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# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 6th September 2024 No.: Issue #1

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09 SEP	10 SEP	11 SEP	12 SEP	13 SEP
			Swimming Lessons Start for Year 4 Amethyst Class	
			Guided School Tour 14:00	

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 95.73%

REC—Crystal	95.83%	Y4—Amethyst	95.54%
REC—Pearl	95.83%	Y4—Jasper	91.25%
Y1—Amber	100%	Y5—Emerald	98.33%
Y1—Jade	99.57%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	87.05%	Y5—Sapphire	91.67%
Y2—Topaz	96.98%	Y6—Obsidian	100%
Y3—Diamond	97.32%	Y6—Ruby	96.25%
Y3—Garnet	98.33%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	97.02%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Autum Term

Thursday, 12th September	Swimming Lessons Start for Year 4 Amethyst Class
Thursday, 12th September	School Tour 14:00
Tuesday, 24th September	Burwell Information Evening in Amethyst Classroom 15:30—16:00
Thursday, 26th September	RWI Workshop for Reception Parents in the school hall
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

- **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.

# NO PARKING

- Do NOT park in front of the school gates or in front of the water tower gates!

This could cause **significant problems** should emergency services be called upon.

Signage is now up and visible.

Please do not be offended when asked to move.

- **NON PRESCRIBED MEDICATION IN SCHOOL:**

For **emergencies only situations**, the school office may administer non-prescription medication provided that verbal consent (this includes Arbor consents) has been obtained in advance.

The medications we hold in school are:

Calpol Infant 2+ month  
 Calpol SixPlus 6+ years  
 Nurofen for Children 3 months—12 years  
 Piriton 1+ years  
 Nivea Kids Sensitive 50+ Sun Cream.

- **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.

- **BOOKINGS FOR EXTENDED CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** Please note that it is possible for parents to make bookings **24 hours in advance**. Find more information on our [website](#).

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

- KS2 LEAVING THE CLASSROOM UNACCOMPANIED:** With parental consent through ARBOR, our Year 3'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 9th Sept — Friday 13th Sept  
Remember — Meat Free Monday!

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food with thought

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> w/c 2 Sept w/c 23 Sept w/c 14 Oct w/c 4 Nov w/c 25 Nov w/c 16 Dec	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread Indian Style Vegetable & Chickpea Biryani Carrots & Peas Apple Crumble & Custard	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> W/C <b>9th Sep</b> w/c 11 w/c 2 Oct	Italian Style Tomato & Basil Pasta with Cheese Sweet Potato & Chickpea Korma with Rice Glazed Carrots & Green Beans Marbled Sponge Cake & Custard	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> w/c 16 Sept w/c 7 Oct w/c 28 Oct w/c 18 Nov w/c 9 Dec	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Oriental Style Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice Glazed Carrots & Green Beans Chocolate Shortbread	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread Roast Pepper & Herb Jambalaya Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oatmeal Cookie with Fruit Wedges	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Fruity Coleslaw Bean Chili 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 SEPTEMBER 2024:** Please see a complete list of extra curricular clubs and activities starting in September 2024. Click on the relevant link to view more information/bookings. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you are unable to see on Scopay, this mean club is fully booked!

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>
Arts & Crafts	Tuesday	Yrs 1-2	<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>
Arts & Crafts	Wednesday	Yrs 3-4	<a href="#">Scopay</a>

Activity	Day	Year group	Booking type
Football	Thursday	Yrs 3-6	<a href="#">S4K Football KS2</a>
Tennis	Thursday	Yrs 1-2	<a href="#">Tennis Club</a>
All things Disney	Thursday	Yrs 1-2	<a href="#">Scopay</a>
Arts & Crafts	Thursday	Yrs 5-6	<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>

# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1**—We are going to start giving out some maths homework for the children each week. This will be a few questions which links to the learning children have been working hard on in lessons. The table shows when homework is due and which pages need to be completed. The class teacher will check their Maths books every Tuesday to see if completed.

Homework due date	Pages to complete
17 <sup>th</sup> September	4-6
24 <sup>th</sup> September	7-9
1 <sup>st</sup> October	10-12
8 <sup>th</sup> October	13-15
15 <sup>th</sup> October	16-18
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	20-22

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 3**  
**HOMWORK** Homework is due in on Fridays. This will be Spellings, Reading and Century (maths) with one accelerated reader quiz at least every three weeks. For this week, we are completing our first Accelerated reader scores and will send books home by Friday. Century will not be set until next week, so the first session will be on Wed 18th Sep. All children have been set their spellings for this week. Diaries need to be in school every day and placed on their table for learning.  
  
**PE**—PE days are Wednesday and Thursdays.  
  
**ASSEMBLY**—Class assemblies are a chance for the class teacher and peers to learn more about your child. The class assembly is 'all about me'. They can either write a few sentences, create a poster or a powerpoint presentation to share on Wednesday. Photos or trophies can be bought in on the day and photos can be emailed to [admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk). The admin team will forward to the relevant class teacher.
- **YEAR 4**  
**HOMWORK** This week, homework diaries will go home for spellings and reading. Maths homework will begin next week. All homework should be completed by Wednesday.

**PE** Year 4 will have PE on Thursdays and Fridays. Amethyst Class will begin swimming lessons on Thursday morning from Thursday 12th September. Please ensure that the following is packed into their PE kit: Swimming costume, swimming cap, goggles and a towel. Children may come to school wearing their swimming costume underneath their school uniform if they wish. Dates for Amethyst swimming are:

12th September  
19th September  
26th September  
3rd October  
10th October  
17th October

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week

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## PSHE

This half term we are working on 'exercising'.

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## CONNECT



## COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

Watch this space for information coming next week.

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

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

- [Welcome Baby Savannah: A Bundle of Joy for the Coe Family!](#)

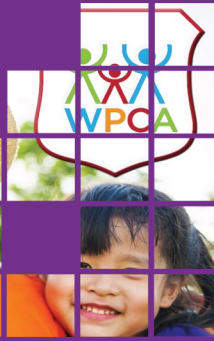
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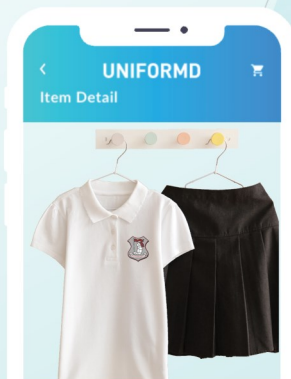
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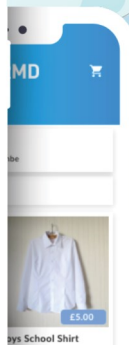
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## PANTO

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)