

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
20 JAN	21 JAN	22 JAN	23 JAN	24 JAN
	Wokingham Librarian Visiting Little Gems 10:30			

**KEY:**

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.7%



REC—Crystal	94.6%	Y4—Amethyst	96.3%
REC—Pearl	97.7%	Y4—Jasper	91.7%
Y1—Amber	96.0%	Y5—Emerald	98.0%
Y1—Jade	97.7%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	98.7%	Y5—Sapphire	98.7%
Y2—Topaz	100%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	98.3%	Y6—Ruby	97.3%
Y3—Garnet	99.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	90.3%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Spring 1 Term 2024

Tuesday, 21st January	Wokingham Librarian Visiting Little Gems 10:30
Wednesday, 29th January	Chinese Dragon Dance Reception Classes—AM in school. Children to wear red
Thursday, 30th January	Year 3 REInspired Session
Tuesday, 4th February	Year 1 Amber Class Visit to Lower Earley Library
Thursday, 6th February	Year 2 SPLAT 14:00—15:00
Thursday, 6th February	Reception—Vision Screening
Tuesday, 11th February	Year 1 Jade Visit to Lower Earley Library
Thursday, 13th February	Last Day of Swimming for Jasper Class
Thursday, 13th February	Year 6 REInspired Session
Thursday, 13th February	Year 1 SPLAT 14:00—15:00
Friday, 14th February	Last Day of Term. School Closes at 15:20. ASC and clubs running as usual.
17th—21st February	Half Term
Monday, 24th February	Staff and Pupils Return to School

- COMMON WINTER ILLNESSES—PARENT GUIDANCE:**  
 In anticipation of the expected rise in viral illnesses among children this winter, the Brookside Group Practice has provided Whiteknights with useful guidance to help you manage common childhood illnesses at home wherever possible, as well as advice on when and where to seek further help if needed.

This brief guide covers coughs, colds, earaches, sore throats, and fevers. [READ THE GUIDE](#)

Please also refer to the NHS Guidance: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) which also gives useful guidelines as to whether or not to keep your child off school.

- SNACKS YEAR 3—6:** Please provide a break time snack for your child. Free school fruit is only available for children up to Year 2.

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES



Schools working together to be zero carbon  
**WE'RE IN, JOIN US!**

WHITEKNIGHTS IS JOINING THE NET ZERO ACCELERATOR PATHFINDER PROGRAMME!

[Read more](#) about this exciting new initiative in school.

- SCHOOL UNIFORM:** We are now in winter uniform until the Easter holidays. Please note that all pupils with long hair should have it tied back with the appropriate hair accessories. Please refer to our updated uniform policy for further information. [BPET UNIFORM POLICY](#)
- SMART DEVICES AT SCHOOL:** Please note that as with mobile phones, all smart devices, with similar technology to mobile phones, will now need to be handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day and will not be accessed again until the end of the day. Our children are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives on and offline. This presents many exciting opportunities – but also challenges. Schools must create safe and calm environments free from distraction so all pupils can receive the education they deserve.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

### SUPPORTING DIFFICULT BEHAVIOURS

7 FEB | 2<sup>nd</sup> 3.15PM | OBSIDIAN CLASS

Whiteknights is delighted to present an informative and practical workshop designed specifically for parents of children dealing with difficult behaviour. With only 30 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis, take this opportunity to equip yourself with valuable insights and strategies. For further details, please reach out to our Home-School Link Worker, Ms. Collard.

