



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 3
Friday 11th October 2024



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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

We are incredibly proud of our school and the children who make it such a wonderful community to be a part of. It will soon be time for families of young children in Brighton and Hove to select the school for them to join in Reception in September 2025, and we would love them to choose City Academy Whitehawk. Please do spread the word about the amazing things happening at our school! The next slide features a flyer to share some of the things we are so proud to offer. We will be hosting an Open Evening for prospective Reception families on **Wednesday 23rd October** at 6pm. I will also be offering **tours to families on Wednesday 6th and Tuesday 12th November**. [Our recent Ofsted inspection](#) identified us as being Outstanding in four areas, including the amazing provision Miss Rackham and her team deliver each and every day in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

It's been wonderful to welcome so many families into school this week for our famous Parental Engagement events. Each year group had a focus on maths for these special occasions as it is one of our biggest academic priorities, and it was wonderful to see children sharing their enthusiasm for their learning with their families. We know that when we work together we can achieve amazing things!

Remember to keep an eye on [our CAW Facebook page](#) for daily updates and positivity. We love sharing some of the great activities taking place at City Academy Whitehawk.

All the best,

Russell Wood
Head of School



WELCOME TO

CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK

'Highest Expectations for All'



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2025?

I'd like to offer a warm welcome to all prospective parents.

Here at City Academy Whitehawk we are immensely proud of our school community. We would love for you to join our 'Outstanding' Reception classes in September 2025. We believe passionately in every child's potential; we support, nurture and challenge all children so that they flourish and become the very best that they can be. We strive to provide exceptional learning opportunities so that every child develops the self-belief, skills and knowledge that they need to live a successful, fulfilling life.

Thomas McMorris, Executive Headteacher



Visit our wonderful school and meet our Headteacher and Head of Early Years

OPEN EVENING : SCHOOL TOURS

Wednesday 23rd October
from 6pm

Wednesday 6th and
Tuesday 12th November

Please call **01273 681377** or email cawadmin@auroraacademies.org to book

Early Years rated
OUTSTANDING

by Ofsted
(2024)



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Why come and see us?

- Our highly skilled Reception team is committed to providing exciting learning experiences of the highest quality.
- Our purpose built Early Years setting is incredibly well resourced. Children have free-access to multiple classrooms and our expansive outdoor area which spans the entire width of our setting.
- We have a high ratio of adults to children in Reception to enable children to have the best possible start to school.
- All children are invited to attend a free Breakfast Club from 8am every day and we offer paid for after school care until 6pm daily.
- Play is at the heart of practice. We adopt an experiential approach to learning which immerses children in exciting hooks, problem solving and play-based activities.
- Children benefit from high quality and comprehensive Speech & Language provision.
- All of our Reception Children participate in Forest School as part of our curriculum.
- Our latest KS1 Phonics results exceed the national average by 6%.

We also have our very own Hatchlings Nursery!

Please call to find out more.

The Foundation Village here at City Academy Whitehawk has an effective learning environment which encourages a wealth of learning opportunities. We build foundations for children to thrive in education by promoting social interactions encouraging thinking, conversation, open-ended outcomes, developing imagination and creativity.

Sam Attwater, Aurora School Improvement Partner for the Early Years

Children build meaningful relationships with each other and the well-trained staff who skillfully facilitate highly purposeful learning.

Children get off to an exceptional start in the Nursery and Reception.



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CAW AUTUMN BAKE SALE!

**Our PTFA are holding a bake sale
after school
on**

Wednesday 16th October

**We need you to get your 'Bake Off' on, and bring in cakes,
biscuits or any other treats to school for us to sell.
(Bought cakes etc also appreciated!)**

Ingredients must be listed on donations, and NO NUTS please!



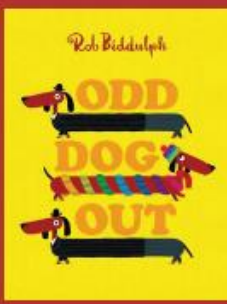
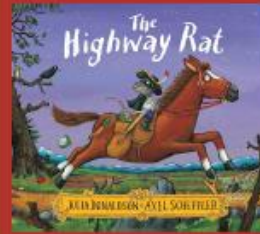
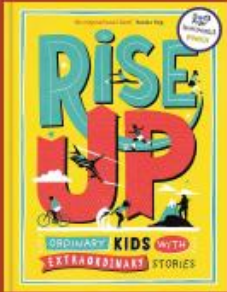
TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

- 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.



