



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Whitehawk Families,

It has been a busy and enriching term across the school. Highlights have included Year 3 visiting Preston Manor and taking part in pedestrian training, Year 6 visiting Sussex University, and Year 2 enjoying pizza making and both Y2 and Y6 completing their SATs assessments. Alongside this, our whole-school Arts Week and a wide range of after-school clubs have continued to support both attainment and wider achievement.

A huge well done to our Year 6 children, families and staff team for their determination, hard work and resilience during SATs week. We are extremely proud of the commitment shown throughout this important period. To recognise this, we are excited to celebrate with the bespoke attendance prize that Year 6 pupils were working towards in this time.



Thank you to all the families who attended the Year 1 reading workshop led by Miss Delaney. It was a wonderful opportunity to share how we support early reading. Your ongoing support at home makes a significant difference, and we are excited to see how the children get on in the Phonics Screening Check next month.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting term still to come, including the Y6 Residential trip, annual school reports hitting your inbox at the end of term as glorious celebration of all your child has achieved, and sports week! There is still a sixth of the school year remaining, so attendance and effort remain of the utmost importance.

Our parent survey has been shared via email please take a few moments to share your feedback, as it is greatly valued.



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Safeguarding Spotlight with Mrs Orchard

Emotional Wellbeing

Take a few minutes each day to check in with your child and listen without distractions. Let them know it's okay to talk about worries, big or small. Simple routines, sleep and positive praise can really support their wellbeing. If you have concerns, don't hesitate to speak to school—we're here to help.

SARAH ORCHARD
Welfare Manager
City Academy Whitehawk



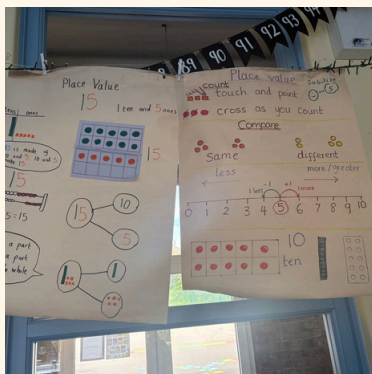
Maths at CAW

40%
above

national average in the
2025 Year 4
Multiplication Check!

This Term - Y6 SATs

Our Year 6s sat their National SATs this term, including three Maths tests. They've been well prepared through a clear 'small step' learning journey since Year 3, plus daily fluency sessions, after-school mentoring, TTRS challenges, and small-group support from skilled staff. With guidance from our Trust Maths Lead, we continue to strengthen our Maths offer and are proud to be part of an ambitious organisation which is always looking to improve!



Next Term - Y4 Multiplication Timestable Check

Up next, it's Year 4's turn! The wonderful Year 4 Magpies and Jackdaws are preparing for the Times Table Check, as explained in our Spring 2 newsletter. Pupils have been playing games, using online practice tests, taking part in class competitions and joining booster sessions. TTRS heat maps show which questions pupils find easier or harder by turning various shades of green which helps teachers give focused, relevant and timely support.

Looking Ahead - Year 3 and beyond

Year 3 have enjoyed using NumBots and TTRS to build quick and accurate number skills. NumBots supports early addition, leading smoothly into TTRS. During the Year 4 Multiplication Check, children have to respond within 6 seconds so building quick and accurate number knowledge in Year 3 is the best way to set them up for success in Year 4. The best way to help your child is to keep them practising on both NumBots and TTRS. For login help, please speak to your child's teacher.



I am really proud. My first score on arithmetic was 9 and I improved to 34! I had to work hard to get that score and I am more confident now in my maths.

-Jake Y6

We like our fluency sessions, they help us get faster and more accurate. We are proud of achieving full marks on our MTC and TTRS has really helped us!

