



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Whitehawk Families,

We're delighted to share with you the first half termly newsletter of this year. This edition showcases some celebrity appearances at school, alongside with welcoming Roundabout Nursery to the CAW family. You can also read about family feedback and actions we've taken to further improve your child's school offer. We were delighted to see a real uplift in family feedback compared to summer 2025.

Children have been working really hard across the curriculum to display personal excellence and live up to our motto of 'highest expectations for all'. This week, we've seen some stunning Black History Month inspired art and eloquent history essays. Children should head into the break proud of their achievements.



We've also had a wonderful time this half term hosting families for a range of events including: family consultation evenings, Year 1 Coffee morning, Year 6 SATs meeting and Year Group Family Events this week! It's been great to have families on site seeing their children in action, getting to spend time with their teachers and working together to best support each child. Next half term we'll have ISP Meetings for families whose children receive additional support, Winter Performances, a Reception & Nursery Coffee Morning and more!

We really enjoy working in partnership with all CAW families and look forward to the term ahead. We hope you have a relaxing half term break.



THOMAS MCMORRIN

Director Of School Improvement
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Executive Headteacher



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Interim Head Of School
City Academy Whitehawk



Safeguarding Spotlight with Mrs Orchard

If your family is celebrating Halloween, please ensure children are supervised when trick-or-treating and wear bright clothing so they can be seen. Take extra care when crossing roads and remind children to stay with friends or trusted adults while out in the community. We hope you all enjoy a fun, safe and happy half-term break.

SARAH ORCHARD

Welfare Manager
City Academy Whitehawk



Celebrity Visit!

We were really excited to be selected to take part in filming for a supervised toothbrushing campaign by Colgate that featured Joe Wicks! We were approached because of our commitment to this shown last year in our Hatchlings Nursery class. We had a very memorable day with camera crews taking over our Nursery classroom. We were grateful to two parents who also gave interviews about how it supported their child with teethbrushing.

We know how hard it can be to instill good oral hygiene habits with young children so were delighted to be a part of this project and able to share the message far and wide. Families shared lots of positive feedback about the impact it's had at home and we've seen fewer dental issues in this group of children than previously.

