



City Academy Whitehawk

School Community Newsletter 9
Friday 24th January 2025



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Dear City Academy Whitehawk families,

The positive start to 2025 has continued, and, as ever, it's been a privilege to work with CAW children and families. We hugely value the children's [Personal Development](#), and are proud that Ofsted rated us as Outstanding in this area. Preparing the children to be 'next stage ready' is at the heart of our provision and our famous 'CAW Qualities' of Collaboration, Aspiration, Resilience, Effort, Excellence and Respect are embedded in all areas of our curriculum. Please take every opportunity to discuss these with your children...they know that demonstrating them at school and in their work will earn them valuable Learning Tickets!

Please see the next slide for information about a consultation around Secondary School catchments. This is an important issue for our community, and one that could result in very real benefits for CAW students. We know just how important it is to have a voice and agency, so please do make sure your voice is heard.

All the best,

Russell Wood
Head of School



Brighton and Hove Secondary School Consultation

Monday 27th January – City Academy Whitehawk Canteen – 6pm

The school will be hosting a meeting on behalf of the city council on **Monday 27th January at 6pm in the school canteen**. This meeting is part of the council's school admission arrangements consultation, which will continue until the end of January. Full details, including the online survey, can be found here: [Project: School admission arrangements public consultation | Brighton & Hove City Council](#).

This meeting will provide a valuable opportunity for you to hear about the proposed changes, especially in relation to secondary school admissions, and to engage directly with council representatives. You will have the chance to ask questions, share your comments, and express your thoughts on the proposals.

Please note that this meeting will be on a first come first served basis but we will endeavor to fit in all that wish to attend. Should you wish to attend, please note that access to this event will be through the Canteen entrance, not the school's main gate. For anyone unfamiliar with this entrance to the school, please see the following slide.

Canteen
Entrance

Whitehawk Rd

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City Academy
Whitehawk

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Whitehawk Library






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...! 😊

13th January

Rio – Eagles (again!)

Leo – Woodpeckers

Morgan – Barn Owls

Esme – Woodpeckers

Ronnie – Jackdaws

Esme - Greenfinches



Well done to the 142 children who received certificates for **EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE** at the end of last term!

If your child's attendance is below around 93% you should expect to receive emails from us confirming that we are keeping an eye on absences



[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)

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 this term are:

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



Thanks

Miss Delaney
Early Reading Leader

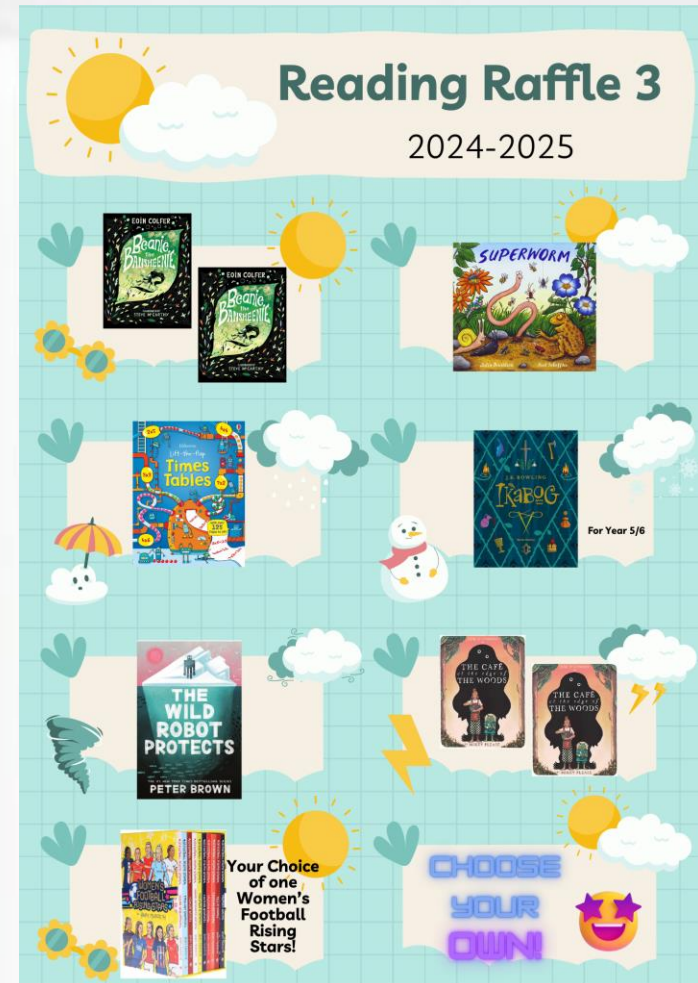
World Book Day – book selecting!

