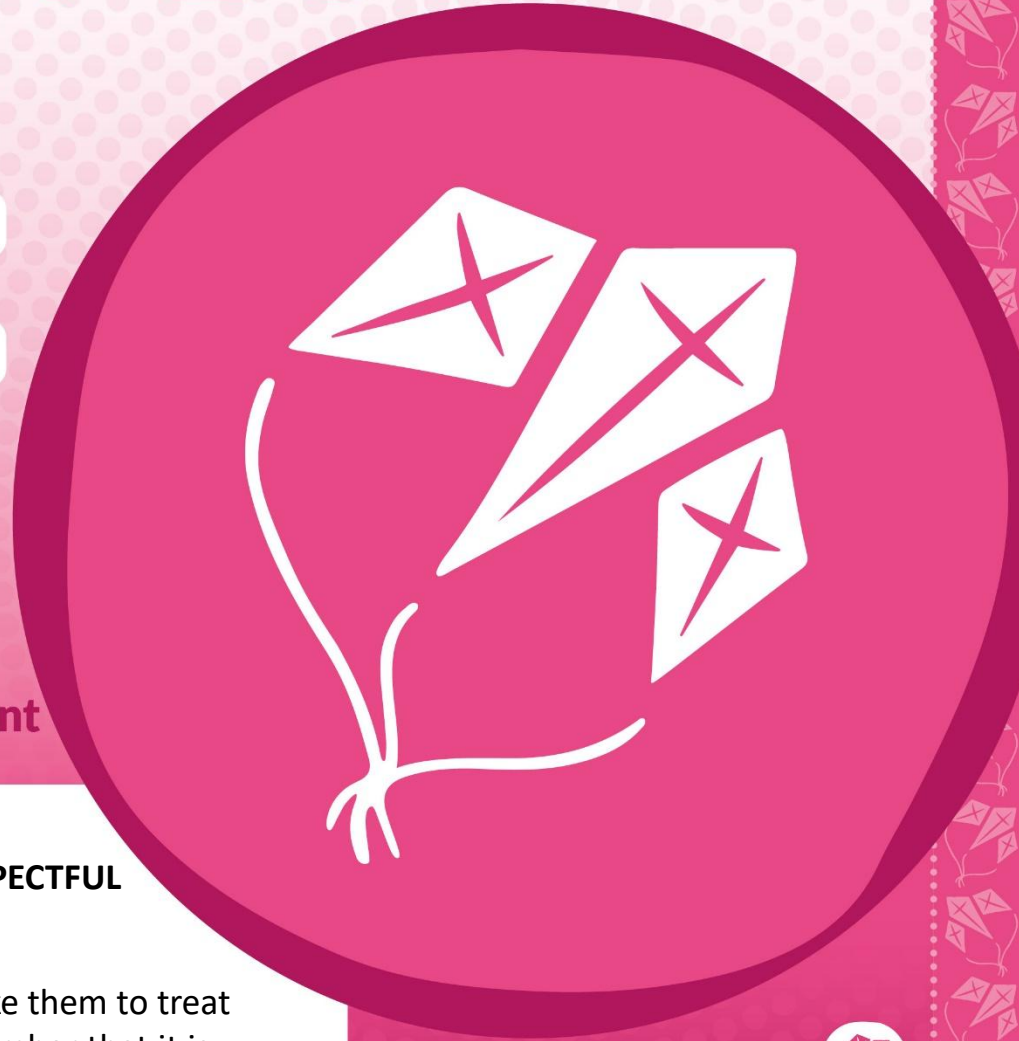
Years 1-6

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

Teacher's Comments

We'll be awarding certificates for **RESPECT/RESPECTFUL RABBIT** qualities in the next assembly.

RESPECT means treating others as you would like them to treat you. Empathy will help you achieve this! Remember that it is important to treat yourself with **RESPECT** too.



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect**

Summer 2 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT



[History
Maker](#)

[Wheelchair
Racing
1988](#)

[BBC Icons
Profile](#)

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Tanni Grey-Thompson *Paralympic athlete*

Born in 1969 in Cardiff, Wales, Tanni was a wheelchair racer from the age of 13. She won multiple gold medals at the Paralympic Games and the World Championships. After retiring, she joined the House of Lords and continues to campaign for equality and civil rights for all. She has also become a television presenter. She has shown throughout her life that she understands the importance of RESPECT.

**OCOW Question: What
can our city do to
reduce 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

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...

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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
Alur	Bambara	Bhojpuri	Chamorro	Czech	Estonian	Fulani	Hawaiian	Indonesian	Kanuri	Konkani	Limburgish
Amharic	Baoulé	Bikol	Chechen	Danish	Ewe	Ga	Hebrew	Inuktit (Latin)	Kapampangan	Korean	Lingala
Arabic	Bashkir	Bosnian	Chichewa	Dari	Faroese	Galician	Hiligaynon	Inuktit (Syllabics)	Kazakh	Krio	Lithuanian
Armenian	Basque	Breton	Chinese (Simplified)	Dhivehi	Fijian	Georgian	Hindi	Irish Gaelic	Khasi	Kurdish (Kurmanji)	Lombard
			Chinese (Traditional)	Dinka	Filipino	German	Hmong	Italian	Khmer	Kurdish (Sorani)	Luganda
			Chuukese	Dogri	Finnish	Greek	Hungarian	Jamaican Patois	Kiga	Kyrgyz	Luo

Bingo!



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FOOD
Partnership

If you are experiencing food insecurity, please visit

<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](#)