



# City Academy Whitehawk

**School Community Newsletter 19**  
**Friday 11th July 2025**





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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of the year! It's a great chance to reflect on all of the amazing events and learning that has taken place over 2024/2025...I hope you enjoy the photos on the next few slides showing some of the 'greatest hits' from this year. So many memories to look back on and cherish. We've also seen fantastic academic results in the Year One Phonics Screening Check, huge progress in the Year Four Multiplication Check and brilliant end of school outcomes in the Key Stage 2 SATs. I couldn't be prouder of our amazing CAW students.

We've got a really fun week coming for the end of year, with lots of special surprises for the children. We'll be enjoying a bouncy castle on Thursday, and are VERY excited for the infamous Year Six Leavers' Assembly...they are always so unique, creative and full of joy. We will be very sad to say goodbye to the Year Sixes, but they leave us ready for the next stage in their lives, and with the knowledge that they will always belong and be welcome at City Academy Whitehawk.

It's also a time for us to look ahead to the next year, and we have some really exciting plans in place. We'll be joined by a new member of the Senior Leadership Team: Keith Kelsey will start in September as our Behaviour and Personal Development Leader. He'll be visiting us on Monday's Transition Day and can't wait to meet the children. Have a look at Slide 10 to find out more about him. I was grateful to have received so many responses to the recent Family Survey. Communication was one area that that was raised, and I'm delighted to announce that we will have a brand new communication strategy that will come into effect in September...more details coming soon. We will also be launching the [Aurora Code of Conduct](#) to ensure all members of our community are treated with dignity and respect.

I'm looking forward to wishing you all a great summer in person before the end of the year. It's been the biggest privilege of my career to serve the Whitehawk community. Thank you for all of your continued support.

Russell Wood  
Headteacher

## The Hatchlings meeting the ducklings!







**Reception: our lovely Red and Blue Robins**



## Summer Term Farm Visit

As part of our At the Farm topic we read the story The Little Red Hen. We looked at where the story was set and used our geographical skills to compare how a farm is different to a city. We were so excited to meet the animals from The Little Sherwood Farm Experience. We got to brush the animals and learn all about their life on the farm. We got to see all kinds of animals such as donkey, goats, lambs, pigs, dogs, guinea pigs and many more! The children really impressed by the care and respect they showed all of the animals. Well done, Robins!



**Remember to check the Tapestry app for lots of great photos and details about your Reception child's learning!**



## Year Four hit the farm too!







**Year Five out and about!**





**Year Six cooking their own dinner at their Residential!**



## Year Six's amazing Let's Dance performance!





## **Keith Kelsey: our new Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Personal Development Starting in September 2025**

City Academy Whitehawk is a school that bursts with creativity, excitement and energy - I felt that on my very first visit, and I look forward to making that a part of my daily life as I step into the role of Assistant Headteacher. Nothing makes a school buzz with excitement and energy more than its children, and after walking around during my visit, I realised that I was smiling broadly at the enthusiasm, passion and curiosity that the children were showing. I knew I had to be a part of it. I am looking forward to learning more about the school, and its children as I prepare to join you all in September.

The experience that I hold is derived from over 17 years of teaching and leadership experience and this will support me in my new role. I have been a Teaching Assistant, a Classroom Teacher, Subject Co-ordinator, Year Leader and Assistant Headteacher both where I am from in South London and in Brighton & Hove. A key educational area of interest for me is behaviour and behaviour for learning and how that impacts on learning outcomes and well-being. In my previous role as Assistant Headteacher, I led on Behaviour & Attitudes ensuring that all children achieved their personal excellence.

Outside of the school gates, one of my passions is football and has been since I was very young. I have played football competitively since I was 11 and I continue to play to this day. I am a Millwall season ticket holder and I get to all the home games that I can and have been lucky enough to see them play at Wembley in numerous playoff finals and at Cardiff in the FA Cup Final.