Reading Raffle 1

2024 - 2025



CHOOSE
YOUR
OWN!



Children have made a fabulous start to our first Reading Raffle of the year!

Children earn a purple reading raffle ticket after every 5 reads in their reading record. These don't have to be on consecutive days.

Reading Raffle 1 closes in one week on Friday 18th October. All pupils have enough time to get one more ticket in. Good luck and happy reading!



We had lots of visitors to the Reading Raffle voting station this morning



Our first Reading Raffle of the year closes on Friday 18th October in two weeks time!



Keep reading with your child at home for them to earn tickets for the raffle!

Word Count Certificates!



Over the last two weeks we've given out more than 40 word count certificates. These start at 1,000 words and go all the way up to World Millionaires and beyond. When children in Year 2 - 6 finish reading their school library book, they do a short online quiz about it. If they pass this, the total word count for that book adds to their running total for the year. We nearly have our first world millionaire from Year 6 already!

Attendance and Punctuality



If you would like to chat about your child's attendance or punctuality please contact Mrs Storey in the school office



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...! 😊

9th September

Massimo – Goldfinches

Reuben M – Barn Owls

Aria – Kites

Ronnie – Jackdaws

Reuben D – Barn Owls

Amelia – Goldfinches

Frazer - Eagles



Push on Punctuality...

Please remember that all children in Reception to year 6 are welcome to come into school every day from

8.30am.

Everyone arriving after 8.45am will be marked as late.



Some useful links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>



An interview with...Ralph, one of our CAW Ambassadors!

We are so proud of the City Academy Whitehawk Ambassadors. They are democratically elected, and act as role models to the rest of the school.

Q: How did you become a CAW Ambassador?

A: In Year Five, I thought it looked fun to be an Ambassador so I wrote an application letter and gave it to Mr. Wood. Then I made a speech to the whole of Year Five and Year Six in the School Hall. Year Five and Year Six voted for who they thought would be a good Ambassador. Then Mr. Wood announced me as an Ambassador!

Q: Why did you want to be a CAW Ambassador?

A: Because I thought it looked fun and you get to do jobs, like helping to organise the school. We also get to show families around during Engagement Events. Mr. McAdam and Mrs. Luna also get me to sign them up for school dinners every day!

Q: What qualities do you need to be a CAW Ambassador?

A: All of the CAW Qualities (Collaboration, Aspiration, Resilience, Effort, Excellence and Respect)

Q: What are your three favourite things about our school?

A: The teachers are really good, the school dinners are pretty good (especially fish and chips), and I like The Garden because I like climbing trees and doing wood carving.

I like having a special Ambassador uniform to show that I am doing an important job!

Thank you for your service, Ralph!

DON'T FORGET TO OPT-IN...

...once signed up, you can check
your app to see your school's
Cashpot so far.

Here's HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app
and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George,
and scan your Asda Rewards app at
the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online?
Simply log in to Asda.com using
the same details as your Asda
Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest!
We donate ££s to your chosen
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so they can spend it on
exactly what they need.

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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

Congratulations to **WATER HOUSE** who remain in the lead in the Learning Ticket competition!

The house with the most Learning Tickets at the end of the half term will win a very special House Celebration event. Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



Air
5407 points

Earth
4937 points

Fire
4753 points

Water
5463 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	Barn Owls

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

Next week, our CAW Quality of the Week will be
COLLABORATION/TEAMWORK TERMITE.

How can you work together with your peers and the
staff in the school to help your learning?



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C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****Autumn 1 Week 7 CAW Quality of the Week: COLLABORATION**

[British Black History icon](#)

[The inspirational story](#)

[Newsround \(with interviews\)](#)



Celebrating Black History

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Betty Campbell MBE (1934-2017)

Wales' first Black Headteacher

Born in Butetown, Betty was the first Black Headteacher in Wales. She worked hard as teacher to help educate children, and went on to become the first ever Black Headteacher in Wales. This was a huge achievement given the racism that she faced throughout her life. She was instrumental in promoting Black History Month in the UK after being inspired by Black figures in the Civil Rights Movement.

What are the causes and impact of Climate Change in China?



