



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 8
Friday 10th January 2025



City Academy Whitehawk
Whitehawk Road, Brighton
East Sussex, BN2 5FL

01273 681377

cawadmin@auroraacademies.org

www.caw.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

Happy New Year! It's been wonderful to have everyone back in school, and the children have really impressed me with how hard they have worked over the last four days. It's a credit to them, and to the staff who support them, that every minute is made to count at our school. There has been a wonderfully positive atmosphere and 2025 has got off to the best possible start.

This week I have given tours to several colleagues from other schools as well as prospective new families looking to join CAW, and whenever we pass a student in the corridor, I've asked them what their favourite thing about our school is. The responses this week have included "learning!", "the teachers!", "Times Table Rockstars!", "reading!" and, of course, "lunchtime!" I couldn't be prouder to show our school off, and it's fantastic hearing such enthusiasm from the children, who also show their sense of belonging in being part of our community.

Please do keep checking our [school Facebook page](#) for lots of positive news and important announcements. The deadline for families to apply for September 2025 Reception places is **next Wednesday 15th January**. If your child is a Hatchling in our Nursery, you must still apply for a place in Reception through the Brighton and Hove website, available at this link: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/apply-school-place>

Developing the love of reading remains a huge part of City Academy Whitehawk's ethos, and there is lots of celebration and information about it in today's newsletter. Enjoy!

Russell Wood
Head of School

PS Check out the next slide for a special visitor to City Academy Whitehawk, who joined us on the South Playground during Wednesday's blizzard...



Elvis the Snowman!




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



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...! 😊

16th December

Wolfe – Puffins

Jake – Barn Owls

Roman – Goldfinches

Malik - Magpies

Kian – Kestrels

Rio - Eagles



AMAZING IMPROVERS!!!

Well done to these children who received a special certificate for amazingly improved attendance this term!

Renesmai – Woodpeckers

Olivia - Goldfinches Willow – Kites

Nellie – Magpies Scarlett – Magpies

Buster – Jackdaws Harper-Lee – Jackdaws

Jasmine T – Herons Jazmin C – Barn Owls

Ria - Eagles Bobbie - Eagles



[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)

Invitation to families...



Hello Everyone

From January, the Puffin classroom will be open from 3.30, fortnightly, for anyone who has any questions about Phonics or Reading in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No need to book. Just Drop in!



Drop in dates for next term will be:

- Monday 13th January
- Monday 27th January
- Monday 10th February



Thanks

Miss Delaney
Early Reading Leader

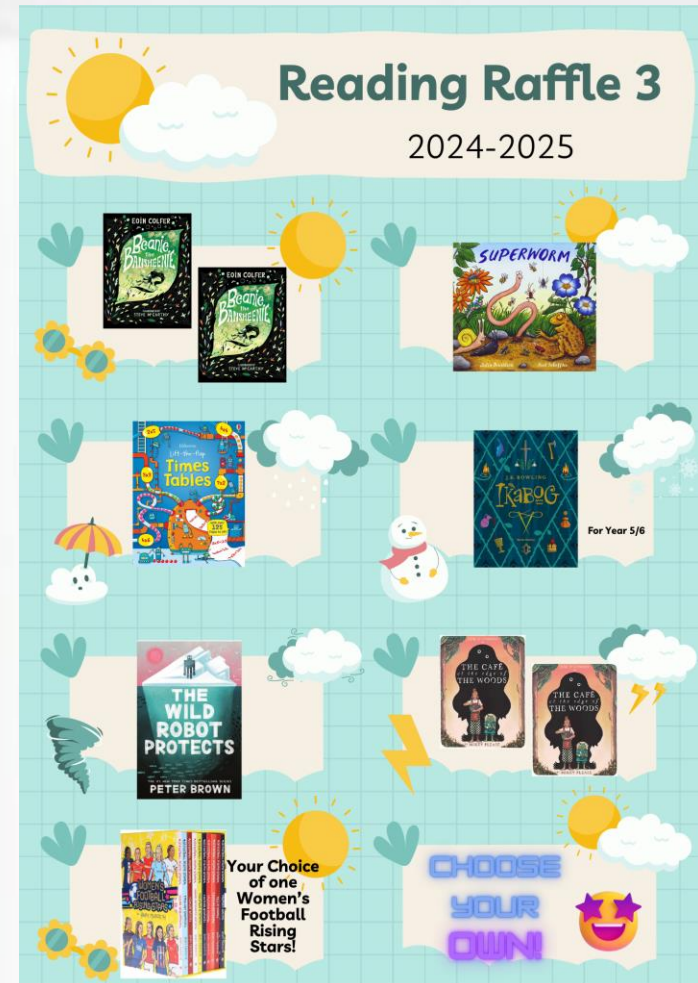
World Book Day – book selecting!