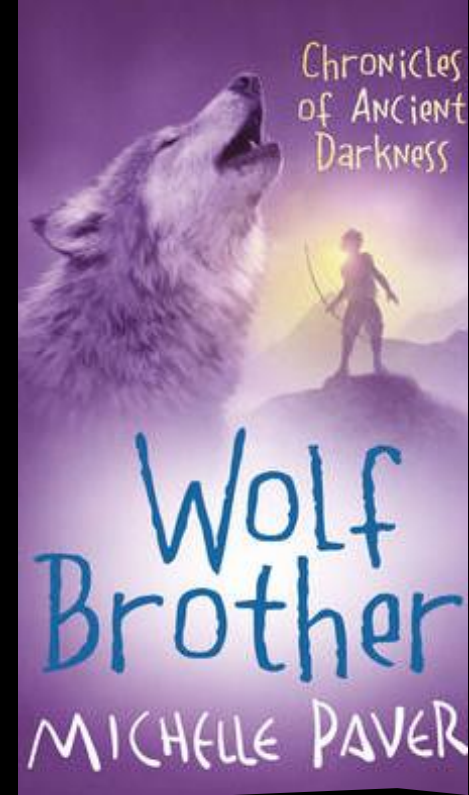
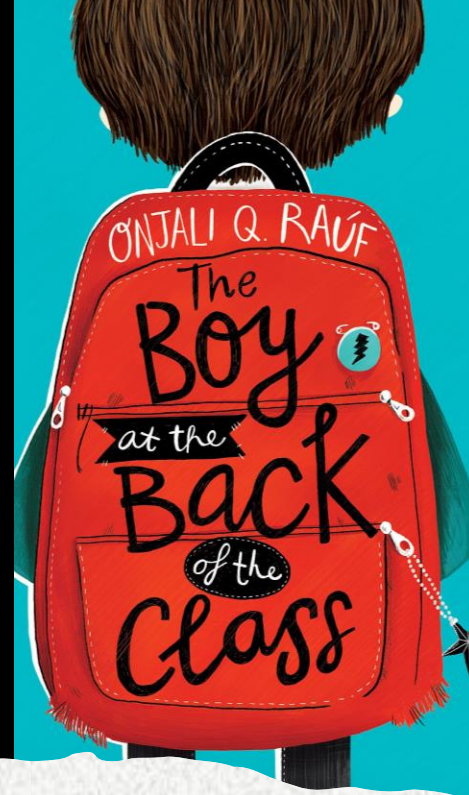
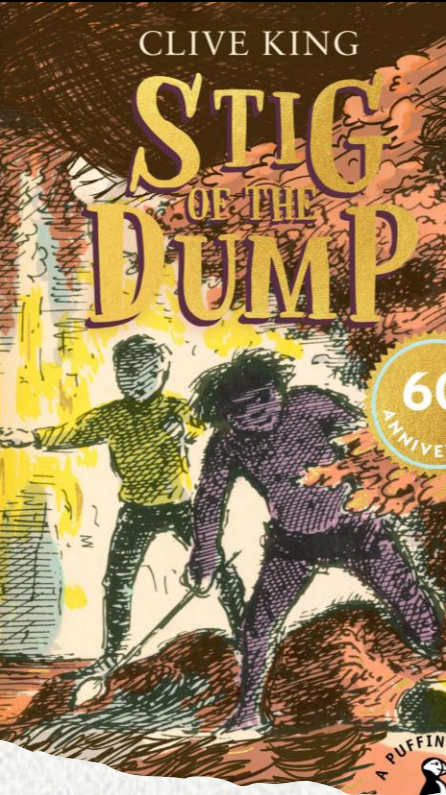
Plans are underway for this year's World Book Day celebrations! Before these are launched, we are keen to find out what book children would like to take home from this year's amazing selection! Please check your emails to find out more or click this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/WV1KdtK8cS>



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.





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!

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



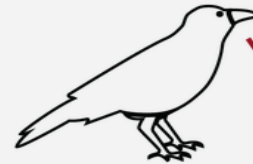
Nursery
Hatchlings



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

Congratulations to **AIR HOUSE** who are leading the Spring 1 House Celebration Competition for Learning Tickets.

Remember: **EVERY TICKET COUNTS!**



**3185 Air
points**

**3087 Earth
points**

**3086 Fire
points**

**2873 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 1	Kestrels	Hérons
Week 2	Woodpeckers	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?



