

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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## WHAT'S ON FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER SUMMER BREAK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02 SEP	03 SEP	04 SEP	05 SEP	06 SEP
<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</p>	Pupils return to school			New Parents Welcome Tea and coffee in the hall

**KEY:**

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 94.24%

REC—Crystal	99%	Y4—Amethyst	98.3%
REC—Pearl	95%	Y4—Jasper	96.9%
Y1—Amber	90%	Y5—Emerald	88.3%
Y1—Jade	94.3%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	87.7%	Y5—Sapphire	95.8%
Y2—Topaz	86.7%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	96.7%	Y6—Ruby	98.7%
Y3—Garnet	98.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	93.3%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Autum Term

Monday, 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed for Pupils
Tuesday, 3rd September	Pupils Return to School
Friday, 6th September	New Parent Welcome—Tea and Coffee in the School Hall
Thursday, 12th September	Swimming Lessons Start for Year 4 Amethyst Class
Tuesday, 24th September	Burwell Information Evening in Amethyst Classroom 15:30—16:00
Tuesday, 1st October	School Tour 09:30
Monday, 7th October	Harvest Festival Assembly
Thursday, 10th October	Year 2—REInspired visit
Wed, 16th Oct—Fri, 18th Oct	Year 4 Residential Trip—Burwell House
Thursday, 24th October	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday, 25th October	Year 5 Library Visit (pm)
Friday, 25th October	Year 5 Library Visit (pm)
Friday, 25th October	Last Day of Term. Normal School Hours Apply.
Monday, 4th November	Inset Day—School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday, 5th November	Pupils Return to School
Wednesday, 6th November	School Tour 09:30
Thursday, 7th November	Swimming Resumes for Year 4 Amethyst Class
Thursday, 14th November	Year 4—REInspired Visit
Friday, 15th November	Year 5 and 6 SPLAT 14:00 in the school hall
Monday, 18th November	Year 6 Library Visit
Tuesday, 19th November	TempestSchool Photos (Individuals/Family)
Thursday, 21st November	Year 6 Library Visit
Wednesday, 27th November	Lara Drama Performance for R-Year2 in the School Hall (TTBC)
Thursday, 28th November	Year 1—REInspired Visit
Friday, 29th November	Lara Drama—Performance for Y3-Y6 in the School Hall (TTBC)
Wednesday, 11th December	Parents Evening 15:30—18:00
Thursday, 12th December	Parents Evening 16:00—18:20
Sun, 15th Dec—Thu, 19th Dec	Year 6 Residential Trip—Rhos-y-Gwaliau
Monday, 16th December	Year 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, 17th December	Year 1 and 2 Performance to Parents 09:30—10:15 in the School Hall
Tuesday, 17th December	Year 1 and 2 Performance to Parents 14:30—15:15 in the School Hall
Wednesday, 18th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday, 19th December	Year 3-5 Carol Concert (run by Year 5) at St Barnabas Church
Friday, 20th December	Last day of term—School Closes Promptly at 13:00

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- **EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:** Please click on the pictures below to find further information on our externally run clubs starting in September 2024. . Booking details can be found on page (?) of this newsletter.



**Matt Reid ProCoaching**



- **AMENDMENTS TO END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS:** If there are changes to end of day arrangements e.g. different adult picking up children, these need to be communicated to the school office by 14:30 **at the very latest**. We cannot guarantee that messages received after this time will reach the teacher.
- **MEET THE TEAM:** This week your child would have received a letter reflecting which class they will be moving up to in September, should you wish to view the structure of our teaching and support team for next year, head on over to our [website](#).

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

- KS2 LEAVING THE CLASSROOM UNACCOMPANIED:** In September, with parental consent, our current year 2's will have the option to leave the classroom unaccompanied at the end of the school day. This may mean simply meeting their grown up by the school gate or a siblings classroom, walking just down the road to meet at the car or walking all the way home! Below is a useful tool/guide to help you make a decision about whether or not it is safe for your child to leave the classroom/school premises unaccompanied.



## KS2 WALKING HOME UNACCOMPANIED

In order to ensure children's safety, only children in Key Stage 2 are allowed to walk home on their own. Children in Key Stage 1 need to be collected by an adult (it is not appropriate for an older sibling in KS2 to walk them home).

This does not mean that all children in KS2 are ready to walk home on their own. Parents need to consider their child's age, maturity and independence, as well as their distance from the school and the safety of the route before making a decision about whether or not it is safe for each child to walk home unaccompanied by an adult.