Plans are underway for this year's World Book Day celebrations! Before these are launched, we are keen to find out what book children would like to take home from this year's amazing selection! Please check your emails to find out more or click this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/WV1KdtK8cS>



Reading Raffle 3

[Reading Raffle 3](#) launched this term with some exceptional titles, especially Beanie The Banshee illustrated by CAW's friend, Steve McCarthy! After every 5 entries in a Reading Record (doesn't have to be consecutive days) your child will earn a raffle ticket to vote for a book they'd like to win. Please remember that we only count one read per day.



Reading Raffle 2 – Astounding Results!

Reception and Nursery families heard from me at the very end of term to congratulate them on collectively earning 298 Raffle Tickets – a new CAW Record! We've adjusted our calculations and are challenging children to earn at least 550 tickets per half term so that we can beat our overall ticket total by the end of the year!

RR2 Highest ticket-earning classes were...

1. Red Robins (127)
2. Blue Robins (98)
3. Puffins (89)

866 tickets were entered into reading raffle 2 ... that's a record breaking 4,330 reads!

This is the highest total for a Reading Raffle 2 ever!


	2021	2022	2023	2024
Reading Raffle 2 Total	674	690	585	866

Reading Raffle 2 – Congratulations to all our winners!

Rooftoppers- Ria, Iona, Olivia
Choose Your Own- Hallie and Eli
Tom Gates Random Acts of Fun-
Elijah, Phoebe, Amelia, Elsie
The Boy Who Made The World
Disappear- Verity, Amiaya, Leeson,
Harlie
Last Stop On The Reindeer Express -
April, Albert
Supertato - Scarlett, Finley, Jamie
Santa is coming to Brighton- Judah,
Edie
Christmasaurus and the Winter
Witch- Maiya, Leela, Ellie May, Esme



Christmas Book Gifting



We hope your child enjoyed reading their specially chosen book that they were gifted at the end of term. We had a lot of fun putting this project together! It wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of East Brighton Trust and three private donations to the school. These were from individuals who had heard about CAW's reading ethos and Christmas project and wanted to help. We're so grateful that they supported us to continue grow reading for pleasure at CAW.

Overheard at...

Christmas Book Gifting

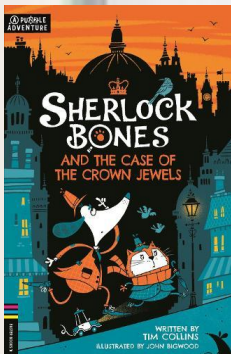
“Yes! I’ve been wanting this one for ages!” – Year 5 pupil