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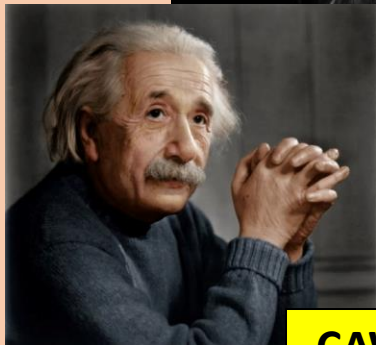
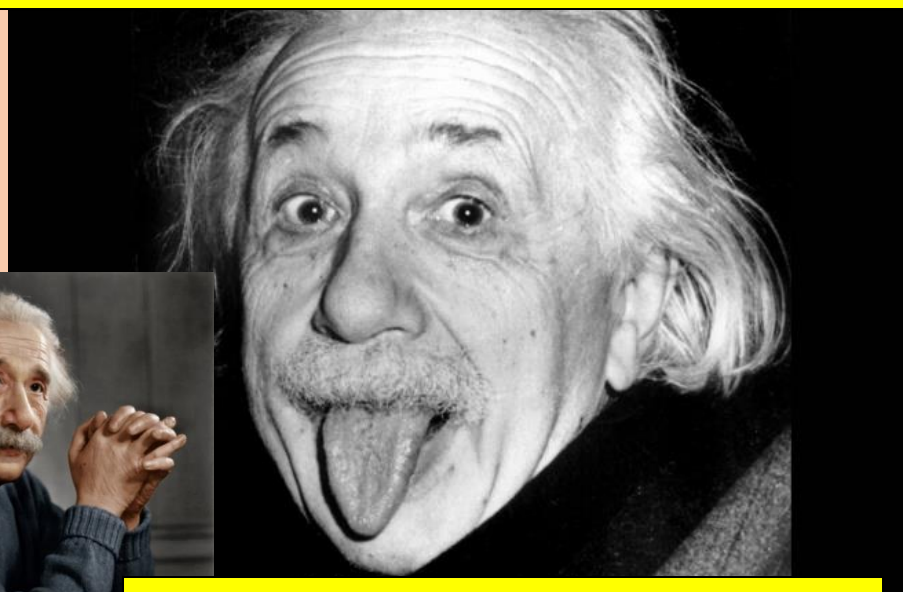
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Spring Term 3 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week: ASPIRATION

[Relativity](#)
[Song](#)

[Newsround](#)
[information](#)

[The](#)
[Greatest](#)
[Scientist](#)



CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Albert Einstein was a brilliant scientist who changed the way people viewed the universe!

Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany in 1879 and grew up in Munich. He dropped out of school and was rejected from several universities. Eventually, he got into the Swiss Polytechnic in Zurich where he studied to be a teacher. After failing to find a teaching job, he found work in an office checking out other people's inventions. But in his spare time he was putting together some brilliant scientific ideas. When people realised how clever he was, he became a professor four times and was given an honorary degrees from many universities including Oxford and Cambridge, Manchester and London. He won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921 for showing that light was not just made up of waves, it could also be thought of as individual packets of light or photons.

**Who are the Green
Lemon company?**



**Our City,
Our World**

RESPECT

AWARDED TO

Name:

It could be you!

Class:

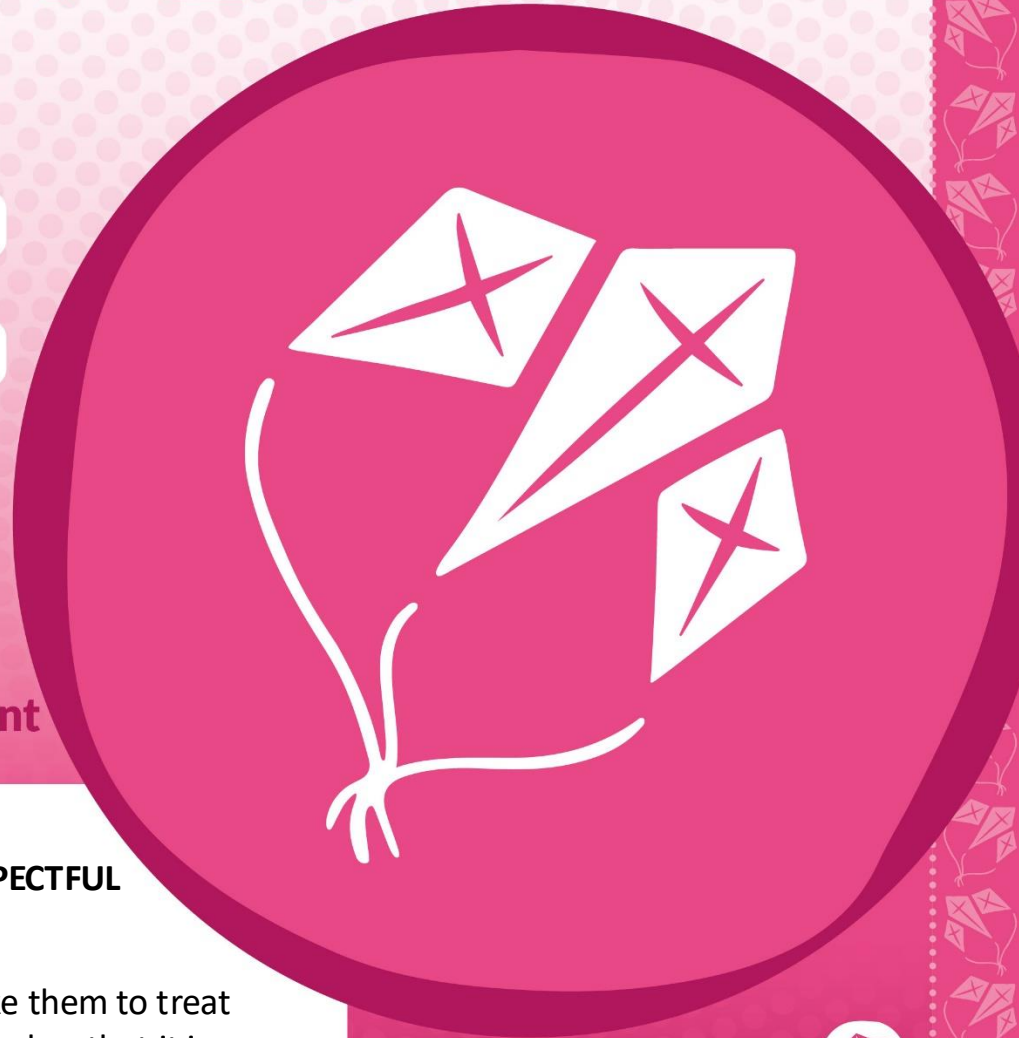
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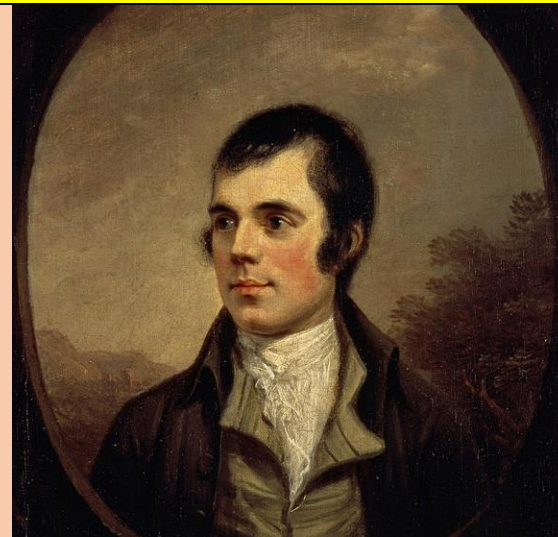
- Listen to others
- Be kind when you disagree
- Explain things to help others
- Be tolerant
- Take care of the school environment

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.



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TERM 2 Week 3 CAW Quality of the Week: RESPECT

CAW Significant Figure of the Week

Robert Burns (1759-1796)
Scotland's National Poet

[Burns Night \(Newsround\)](#)

[Burns Night teaching resources \(BBC\)](#)

[Edinburgh children talk about Burns Night](#)

Who are Kingdom Landscapes?



**Our City,
Our World**

Robert Burns was a poet and lyricist (writer of words to music) from Ayrshire in Scotland. He is celebrated as one of the most famous Scottish people of all time. There are many statues of him in Scotland and several other countries. There is even a crater on Mars named after him! His writings have inspired people for centuries and he is held with a huge amount of RESPECT across the world. Burns died at the age of 37 from a heart condition. Burns Night is celebrated each year around 25th January (Robert's birthday), when Scottish families get together for traditional meal (often including haggis!).



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
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Alur	Bambara	Bhojpuri	Chichewa	Dari	Faroese	Galician	Hiligaynon	Hindi	Irish Gaelic	Khasi	Kurdish (Kurmanji)
Amharic	Baoulé	Bikol	Chinese (Simplified)	Dhivehi	Fijian	Georgian	Hmong	Italian	Jamaican Patois	Kiga	Kyrgyz
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Armenian	Basque	Breton	Chuukese	Dogri	Finnish	Greek					

Bingo!



FOOD SOS

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FOOD
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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



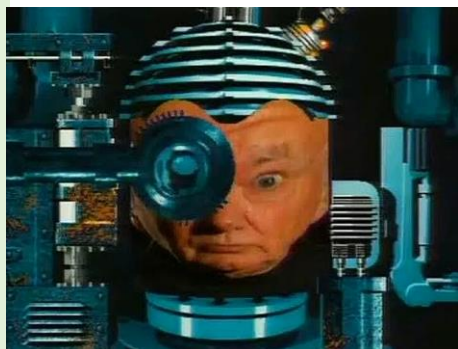
Plenty of activities inside the school if the weather is bad.



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