Whiteknights is proud to be part of the Mental Health Team Support in schools (MHST)

[BOOK HERE](#) or scan the QR Code

## What's on the menu?



Monday 20th January—Friday 24th January 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes	Chicken Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Gammon, Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Breaded Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips
Margherita Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes	Spring Vegetable Cottage Pie & Gravy	Vegetable Loaf with Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding	Quorn Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Quorn Nuggets with Tomato Sauce & Chips
Carrots & Sweetcorn	Green Beans & Broccoli	Carrots & Peas	Green Beans & Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans
Apple Crumble & Custard	Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cake & Custard	Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Slices	Chocolate & Oranges Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Please note: Arts and Crafts Club on Thursday, now open to Year 3-6

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SCHEDULE SPRING TERM 2025



Activity	Day	Year group	Classroom	Dates
Choir	Monday	Yr 3-6	Amethyst	13/01/2025 - 24-/03/2025
11+	Monday	Yrs 4-5	Emerald	13/01/2025 - 24-/03/2025
Traditional Tales Book Club	Monday	Yrs 2 - 4	Topaz	13/01/2025 - 24-/03/2025
Computing	Monday	Yrs 3 - 6	Jasper	13/01/2025 - 24-/03/2025
Runners Couch to 5k	Monday	Yrs 4 - 6	Tigers Eye	13/01/2025 - 24-/03/2025 (24/02/2025 Not running)
Forest School	Monday	Rec -2	Cherry/Field	06/01/2025 - 10/02/2025
French	Monday	Yrs 2 - 6	Onyx	13/01/2025 - 24-/03/2025 (24/02/2025 Not running)
Needlecraft	Monday	Yrs 4-6	Obsidian	13/01/2025 - 24-/03/2025

Activity	Day	Year group	Classroom	Dates
Chess	Tuesday	Yrs 3 - 6	Onyx	14/01/2025 - 25/03/2025
Maths Computing	Tuesday	Yrs 3 - 4	Diamond	14/01/2025 - 25/03/2025
Arts & Crafts	Tuesday	Yrs 1 - 2	Science Lab	14/01/2025 - 25/03/2025
Sign Language	Tuesday	Yrs 1 - 6	Emerald	14/01/2025 - 25/03/2025
French	Tuesday	Yrs R - 2	Amber	14/01/2025 - 25/03/2025
Football	Tuesday	Yrs R - 2	Field	07/01/2025 - 11/02/2025

Activity	Day	Year group	Classroom	Dates
Drama	Wednesday	R - 2	Opal	08/01/2025 - 19/03/2025
Arts & Crafts	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - 4	Science Lab	15/01/2025 - 26/03/2025
Basketball	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - 6	Playground	08/01/2025 - 12/02/2025
Orchestra	Wednesday	Yrs 4 - 6	Jasper	15/01/2025 - 26/03/2025

Activity	Day	Year group	Classroom	Dates
Tennis	Thursday	Yr 1- 2	Playground	16/01/2025 - 03/04/2025
Colouring	Thursday	R - 2	Crystal	16/01/2025 - 27/03/2025
Arts & Crafts	Thursday	Yrs 3-6	Science Lab	16/01/2025 - 27/03/2025
All Things Disney	Thursday	Yrs 1- 2	Jade	16/01/2025 - 27/03/2025
Football	Thursday	Yrs 3 - 6	Field	09/01/2025 - 13/02/2025

Activity	Day	Year group	Classroom	Dates
Drama	Friday	Yr 3 - 6	Onyx	10/01/2025 - 21/03/2025
Multi Skills	Friday	Yrs R - 2	Field/Playground	10/01/2025 - 14/02/2025

## WHITEKNIGHTS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM 2025

### Secure your booking via SCOPay.



#### ALL THINGS DISNEY : Y1-2

Dive into the magical world of Disney! Children will enjoy singing along to Disney classics, watching films, creating crafts, dressing up as favourite characters, reading stories, and playing themed games. A truly enchanting experience awaits!



#### CHOIR : Y3-6

Join the Whiteknights Choir and enjoy singing a variety of songs for fun and performances. Pupils will have the chance to perform at exciting events, including WAS-MA, the Mayor's Carol Concert, the summer fayre and more. Spaces are still available!



#### 11+ : Y4-5

Designed for pupils preparing for the 11+ entrance exams, this club develops skills in Maths, English, verbal, and non-verbal reasoning using Century.tech. Build confidence and get ready for success!