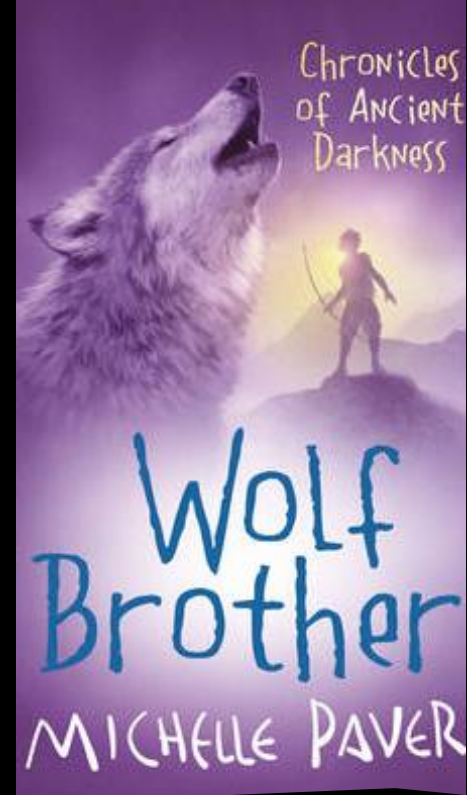
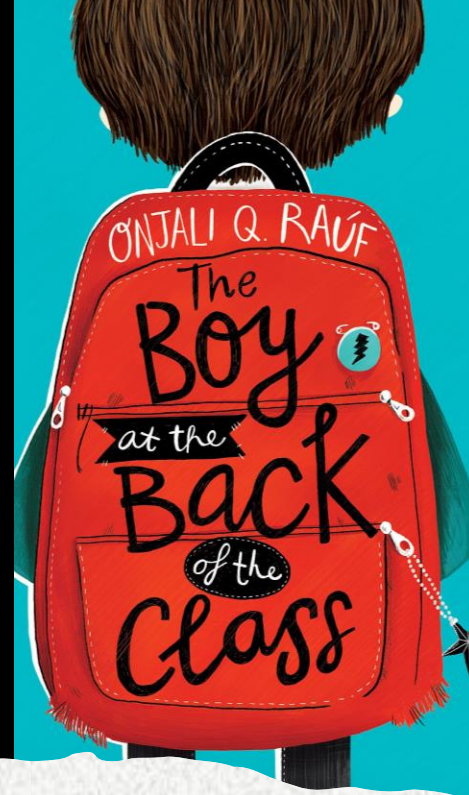
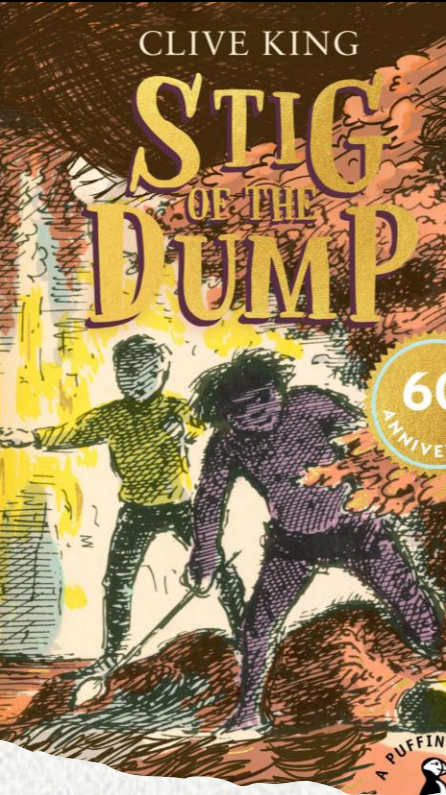
“We’ve made a book hide out! Can we carry on reading after break?” – Year 5 Pupils

“Pleaseeee can I take my book out to lunch with me?!” – Year 3 Pupil

After reading for approximately 5 minutes... “This is soooo funny. Can I read it to you?!” - Year 5 pupil



“We wanted to come and show you our books we got. We LOVE them! Thank you” – Year 4 Pupils



Year 3 – 6 Texts for Spring

These are our texts for the Spring Term starting with Year 3 on the left. It's a real mix including children's classics with Stig and Barney's antics; epic missions of bravery from Tash, Sam and two trusty Yaks in Nepal; children fighting for equality and justice (and a near disastrous trip to London in the mix) for Year 5's Boy At The Back Of The Class and Torak finds his true calling in the epic Wolf Brother. We hope your children enjoy meeting their new characters!



Last term Year 2 were learning about The Great Fire of London. In DT, we made our own Tudor houses and burnt them to show how the fire spread rapidly!



