

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 15th October 2024

No.: Issue #10

## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

| MONDAY                                       | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY |
|--|---|-----------|--|--------|
| 18 NOV                                       | 19 NOV  | 20 NOV    | 21 NOV   | 22 NOV |
| Year 6 Library Visit to Lower Earley Library | Tempest Individual and Family School Photos (Further details on page two) |           | Year 5 (Nov 2025) Residential Trip<br>Parent Information Evening 15:30 in Ruby Classroom |        |
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|  |   |           |  |        |

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.2%

|             |       |                |       |
|-------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| REC—Crystal | 97.4% | Y4—Amethyst    | 100%  |
| REC—Pearl   | 95.9% | Y4—Jasper      | 98.0% |
| Y1—Amber    | 92.3% | Y5—Emerald     | 96.7% |
| Y1—Jade     | 98.3% | Y5—Onyx        | XX%   |
| Y2—Opal     | 97.3% | Y5—Sapphire    | 97.0% |
| Y2—Topaz    | 99.3% | Y6—Obsidian    | 99.5% |
| Y3—Diamond  | 96.0% | Y6—Ruby        | 98.0% |
| Y3—Garnet   | 99.3% | Y6—Tiger's Eye | 97.4% |



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Autum Term 2024

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Monday, 18th November        | Year 6 Library Visit  |
| Tuesday, 19th November       | Tempest School Photos (Individuals/Family)  |
| Thursday, 21st November      | Year 5 (Nov 2025) Residential Trip—Parent Information Evening 15:30 in Ruby Classroom |
| 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)                            |
| Friday, 29th November        | Year 3 Diamond Library Visit  |
| Monday, 2nd December         | WPCA Christmas Decorations on sale  |
| Thursday, 5th December       | WPCA Movie night—Reception Classes Only   |
| Friday, 6th December         | Year 3 Garnet Library Visit   |
| Friday, 6th December         | WPCA School Disco Years 1-6   |
| Wednesday, 11th December     | Parents Evening 15:40—18:20   |
| Thursday, 12th December      | Parents Morning—Nursery 08:30—10:30   |
| Thursday, 12th December      | Parents Evening 16:00—18:40   |
| 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 3-6 Carol Concert (run by Year 5) at St Barnabas Church                          |
| Thursday, 19th December      | Nursery and Reception Christmas Singing Performance and SPLAT 13:30—15:00             |
| Friday, 20th December        | Last Day of Term—School Closes Promptly at 13:00                                      |

**Kids With Bricks** is coming to your school!

**Creativity - Teamwork - Problem Solving**  
Challenge yourself to create and build, exploring new topics every half term. Work independently and as part of a team to compete in a new exciting interschool competition every week!

£5.99 + VAT (per child per session)  
To find out more and book tickets visit...  
[www.kidswithbricks.com](http://www.kidswithbricks.com)

Follow us on social media to see all of the amazing work created in schools across England and Wales!  
@kidswithbricks

### KIDS WITH BRICKS INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 2024:

We still have places for this club running on Mondays from 15:30—16:30.

Please click on the picture to book!

- **NEW PARENT SURVEY (NURSERY, RECEPTION AND NEW STARTERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2024):** A reminder to please complete the survey emailed earlier this week.

- **TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 2025:** Please click below logo to view dates and booking information for sessions starting in January 2025.



**Matt Reid ProCoaching**

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- **LARA SCHOOL OF DRAMA INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 2025:** Please click on the logo for dates and booking information for sessions starting in January 2025



- **GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS: 11TH AND 12TH DECEMBER 2024:** Bookings for December's Guardian Consultations **closes** at 1200 on **05.12.2024**. Please book early and within that timeframe to avoid disappointment.

Once the bookings have closed on Arbor, you will need to contact the class teacher directly. The school office will forward any email requests but cannot make any adjustments without the class teacher's involvement.

This year we are holding the 10-minute consultations in the school hall. Space will be sufficient for teaching staff and guardians; however, we do request that pupils and siblings are not brought to the consultations. This is not just a matter of space, more that consultations between guardians and teachers lead to a more focused and elevated conversation about your child and their progress.

As ever, if you have a concern or a query about your child, you do not need to wait until the consultation to raise it. You are always welcome to contact to the school office who will arrange a meeting with yourself and the class teacher separate to the consultation. Equally, if your 10-minute consultation raises the need for further conversation, you can contact the school office to arrange a follow up meeting.

Please note that for separated parents we are unable to accommodate separate consultations. We welcome both parents to the consultation or for the parents to liaise and communicate directly with each other. Please refer to our website for our Separated Parents Policy for further information.

<https://www.whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk/school-info/policies/>

Mrs Reynolds can authorise individual meetings, however specific requests will need to be emailed to her via the school office using [admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk)

## TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

- **SCHOOL PHOTOS TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2024:** Children will have their individual photographs taken on Tuesday 19th November 2024. All children with siblings at Whiteknights, including Little Gems, will have sibling photographs taken during school hours.