### HELPFUL TIPS FOR ASSESSING YOUR CHILD'S READINESS

How do you know if your child is ready to walk or ride his/her bike to and from school? By discussing possible scenarios with him/her. Ideally, your child should know the following twelve points before she/he is ever alone in public. Talk about each one of the twelve points listed below from Gavin de Becker's book, *Protecting the Gift* to help establish their readiness or areas to support them with:

- Does your child know how to honour his feelings? If someone makes him uncomfortable, that's an important signal.
- Are you as the parent strong enough to hear about any experience your child has had, no matter how unpleasant?
- Does your child know it's okay to rebuff and defy adults?
- Does your child know it's okay to be assertive?
- Does your child know how to ask for assistance or help?
- Does your child know how to choose who to ask?
- Does your child know how to describe the situation he finds himself in?
- Does your child know it's okay to strike, even to injure, someone if he believes he is in danger, and that you'll support any action he takes as a result of feeling uncomfortable or afraid?
- Does your child know it's okay to make noise, to scream, to yell, to run?
- Does your child know that if someone ever tries to force him to go somewhere, what he screams should include, "This is not my father/mother"?
- Onlookers seeing a child scream or even struggle are likely to assume the adult is a parent.
- Does your child know that if someone says, "Don't yell", the thing to do is yell? The corollary is if someone says, "Don't tell", the thing to do is tell.
- Does your child know to fully resist ever going anywhere out of public view with someone he doesn't know, and particularly to resist going anywhere with someone who tries to persuade him?

What's on the menu?

**Tuesday 3rd Sept — Friday 6th Sept**

**Remember — Meat Free Monday!**

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> <small>w/c 2 Sept w/c 23 Sept w/c 14 Oct. w/c 4 Nov. w/c 25 Nov. w/c 16 Dec</small>		Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice Sweet Potato & Red Pepper Pattie with Sweetcorn Rice & Lemon Dressing Savoy Cabbage & Green Beans Chocolate Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Thyme Gravy Vegetable Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Thyme Gravy Glazed Carrots & Courgettes with Roast Tomatoes Berry Swirl Sponge Cake & Custard	Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta with Cheesy Topping Broccoli & Herb Roasted Butternut Squash Strawberry Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard
<b>WEEK TWO</b> <small>w/c 9 Sept. w/c 30 Sept. w/c 21 Oct. w/c 11 Nov. w/c 2 Dec</small>		Pork Sausage Roll with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans Lentil & Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Broccoli & Sweetcorn Wholemeal Lemon Shortbread with Fruit Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Baked Onion Bhajis with Red Bean Dhal, Pilau Rice & Naan Style Bread Carrots & Peas Carrot & Orange Cake with Custard	Cottage Pie with Thyme Gravy Wholemeal Cheddar Cheese & Spinach Quiche with Herby New Potatoes Vegetable Medley Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce Chilli Bean Fajita with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Apple Flapjack with Custard
<b>WEEK THREE</b> <small>w/c 16 Sept w/c 7 Oct. w/c 28 Oct. w/c 18 Nov. w/c 9 Dec</small>		Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread Roast Pepper & Herb Jambalaya Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oatmeal Cookie with Fruit Wedges	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Fruity Coleslaw Bean Chilli Soft Taco with Cheese & Salsa & Potato Wedges Carrots & Peas Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Herby New Potatoes Japanese Style Curry with Rice Thyme Roasted Carrots/Savoy Cabbage Jelly with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Butternut Squash Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard

Available daily: Freshly Prepared Salad Selection • Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings • Selection of Freshly Made Bread • Fresh Fruit Platter • Yoghurt

Look out for monthly featured ingredients.

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

- **EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2024:** Please see complete list of extra curricular clubs and activities starting in September 2024. Click on relevant link to view more information/bookings. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will go live on scopay on Tuesday, 23rd July at 10:00.

Please note the Whiteknights led clubs will NOT run on the first and last weeks of the term.