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



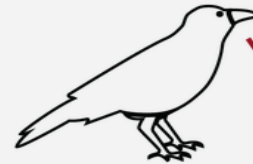
Nursery
Hatchlings



Year Three
Kites
Kestrels



Reception
Robins



Year Four
Jackdaws
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Herons



Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons



House Points

With the start of a new term comes the start of a new House Point Competition! Each House started from zero, and it's wonderful to see so many Learning Tickets earned in just four days. Congratulations to **AIR HOUSE** and **FIRE HOUSE** who are in joint first place. Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**882 Air
points**

**850 Earth
points**



**882 Fire
points**

**821 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
Autumn 2 Week 6	Goldfinches	Magpies
Autumn 2 Week 7	Puffins	Hérons

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



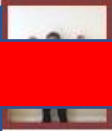
A

Aspiration



R

Resilience



E

Effort



E

Excellence



R

Respect



TERM 2 Week 2 CAW Quality of the Week: RESILIENCE



Nine things we learned about Stephen Fry (for older children)

Stephen Fry reads *All The Ways You Can Be Smart*

Stephen Fry reads *Can You Keep a Secret?*

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Sir Stephen Fry

Actor, writer, comedian and broadcaster

Stephen Fry, born in London in 1967, is a well known TV presenter, author and comedian. Stephen lives with cyclothymia (a form of bipolar disorder) which means that he can sometimes feel depressed and sometime feel extremely happy. He has needed to show RESILIENCE/PERSEVERING PENGUIN qualities to cope with this, which is an inspiration to people all over the world. His mental health difficulties have not prevented him writing books, presenting television shows like *QI* and being part of some very popular comedy shows and films.

Who are YelloWave?



**Our City,
Our World**

EXCELLENCE

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

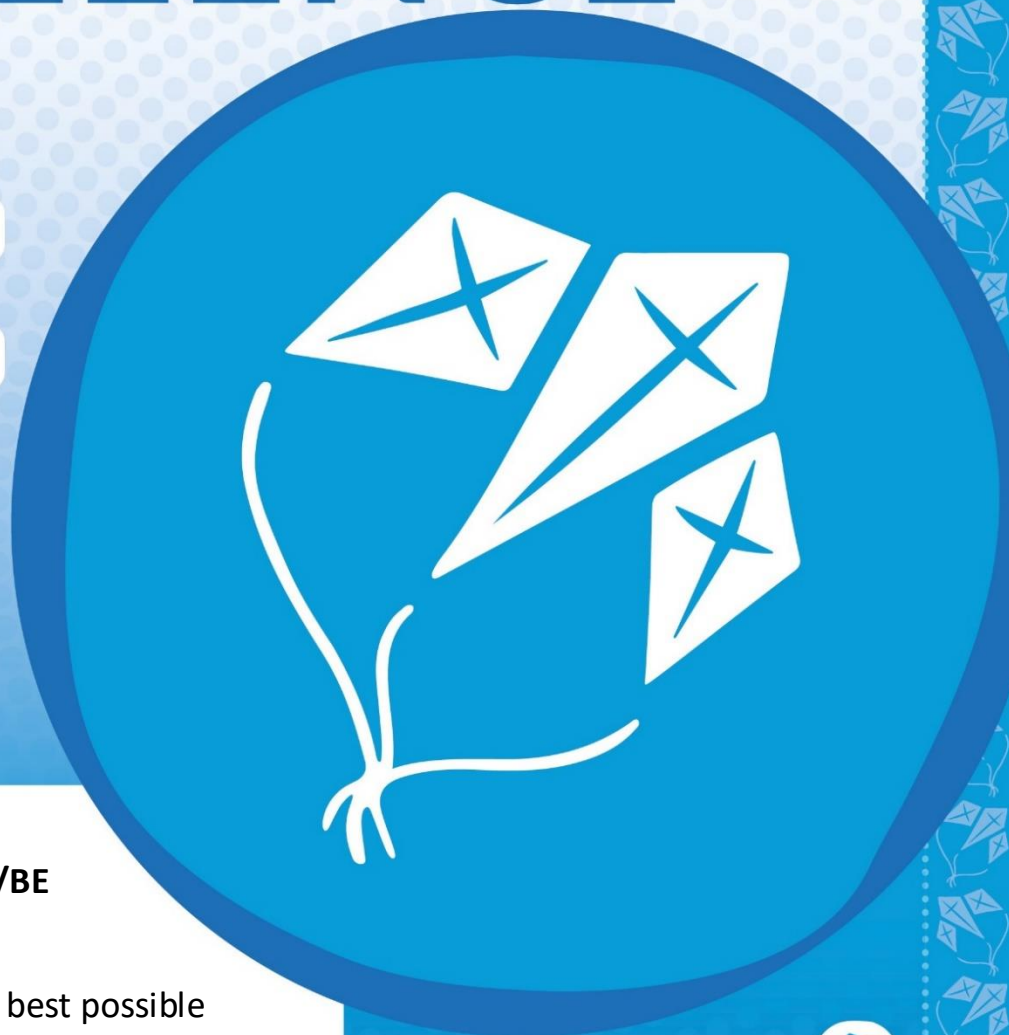
Years 1-6

- 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.