#### NEEDLECRAFT : Y4-6

Learn the art of knitting and crochet in a calm and friendly setting. During the first half term, we will focus on simple projects such as hairclips and squares. In the second half term, we will build on these skills and progress to learning crochet.



#### ORCHESTRA : Y4-6

This club welcomes musicians of all abilities, from beginners to advanced. Pupils will explore rhythm and beat using percussion instruments, learn simple tunes on keyboards and glockenspiels, and enjoy playing together as a group. Children learning an instrument are encouraged to bring theirs along (keyboards can be provided) and develop their skills in group performance.



#### SIGN LANGUAGE : Y1-6

Learn British Sign Language (BSL) in a fun, inclusive environment. Open to Years 1–6, the club helps pupils build communication skills, sign conversations and songs, and gain a deeper understanding of inclusivity and respect.



#### ARTS & CRAFTS : Y1-6

This creative club offers children the chance to explore drawing, painting, sewing, and modelling. Every session is different, providing endless opportunities to express creativity and learn new skills.



#### COUCH TO 5K : Y4-6

Each week, pupils will head out of the school grounds for a run, starting with a minimum distance of 4km and aiming to increase this over time. On rainy days, they will stay active and energised with guided HIIT workouts led by the teacher, featuring a variety of exercises such as squats and jumps. This club is perfect for building fitness, stamina, and resilience.



#### TRADITIONAL TALES : Y2-4

Discover the magic of storytelling! In this book club, children explore and enjoy classic tales to deepen their understanding of traditional narratives, and promote a lifelong love of reading.



#### MATHS COMPUTING : Y3-4

Combining fun and learning, this club focuses on times tables practice with Times Tables Rock Stars, maths activities like 'Hit the Button,' and number challenges inspired by Countdown.



#### COLOURING : R-Y2

Colouring Club is a calming, creative space for pupils to practise fine motor skills using a variety of materials. With mindfulness colouring and soothing music in the background, children can relax, chat about their interests, and unwind.



#### COMPUTING : Y3-6

A hands-on opportunity to explore coding and create games using Purple Mash and Scratch. Pupils will learn to bring their ideas to life through engaging, interactive computer programmes.

# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- **NURSERY:** [Knowledge Organiser](#)

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **RECEPTION:** Chinese Dragon Dance in school Wednesday, 29th January. Children to wear as much red clothing as possible.

Next week Crystal class will be attending the school library.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue house (Bedevere)	Yellow house (Galahad)	Red house (Lancelot)	Green house (Melion)

Please can your child bring their library book back to school on the day their house is due to visit the library. Then, they can return their book and take out a new one.

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1:** Maths homework due dates:

Homework due date	Pages to complete
14 <sup>th</sup> January	45-47
22 <sup>st</sup> January	48-50
28 <sup>th</sup> January	51-53
4 <sup>th</sup> February	55-57
11 <sup>th</sup> February	58-60

- **YEAR 2:** On Wednesday, 22nd January the children will be heading outside to study 'Mini Beasts'. With the weather being particularly inclement at this time of year, please ensure they bring some wellies/waterproof boots.

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders


- No notices this week.

# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

## COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

Week 2



**Composition Title:**  
Symphony 1 'The Spring Symphony'

**Date:** 1841


**Composer:** Robert Schumann

**Musical Elements:**  
Timpani: kettle drums played in an orchestra  
**Movements:**  
a self-contained part of the music  
Major key: happy

**Where in the World?**  
Germany

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
This was the first symphony that Schumann ever completed. It took him to just under a month to complete.

**Era:** Romantic



We have continued to enjoy the compositions of Robert Schumann with 'The Spring Symphony'.

Each movement of the piece tells another part of the spring story with the first movement creating an image of the 'Beginning of the Spring' and the last 'Spring in Full Bloom'.

## PSHE CONNECT

This half term we are working on;  
**GIVING TO OTHERS**

*"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving".*



## USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

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