Activity	Day	Year group	Booking type
French club	Monday	Yrs 2-6	<a href="#">French Club</a>
Kids with Bricks	Monday	Yrs 2-4	<a href="#">Kids with Bricks</a>
Forest School	Monday	Yrs R-2	<a href="#">Forest School</a>
Choir	Monday	Yrs 3-6	<a href="#">Scopay</a>
11+	Monday	Yrs 4-5	<a href="#">Scopay</a>
Needlecraft	Monday	Yrs 4-6	<a href="#">Scopay</a>
Computing Club	Monday	Yrs 1-2	<a href="#">Scopay</a>
Colouring Club	Monday	Yrs 1 - 2	<a href="#">Scopay</a>
Runners Couch to 5K	Monday	Yrs 4-6	<a href="#">Scopay</a>

Activity	Day	Year group	Booking type
Football	Tuesday	Yrs R-2	<a href="#">S4K Football R-2</a>
French Club	Tuesday	Yrs R-1	<a href="#">French Club</a>
Chess	Tuesday	Yrs 3-6	<a href="#">Scopay</a>
Maths Computing Club	Tuesday	Yrs 3-4	<a href="#">Scopay</a>
Sign Language Club	Tuesday	Yrs 3-6	<a href="#">Scopay</a>

Activity	Day	Year group	Booking type
Tag Rugby	Wednesday	Yrs 3-6	<a href="#">S4K Tag Rugby</a>
Drama	Wednesday	Yrs R-2	<a href="mailto:laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com">laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com</a>
Orchestra	Wednesday	Yrs 4-6	<a href="#">Scopay</a>

Activity	Day	Year group	Booking type
Football	Thursday	Yrs 3-6	<a href="#">S4K Football 3-6</a>
Tennis	Thursday	Yrs 1-2	<a href="#">Tennis Club</a>
All things Disney	Thursday	Yrs 1-2	<a href="#">Scopay</a>

Activity	Day	Year group	Booking type
Multi Skills	Friday	Yrs R-2	<a href="#">S4K Multi Skills</a>
Drama	Friday	Yrs 3-6	<a href="mailto:laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com">laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com</a>

# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

## • A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER



We are now at the end of another busy year and I would like to thank our whole school community – pupils, parents, staff and governors for all your hard work and dedication to ensure that all of our children are provided with excellence in education. We are in the top 1% of schools in the country, and as a headteacher I am extremely proud of everyone involved especially our wonderful pupils.

We have much to celebrate this year from an academic point of view: Our EYFS Good level of Development was at 90%, nationally schools attain 65% - this is the highest outcome for over 6 years— our Phonic Screening results – 98% passed the test – national average (most schools) outcomes are 79%; our year 4 multiplication test – 97% pupils achieved 23 out of 25 with 68% attaining full marks. Our SATS results were also very good.

Subject	Expected Standard Whiteknights	National Average 2022.23	Greater Depth Standard Whiteknights	National Average 2022.23
Reading	87%	73%	50%	28%
Writing	97%	71%	30%	13%
Maths	93%	73%	45%	22%

I took over as headteacher in January 2024 and I have a vision that will not only continue to sustain our high academic expectations but also enhance and enrich the educational opportunities that our pupils will receive from next academic year and beyond. The staff and I have been working over past two terms to ensure that my vision becomes a reality.

### Plans for next year:

#### To continue to sustain the high levels of academic excellence in Reading, Writing and Maths

We regularly review our teaching cycles in the core subjects and ensure that we are up to date with the most credible research in pedagogy. All of our staff meetings are dedicated to ensuring that staff are kept up to date with the most recent research along with reviewing and updating our teaching cycles so that we can ensure the best outcomes for our pupils.

#### Learning how to play musical instruments

From year 1 every pupil will learn a different instrument each year:

- Year 1 – bell plates and boom whackers
- Year 2 – Recorders
- Year 3 – Xylophone
- Year 4 – Ukulele
- Year 5 - Recorders including bass recorders – ensembles
- Year 6 – Keyboard

By the time your children leave Whiteknights, they would have been taught 6 different instruments and will be able to read music which we hope will give them the inspiration to try other instruments and build their musical ability.

#### Computing

We have bought enough laptops this year, so that next year there will be enough for one between two pupils with my vision being that within 2 years every pupil will have a device to work on. The importance of upskilling pupils in computing is paramount as 92% of the careers in 2024 are digitally based. At present, the government are quoting that by 2030, 20% of the workforce will not be skilled enough to meet the digital demands. We will be planning in more opportunities in the foundation subjects to use computing in an effective way so that pupils can - not only build knowledge and cultural capital – but have the computer skills needed to access the secondary school curriculum and beyond.

#### The Knighthood Scheme

Traditionally The Knighthood Scheme was for year 6 only however my vision is to roll this out across the school. The Knighthood Scheme is linked to our PSHE scheme called Connect and it is a positive citizenship programme that allows pupils to not only think about how they fit into society but also how they can support others in our school community and at home. There will be tasks that the pupils need to complete some in school and some at home in order to achieve the various stages of becoming a Knight by the time they leave year 6. There are two other awards that they will need to achieve before being Knighted in year 6: by end of year 2 they will be awarded the *Page* status and by the end of year 4, pupils will be awarded the *Squire* status. Watch this space for more information.... The Knighthood Scheme will be up and running in January 2025.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you and your children on September 3<sup>rd</sup> ready for another exciting year.