CITY ACADEMY WHITEHAWK



C**Collaboration****A****Aspiration****R****Resilience****E****Effort****E****Excellence****R****Respect****TERM 2 Week 1 CAW Quality of the Week: Excellence****CAW Significant Figure of the Week**

Stevie Wonder

Stevland Hardaway Morris was born May 13, 1950 and became blind shortly after his birth. He was a music prodigy who signed with Motown's Tamla label at the age of 11, where he was given the professional name Little Stevie Wonder. He later became known as Stevie Wonder. He is an American singer-songwriter, musician, and record producer. One of the most acclaimed and influential musicians of the 20th century, he is credited as a pioneer and influence by musicians across a range of genres that include R&B, pop, soul, gospel, funk, and jazz. A virtual one-man band, Wonder's use of synthesizers and other electronic musical instruments during the 1970s reshaped R&B. He has won 25 Grammys for his work

Who are Tideline Trash and Treasure?**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

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
Acholi	Aymara	Belarusian	Catalan	Crimean Tatar (Latin)	Dzongkha	Frisian	Hakha Chin	Igbo	Kalaallisut	Kokborok	Latvian
Afar	Assekili	Bambara	Cebuano	Croatian	Esperanto	Friulian	Hausa	Ilocano	Kannada	Komi	Ligurian
			Chamorro	Czech	Estonian	Fulani	Hawaiian	Indonesian	Kanuri	Konkani	Limburi
			Chechen	Danish	Ewe	Ga	Hebrew	Inuktitut (Latin)	Kapampangan	Korean	Lingala
Alur	Bambara	Bhojpuri	Chichewa	Dari	Faroese	Galician	Hiligaynon	Inuktitut (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
BHFOOD.ORG.UK/FOODSOS

#FOODSOSBTN



DESIGN + ILLUSTRATION BY
STUDIOEVERETT.COM

Brighton & Hove
FOOD
Partnership

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.



CITY ACADEMY KIDS GO FREE*

**WHITEHAWK FC, EAST BRIGHTON PARK, 3PM KO SATURDAYS
WALK THROUGH THE PARK TO THE GROUND**

21 DEC v HASHTAG UNITED

28 DEC v DULWICH HAMLET

01 JAN v LEWES

11 JAN v HENDON

25 JAN v CRAY WANDERERS

ADULT £8 WITH THIS VOUCHER *WITH AN ADULT

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.

A Night of Astronomy

Free
hot chocolates
and hot dogs

Thursday 30th January

4.30 – 6.30

Falmer Road, Rottingdean

BN2 7FR

Longhill High School

presents

Stargazing with local astronomers

Astronomy Talks & Make & Take activities



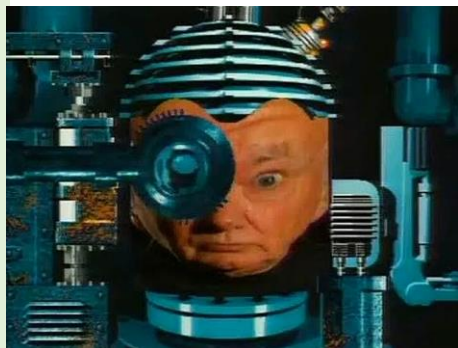
Plenty of activities inside the school if the weather is bad.



Book your FREE tickets by
emailing
stargazing@longhill.org.uk
(numbers limited)



Brighton & Hove Partnership Schools





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](#)

Monday 6th January: INSET Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 7th January: First Day of Spring Term 1

Monday 3rd February: Safer Internet Week

Friday 7th February: NSPCC Number Day

Friday 14th February: Last Day of Spring Term 1

Monday 24th February: First Day of Spring Term 2

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day (more information to follow soon)

Friday 14th March: INSET Day (school closed to children)

Friday 4th April: Last Day of Spring Term 2