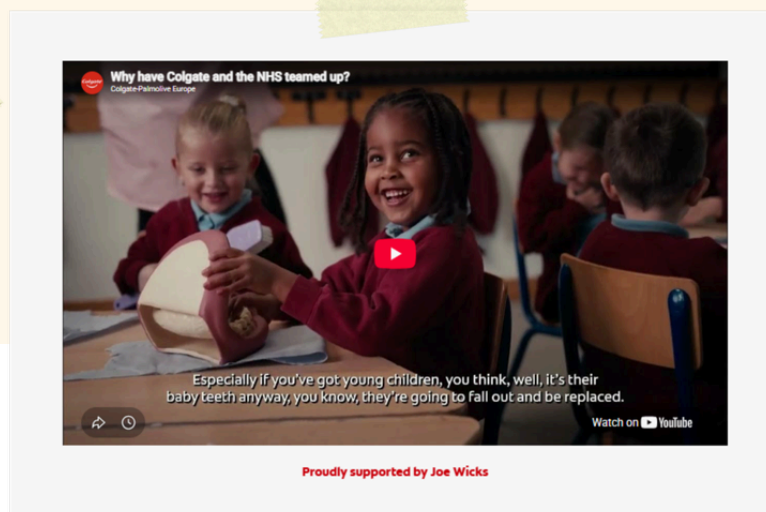
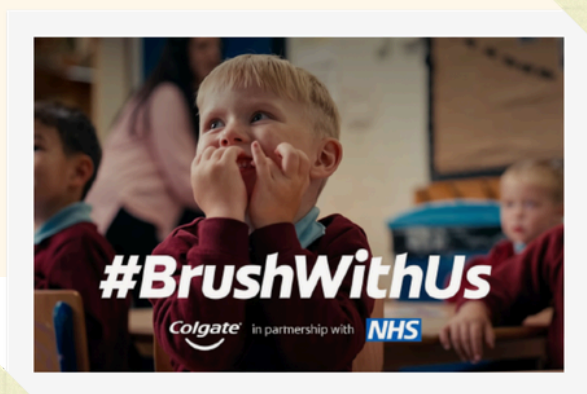
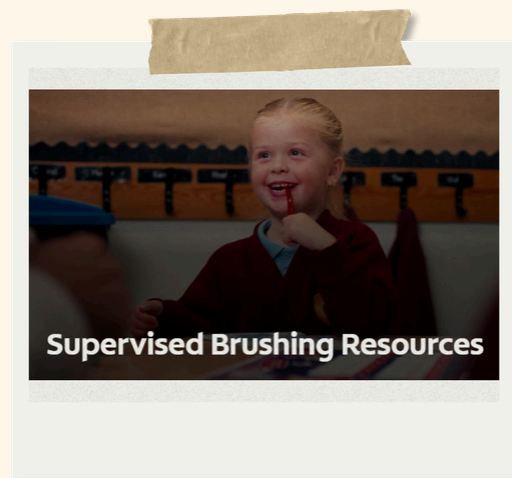
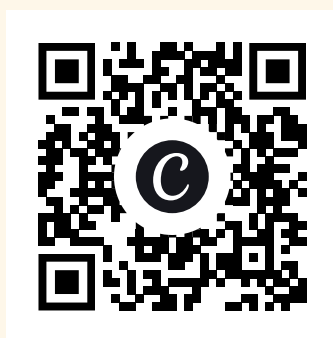
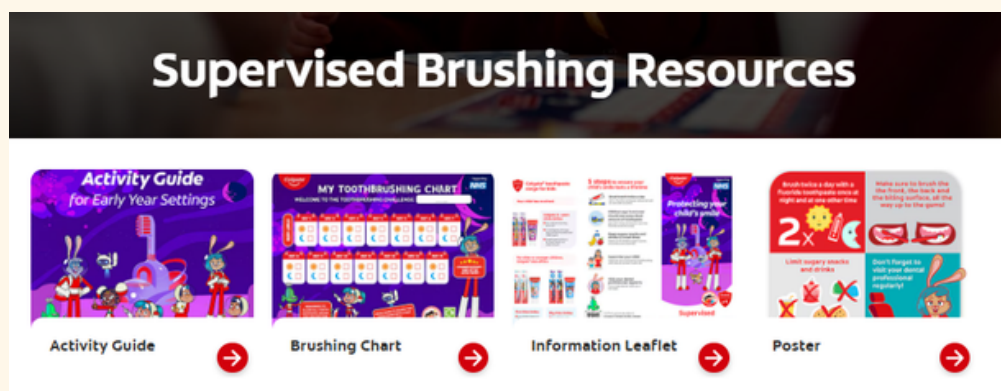
Joe Wicks and the team were blown away by the behaviour and attitudes of all children he met during his visit and commended the Early Years team on their beautiful setting.



**Watch the
video!**



Scan the QR code at the bottom of the page with your phone or [click here](#) to watch the video! [This link](#) takes you to Colgate's page with lots of helpful resources to support children in learning why teeth brushing is so important and provides resources to encourage children to do so, including an activity guide and reward chart!



Roundabout Nursery Joins City Academy Whitehawk

Your World

Brighton nursery officially opens as part of Aurora Academies Trust

We were so excited to welcome Roundabout Nursery into City Academy Whitehawk this term. It's been wonderful to get to know the Roundabout staff, children and families and look ahead to our future together. Roundabout offers year-round nursery care and education for 0-4 year olds and further information about it can be found on our [school website](#). We're excited to collaborate across sites to learn from each other and deliver the very best Early Years Education offer we can. If you have a child who is looking for a nursery place, please call the team on 01273 294 780. Hatchlings Nursery continues to operate term time only from the main school site. Please call 01273 681377 to enquire about spaces in Hatchlings!