**Our City,
Our World**

EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

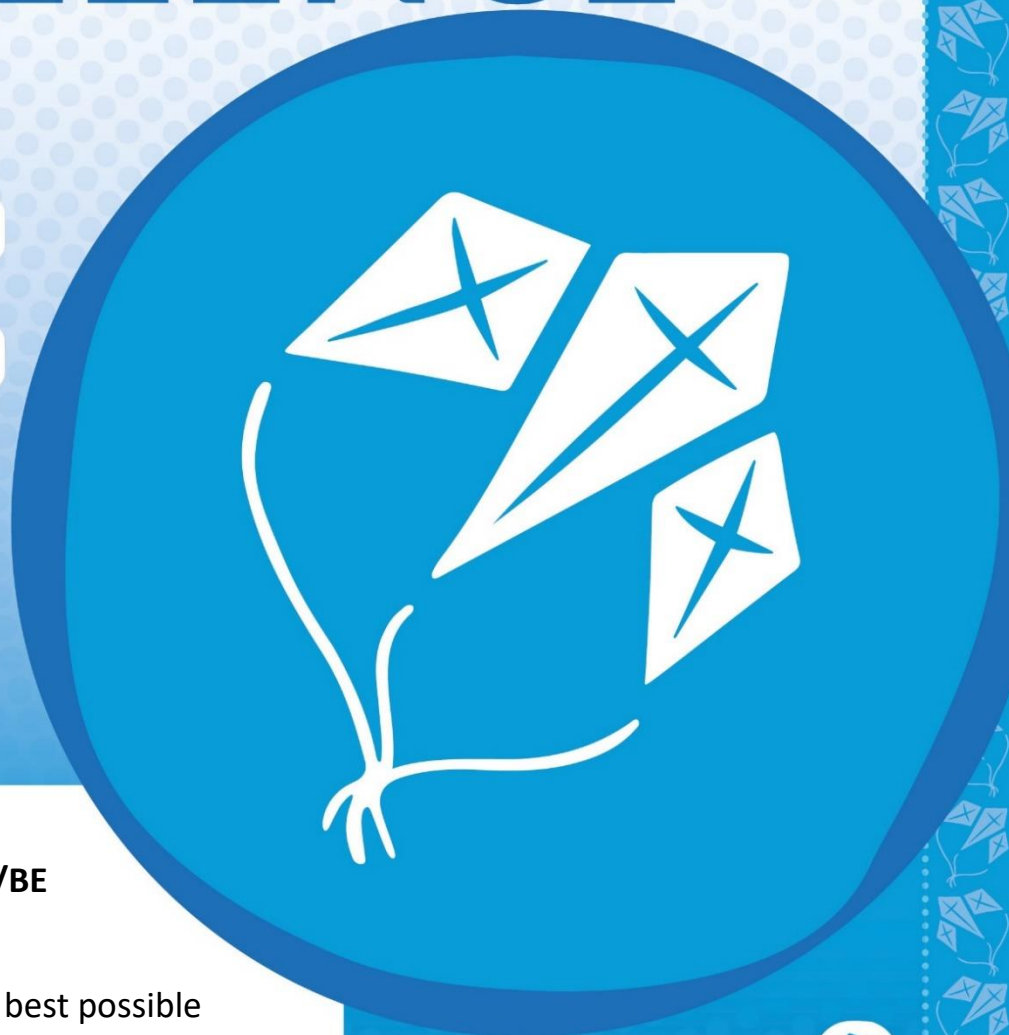
Years 1-6

- 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.



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Autumn 1 Week 6 CAW Quality of the Week: EXCELLENCE



Celebrating Black History

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Simone Biles

American Olympic gymnast

Born in Columbus, Ohio in the USA in 1997, Simone Biles is a world famous gymnast who has won an incredible 7 gold medals. She is only 27 but has already won 11 Olympic medals and 30 World Championship medals, making her the most successful gymnast of all time! She has shown exceptional EXCELLENCE throughout her career. To look after her mental health, Simone took a break from gymnastics. She returned refreshed to win even more medals!