Lily & Flo Y4



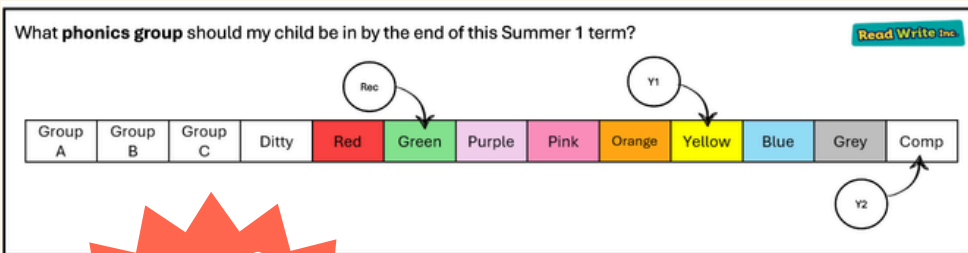
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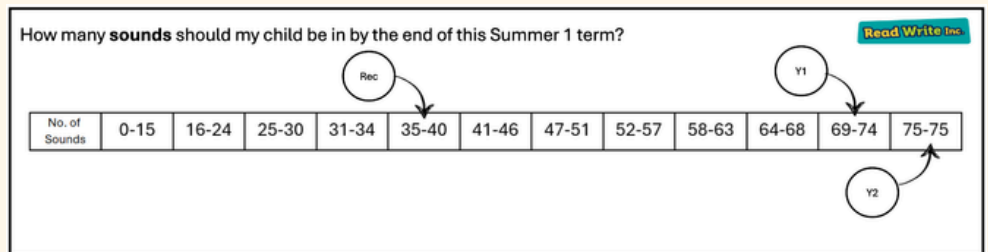
Early Reading at CAW

Thank you for supporting at home!

We teach children to read using the Read Write Inc programme from their first day in Reception. They learn letter sounds (such as the letter 'm' makes an 'mm' sound) in small daily groups and move through colour stages as they grow in confidence, tackling new and trickier sounds (like a-e in cake) and longer words (like congratulation). If a child needs extra help, we step in quickly with 1:1 support and other 'keep up' sessions and initiatives such as after school clubs, 1:1 work with families, drop-in sessions, videos and more. The infographics below show the reading stage expected for this point in the year.



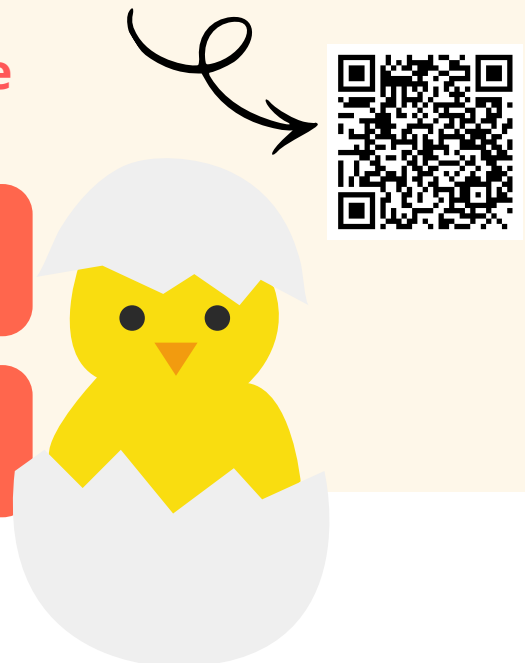
Check out the Year 1 Fred's Workout Pack that your child will have brought home to practise over half term



Next term, Year 1 will complete the Phonics Screening Check. We've stayed above the national average for three years and we hope to achieve this again this year! Please help us with this by reading every day at home and use the videos and information from your child's teacher, reading group leader and Miss Delaney to help you. You can even scan the QR code or visit the [link](#) to watch a video from Miss Delaney all about the Phonics Screening Check.

Well Done To Our Easter Egg Raffle Winners From Last Term!