Roundabout's
School
Website Page



Read All About It!

Scan here
for full
article!



The wonderful news about Roundabout joining City Academy Whitehawk was in the press! Please read an extract from the news article below or scan the QR code or click [here](#) for the full article.

The transfer will secure the long-term future of the nursery for children and their families across the Whitehawk community, ensuring this vital service continues to support children for years to come. The Trust will continue to deliver year-round, full-day provision through the nursery, ensuring a smooth transition for staff, children and their families while building on the strengths that already make Roundabout Nursery such a valued part of the community.

The nursery will continue to operate from its existing Whitehawk Road building, and is now part of City Academy Whitehawk, the local primary academy which shares the same site.

Councillor Emma Daniel, Cabinet Member at Brighton & Hove City Council, added: "We're pleased to see Roundabout Nursery officially join Aurora Academies Trust. We know that local families feel passionately about Roundabout Nursery, how much it means to the community in Whitehawk and the important role the nursery has played in so many people's lives."



Family Feedback

As many of you have come to know, each summer we survey families to get their views on a number of aspects on school life. This information helps us capture what we are doing well, and what can continue to be improved as we are always keen to develop our offer for the CAW community. Compared to Summer Term 2025, families reported strong improvements in safety, expectations, behaviour and communication, alongside consistently high confidence in pupils’ happiness, progress and breadth of educational experience. All ten of the headline questions showed a significant improvement in families satisfaction with the school and the vast majority of family satisfication was above the average for Aurora Schools.

	Communi cation	Behaviour	High Expectati ons	Reccome nd the school	Parents informed about progress	Personal Developm ent offer
Percenta ge improve ment	↑ 34%	↑ 32%	↑ 29%	↑ 28%	↑ 26%	↑ 23%
2026 Score	90%	76%	89%	79%	89%	83%

91% said
their
children feel
safe

90% agree
there is a
broad and
engaging
curriculum

89% feel there
are high
expectations
for children

89% said
children are
doing well

You Said, We Did!

You Said	We Did	We Will Continue To
More consistent behaviour seen in Music	Appointed Ms Linehan as our Music Teacher	Promote positive music behaviour and attitudes
Earlier communications about upcoming events	Weekly Bulletins have upcoming key dates for terms ahead	Communicate to families where this information can be found
More KS1 Clubs	We've launched three different KS1 Clubs and enhanced our WASP offer	Look ahead to Spring and Summer Terms to book in more specific KS1 clubs
More variety of lunchtime provision	We now have a wide range of resources on offer at lunchtime for Year 1 - 6 including dress up, Lego, water, construction and colouring.	Add to this offer and respond to the seasons and children's interests

You don't have to wait for our summer survey to share your feedback. Each time we host a parents and carers consultation evening, we send out a family survey too. We are pleased to report that all answers this term showed a minimum of 84% in agreement to all questions, including that their child enjoys school, are happy with their child's experience and that the leadership and management was strong.

100% of Autumn Family Feedback said their child and their family are welcome at school!

91% of Autumn Family Feedback said the quality of teaching was strong!

Families continued to request more communication from school. We will share an updated Communication Guide next term!

CAW Ambassadors



How magnificent do our 2026-2027 CAW Ambassadors look?! These Year 5 and 6 children were selected in September through an application process that included writing letters and giving speeches. Staff input was included, alongside pupil votes to elect this year's cohort, most of whom are pictured here in their new uniform. Ambassadors have a special role in our school where they represent us with visitors and events, but also act as role models across the school to support all children to have the best school experience possible. They are approachable, friendly and quick thinkers and we are looking forward to seeing them achieve great things in their ambassador colours!

As well as ambassadors, we have other student leadership responsibilities including Play Leaders and Librarians who also wrote wonderful letters of submission. One librarian even presented hers like a book! We support children to gain leadership experience in their area of interest and enjoy working with each and every one of them.