The best of
Simone
Biles

Newsround
profile and
video

Simone's
return
following
a break



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:

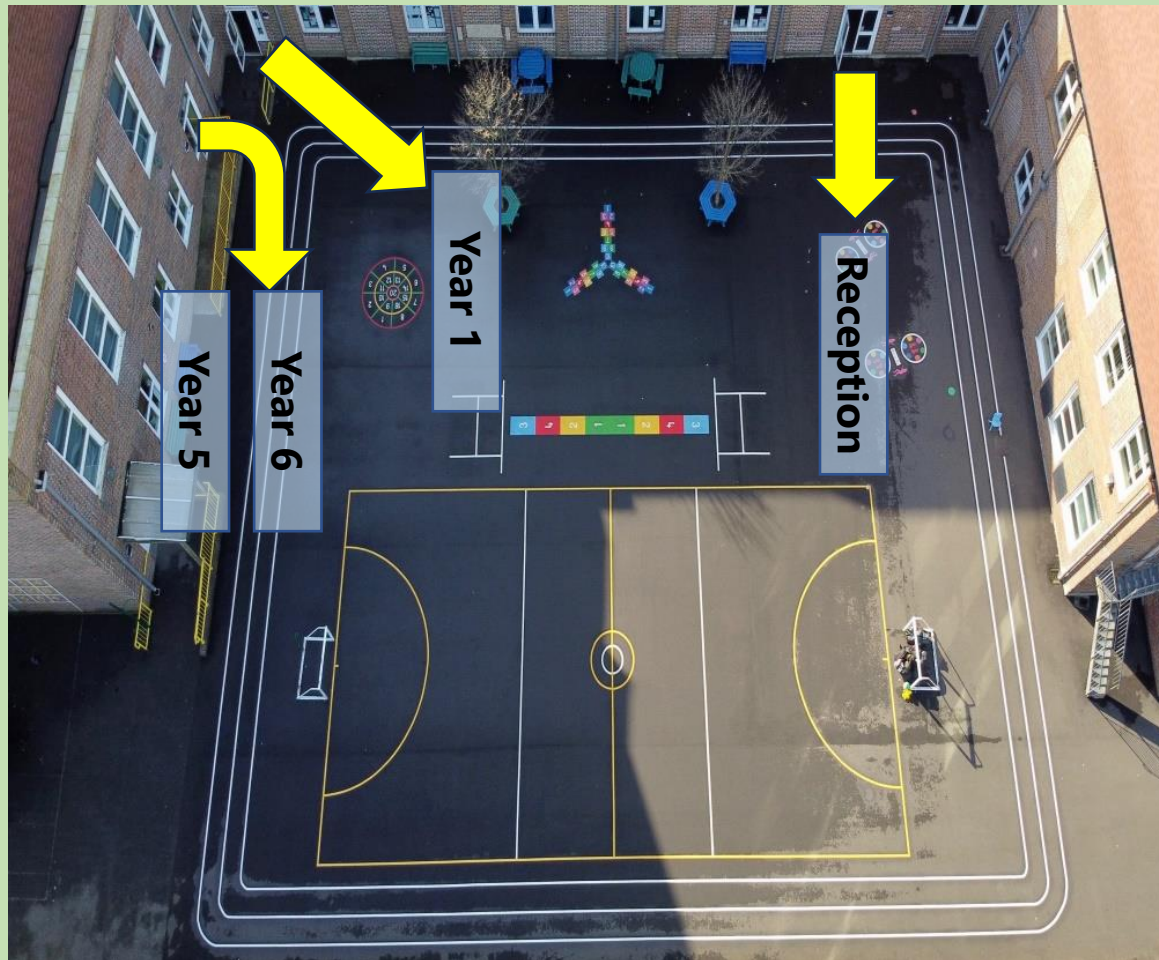
<https://www.ourcityyourworld.co.uk/>

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

South Playground

Wet Weather Collection for Reception, Y1, Y5 and Y6

When it's raining, the collection arrangements for the South Playground are slightly different, and are shown below. This is done to help us release the children safely without too much of a traffic jam.





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](#)

Friday 25th October: Individual Photographs

Friday 25th October: Last Day of Autumn Term 1

Monday 4th November: First Day of Autumn Term 2

Thursday 14th November: Children In Need

Friday 15th November: INSET

Week of 16th December: Christmas Shows

	Tues 17 th	Wed 18 th	Thur 19 th	Fri 20 th
9:15	Y2	Reception & Nursery	Y4	Y6
2:15	Y1	Y3	Y5	

Friday 20th December: Last Day of Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 7th January: First Day of Spring Term 1