# 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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)



# 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, colorful photo of three young girls in a swimming pool, wearing swim caps and goggles, smiling. The text 'SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS 2025' is overlaid in a large, bold, yellow font 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 yellow banner with the text 'FREE SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS for Children on Free School Meals (Holiday Activities and Food Programme - HAF)'. To the left of this banner is the 'HAF Holiday Activities and Food' logo. To the right is the 'BRIGHTON SWIMMING SCHOOL' logo and the 'BRIGHTON SWIMMING CENTRE' logo. Below the banner, there are two columns of text: 'When?' and 'Activities'. The 'When?' column lists dates from July 28th to August 22nd, with a note about daily bookings. The 'Activities' column lists two time slots: 11:00-11:30 for group lessons and 11:35-12:05 for SEN 1:1 lessons, followed by lunch afterwards. At the bottom, there are two yellow boxes: one for booking information (opens 3rd June 2025, with a URL) and one for the location (Brighton Swimming Centre, Eastern Road, Brighton, BN2 5JJ). The bottom of the poster features a green banner with the email 'admin@brightonswimmingschool.com' and the phone number '01273 434400'. The entire poster is decorated with tropical leaves and flowers.

<https://eequ.org/brightonhovehaf>



# 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 lead has changed again! **WATER HOUSE** have moved into first place, but there's still time for any of the houses to win the extra special Summer 2 House Reward...

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**

<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>	

**3789 Air  
points**

**3539 Earth  
points**

**3417 Fire  
points**

**3929 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 4	Goldfinches	Barn Owls
Week 5	Puffins	Falcons

# RESILIENCE

## AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

Years 1-6

- Try hard
- Practise lots
- Keep going
- Try new strategies
- Ask for help
- Start again
- Take a brain break

### Teacher's Comments

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be  
**RESILIENCE/PERSEVERING PENGUIN.**

How will you keep going, even if you are finding things difficult?





**C** Collaboration



**A** Aspiration



**R** Resilience



**E** Effort



**E** Excellence



**R** Respect



**Summer 2 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION**



[Katie Piper Foundation](#)

[More about Katie](#)

**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

**Katie Piper**

**What should we learn about in Our City, Our World next year?**



**Our City, Our World**

Katie Piper is an international best-selling author, speaker, TV presenter, and charity founder. After surviving a life-changing attack in 2008, she founded her charity in 2009 to support adult burn survivors. Her theatre tour *What's In My Head* and her books, shows and social media offer insight into her journey and mental health tips. Katie is dedicated to creating a specialist rehab space where survivors can focus fully on recovery. Her passion and RESILLIENCE continues to inspire many.

# 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.

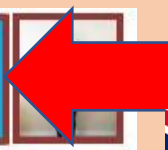
**COLLABORATION** means working together to achieve success! This can be in the form of helping others, but also in *accepting* help from other children and adults. Together we are stronger!



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**C****Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect**
**Summer 2 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION**

**NHS**

[BBC  
Bitesize](#)
[Wikipedia](#)
[Video  
biography](#)
**CAW Significant Figure of the Week**
**Kofoworola Abeni Pratt**
*NHS hero*
**What have you  
learnt in Our City,  
Our World this year?**

**Our City,  
Our World**

Born in Lagos, Nigeria in 1915, Kofoworola first worked as a teacher. She moved to the UK at the age of 31 to study nursing. After qualifying, she became one of the first Black nurses to work for the National Health Service (NHS) here in the UK. She had such a positive impact on our country in helping to care for people who were ill: working in medicine is such a compassionate career choice and this COLLABORATION with others should always be celebrated! Kofoworola fought against racism and sexism and is a superb role model to all of us.



# 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)



# 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](mailto:col@niwbh.org) or  
077 83 792 650



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



Choose a language...

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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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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.

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](#)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - last day of the school year!**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET Days (school closed to children)**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – first day back at school for children**