Bridget Reynolds  
Headteacher

# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

## PSHE

This half term we are working on 'growing and changing'.

*"Things change. Friends leave. Life doesn't stop for anybody."*



## CONNECT

## COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Read about our '[Composer of the Week](#)', Arturo Marquez.

Arturo Marquez is not a widely known composer however 'Conga del Fuego' is a joyful piece which is both frantic and joyful at the same time. The Conga is a Cuban festival dance that was popularised in America by band leaders.

## MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



Thank you to everyone who attended Minecraft this year—Mrs Kelly was very impressed with all the wonderful creations. No club running in the Autumn term, starts again in January 2025. Watch this space for new winners in January!



## LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE , NEWS AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

Discover the latest school news, including classroom highlights, sporting events, school trips and more, - click on the links below:-

- [ROYAL ADVENTURE: YEAR 2'S VISIT TO WINDSOR CASTLE](#)
- [A JOURNEY TO ANCIENT EGYPT: YEAR 3'S FUN-FILLED DAY!](#)

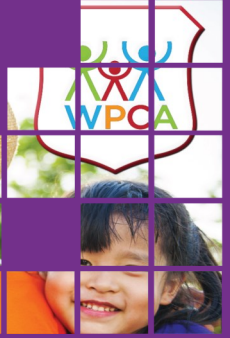
## USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

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[TERM DATES](#)

# WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



## MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE?!

**COULD YOU BE OUR  
NEXT WPCA CHAIR?**



My time as the Chair of the WPCA is coming to an end with my daughter going to secondary school this year. We are looking for someone to take over the role. Please get in touch if you are interested in finding out more. [SARAH\\_AMYR@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SARAH_AMYR@HOTMAIL.COM)

The WPCA is a registered charity, run by a Committee of Trustees who are parents of children attending the school. The Chair's role is to provide leadership for the Committee, including chairing the regular meetings, and supporting with the WPCA events and initiatives.

What I have enjoyed the most in my time as Chair has been" working with some amazing people to deliver fun activities for the children and their families. including the annual fair, discos. and our first ever Circus.

I love seeing and hearing how much everyone enjoys these events and being able to help make them better each time. The WPCA were able to raise enough money to fund the colourful playground markings this year and the new play equipment last year.

My most memorable moment In the role was being able to officially open the play equipment and seeing how excited the children were to receive it.

Being the Chair is an exciting opportunity to drive forward the plans of the Committee, working closely with the school to come up with new ideas to create wonderful experiences and fundraising opportunities.





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## PANTO

7 DECEMBER, 5<sup>PM</sup> AT THE  
HEXAGON, READING

# A WHITEKNIGHTS FAMILY FAVOURITE!

**Please Note:** There will be plenty of opportunities to buy tickets again in September | The performance is out of school hours and therefore all ticket holders will need to make their own way to the Hexagon | Children must be accompanied by an adult who will need to have a ticket as well  
|The tickets for the performance will be distributed in November | Any questions please contact [whiteknightspca@gmail.com](mailto:whiteknightspca@gmail.com)



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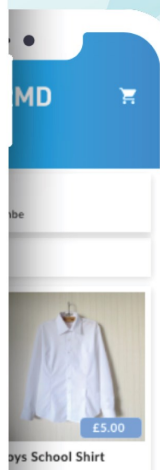
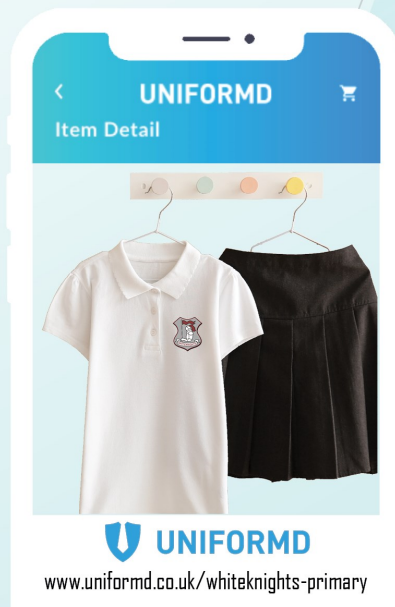
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