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| Nursery
Larosa | Reception
Albie | Year 1
Livvy | Year 2
Phoebe |
| Year 3
Chloe | Year 4
Ayla | Year 5
Renato | Year 6
Rita |



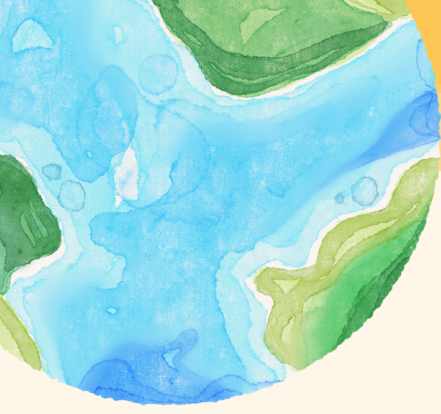
Children's Parade 2026

Our Café at the Edge of the Woods ogre was adored all along the route, sparking smiles, cheers and plenty of excitement. Mikey Please even said it was "the ogre's best day of his life"! The collaboration and happy atmosphere created by our team of families and children made this a really special day and we are exceptionally grateful to the wonderful team of parents and carers who worked on the build and helped us with transporting him. A parade organiser later emailed us to tell us that our Ogre was "the star of the show" and they were "blown away with your ogre...your section looked amazing. Well done on all your hard work!" It's been a joyful celebration of creativity, community and teamwork —roll on next year!



Big thanks to our amazing parent and carer volunteers; Danni, Susy, Jo, Kirsty, Sarah, Vee, Ying, Zara, Dovile, Tracy, Gabby, Wayne, Erica and Becca. We couldn't have done it without you!





Our City Our World at CAW

**Did you know that we are proud
ambassadors of Our City Our World?**

Our City Our World (OCOW) is an environmental initiative run by Brighton & Hove City Council. We have Silver status for teaching children about environmental impact and making real changes in school life. Since September 2024, each class has a class-based OCOW assembly focused on topics like activists, food waste, upcycling and renewable energy.

Environmental ideas appear in our Reading, Writing, Geography and Science work and each year group also takes part in Outdoor Learning sessions in our green spaces to help children connect with nature. We also take part in extra activities that help children understand how they can support the environment.

We are now working towards our Gold award. If you are interested in environmental issues or linked to industries that could support us, such as landscapers or activists, please contact Mr Kelsey. A family questionnaire will be shared next half term to gather your ideas!

Images in order

- 1 - Y4 taking part in outdoor learning and surveying the outdoor spaces
- 2 - EYFS and KS1 children learning about sustainable travel through Bikeability
- 3 - A child taking part in the Great British Birdwatch
- 4 - Chef John teaching us about food waste and buying local
- 5 - Example of a Y5 OCOW book. This is where each class keeps a record of all the things they learn in OCOW assemblies and in their Outdoor Learning sessions
- 6 - Y6 learning about renewable energy in their Power To Drive workshop





City Academy Whitehawk Wellbeing & SEND Padlet

Discover our school Padlet – your quick guide to support available for families in Brighton & Hove.

This page is regularly updated with organisations, charities and council support so it's always a great first place to look when seeking support for your child and family. On the Padlet page you will find, amongst other things, wellbeing tips, online safety advice, Early Years information, emergency service contacts, foodbank support and City Academy Whitehawk offers of support.

Some of our most popular sections are Local Groups & Events, ASC/ADHD Advice & Support and Mental Health & Wellbeing. Please click this link or scan the QR code below to get direct access to our page!



Wrap Around Provision at CAW

Breakfast Club



Come along to our **free** breakfast club. No need to sign up, just come along to the canteen gate between 8:00 - 8:10 each day!



Enjoy some breakfast from a serve yourself buffet and catching up with friends and spending time playing outside to get your day off to a great start!

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WASP After School Club



I like WASP because it's fun and my friends go there. My favourite activities are junk modelling and the art & crafts. - Robin



I love WASP because there is lots of fun stuff to do at WASP and the grown-ups are kind. I loved K-Pop Day and I like the colouring table. - Ruby

Childcare credits available



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