Sibling photographs with children who **DO NOT ATTEND** Whiteknights, will be taken in the School Hall from 08:15—08:50

- **CONSIDERATE CYCLING:** Please be mindful of pedestrians and other road users whilst cycling to and from school. Please take a look at the useful guidance from bikeability:

[Top Tips for Cycling to School](#)



# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

## What's on the menu?



Monday 18th November—Friday 22nd November 2024

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges<br>Oriental Style Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice<br>Glazed Carrots & Green Beans<br>Chocolate Shortbread<br><b>Meat Free Monday</b> | Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread<br>Roast Pepper & Herb Jambalaya<br>Broccoli & Sweetcorn<br>Oatmeal Cookie with Fruit Wedges | Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Fruity Coleslaw<br>Bean Chilli Soft Taco with Cheese & Salsa & Potato Wedges<br>Carrots & Peas<br>Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce | Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Herby New Potatoes<br>Japanese Style Curry with Rice<br>Thyme Roasted Carrots/Savoy Cabbage<br>Jelly with Fresh Fruit Wedges | Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce<br>Butternut Squash Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce<br>Peas & Baked Beans<br>Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard |

2025  
2026

ARE YOU LOOKING TO MOVE SCHOOLS?  
DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING RECEPTION IN 2025-2026

## Save the Date!

### FOR OUR GUIDED SCHOOL TOURS

Enjoy a guided tour while exploring our facilities and meet the people who are committed to supporting your children to 'Grow in Greatness'. These tours provide an opportunity to meet the team, see the children learning and ask any questions you may have. Come and see why Whiteknights Primary School has been rated as 'good in all areas' by Ofsted in March 2023.

**Children do well at this school and achieve high standards in reading, writing and mathematics.**  
*Pupils like learning new things such as Latin.*  
*Pupils work with positive attitudes. They settle to work quickly, try their best and are proud of their achievements. ~ Ofsted*

**School Tour Dates:**

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 2pm  
 Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 9.30am  
 Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 9.30am  
 Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 2pm  
 Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2pm  
 Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 2pm  
 Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 at 10am  
 Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 1.30pm

SECURE YOUR BOOKING NOW!  
SCAN THE QR / VISIT OUR WEBSITE

GROWING GREATNESS  
By embracing challenge, nurturing wonder and aspiring to new heights, we Grow in Greatness.

## Whiteknights

### Growing Greatness

Whiteknights Primary School is undoubtedly one of the finest primary schools in Reading. It helped my little one have better experiences, both academically and personally. She loved the warmth and care from the staff members, allowing her to communicate openly. I feel that an opportunity with Whiteknights means greatness and growth guaranteed.  
~ feedback, parent survey 2022-2023

## Key Dates

2025-2026 ADMISSIONS

Applications are accepted through Wokingham or Reading Borough Councils, to find out which borough to apply to, check your postcode's catchment or 'designated' area on their websites.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/>  
<https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/admissions/>

| Admissions Round  | Wokingham        | Reading          |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Birth range - Reception 01/09/20 - 31/08/21                       |                  |                  |
| Website opens and you can apply online                            | 13 November 2024 | 01 November 2024 |
| Closing date for applications                                     | 15 January 2025  | 15 January 2025  |
| National Offer Day & Notifications sent                           | 16 April 2025    | 16 April 2025    |
| Acceptances and refusals of any offer should be made by this date | 01 May 2025      | 01 May 2025      |

0118 987 2588
www.whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk

- APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION 2025-2026:** Applications for Reception 2025-2026 will open in November for both Wokingham Borough Council and Reading Borough Council. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2025. You must apply for a school place through the school admissions team of the local authority where you (and your child) live, even if you intend to list preferred schools in other local authority areas.

[APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION 2025-2026](#)

- NSPCC's SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE PROGRAMME:** I am pleased to inform you that next week, Year 1-6 are participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme.** *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a child friendly programme aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

- Reading Family Aid's Toys and Teens Appeal is back to put smiles on people's faces in time for Christmas 2024!**

Reading Family Aid is a local charity supporting disadvantaged children and their families. Each Christmas, the Toys and Teens Appeal helps guarantee that children, who would otherwise not receive any or many presents, have something to open on Christmas morning.

The cost of living has risen dramatically over the last year and Christmas can be a very financially stressful time for families. If you feel you would like some support with gifts this year, please contact: Miss Collard [hslw@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:hslw@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk) by 18<sup>th</sup> November.





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# Celebrate Christmas

18th December 2024

Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes with Thyme Gravy

or

Roast Vegetable Wellington, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Thyme Gravy

With

Brussel Sprouts & Carrots and Peas

For Dessert

Chocolate Frosted Chocolate Cake or Fresh Fruit Platter & Shortbread

**HARRISON**  
food with thought



**DON'T FORGET  
TO ORDER  
YOUR CHILD'S  
CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH**

***NB: There will  
be no Jacket***

***Potato option  
this day!***

**ORDER VIA  
SCOPAY**

**DEADLINE:**

**9 DECEMBER**

# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:** Just a reminder to pay £34.50 through SCOPAY for:



Chinese Dragon Workshop—Wednesday 29th January 2025



Living Chicks—17th—28th March 2025



Wellington Country Park—Wednesday 4th June 2025

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1 TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:** Just a reminder to pay £46.50 through SCOPAY for:



Didcot Railway Centre—Wednesday 19th March 2025



Butterfly World at Studley Grange—Thursday 26th June 2025

- **YEAR 1 MATHS HOME LEARNING:**

| Homework due date         | Pages to complete |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November  | 23 - 25           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November | 26 - 28           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November | 29 - 31           |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November | 32 - 34           |
| 3 <sup>th</sup> November  | 36 - 38           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December | 39 - 41           |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | 42 - 44           |

- **YEAR 2 MATHS HOME LEARNING:**

| Home learning due date           | Pages                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November | 26 - 28                           |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November | 29 - 31                           |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November | 33 - 35<br>(32 is a helpful page) |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December  | 36 - 38                           |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December  | 39 - 41                           |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December | 42 - 43                           |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January   | 45 - 47<br>(44 is a helpful page) |

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** Dates for Amethyst swimming are:

14th November

21st November

28th November (last session)

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 5 MILL-ON-THE BRUE RESIDENTIAL TRIP PARENT INFORMATION MEETING:** Just a reminder that a representative from the activity centre will be attending the meeting in Ruby classroom on Thursday 21st November at 15:30
- **YEAR 5 TRIP TO WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM, 28TH NOVEMBER 2024:** For further information please view the letter sent out on 5th November 2024

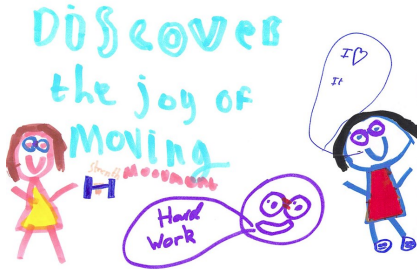
[Year 5 Winchester Science Museum Trip 28th November 2024](#)

# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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CONNECT



*"The pain you feel today will be the strength you feel tomorrow."*

This half term we are working on 'exercising'.

## 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:-

- [SHOWCASING CREATIVITY: ARTS AND CRAFTS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS](#)
- [YEAR 3'S JOURNEY THROUGH PREHISTORY](#)

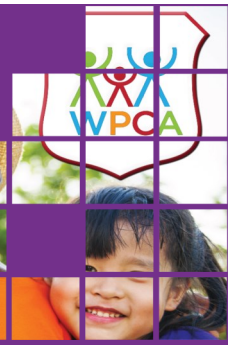
## USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES

# WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



## MEET THE NEWLY APPOINTED 2024 WPCA COMMITTEE 2025

### CO-CHAIR MEMBERS



**Kirsty**

Parent of Freddie (Y4)



**Stacey**

Parent of Blake (Y5)  
and Joel (Y2)

### SECRETARY



**Ros**

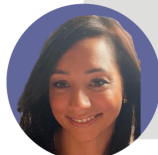
Parent of Owen (Y1)  
and Greyson (N)

### PROJECT LEADS



**Keith**

Parent of Georgie (Y3)



**Sophie**

Parent of Amaya (Y1)  
and Rio (R)

### TREASURER



**Anne-Marie**

Parent of Oliver (Y6)

### Hello from the new WPCA Committee!

The Whiteknights Parents Community Association (WPCA) organises a range of fun activities for children throughout the year, while also raising funds to enhance the educational experience at Whiteknights. In recent years, our focus has been on improving the playground with new markings, play equipment, and a bike storage area.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the coming year! The **disco** will be held on Friday, 6th December—4:30-5:30pm for Years 1-3 and 6:00-7:30pm for Years 4-6. We're also organising a **Reception film night** on Thursday, 5th December. More details for both events will be shared soon. Additionally, parents of Nursery, Reception, and KS1 children can order **tea towels and coasters** via Scopay until 15th November, and we will have **Christmas decorations** for children to decorate on sale at the beginning of December. Looking ahead, we're planning our annual **summer fair, non-uniform days, sweet sales**, and the return of **Happy's Circus** in July. Due to a reduction in fares received for textile recycling, we will not be continuing with Bag2School, but we're exploring a new clothing recycling company—watch this space!

**The recent non-uniform day before half-term raised £366.** We're pleased to announce that, by combining this with existing WPCA funds, we've funded the purchase of 16 new tablets and cases—one for each class—to support the Knighthood Scheme launching in January. A quick reminder that the Asda Cashpot for Schools ends in November, so please remember to use the Rewards app when you shop at Asda. **We've raised over £390 for WPCA so far!**

As parents and carers of children at Whiteknights, you are all WPCA members. We welcome ideas for events and are always looking for volunteers to help organise and run them. We know everyone is busy, but even small contributions of time make a big difference. If you'd like to share ideas or volunteer, please get in touch at [whiteknightspca@gmail.com](mailto:whiteknightspca@gmail.com). You can also keep up with WPCA activities by joining our WhatsApp community (to join the WhatsApp community, simply scan the QR code on the posters displayed in your child's classroom window).

**Thank you in advance for your support of WPCA!**

# STEP 1

OPEN THE ASDA REWARDS APP  
CLICK THE CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS BANNER



you scan,  
we donate  
££s TO SCHOOLS.

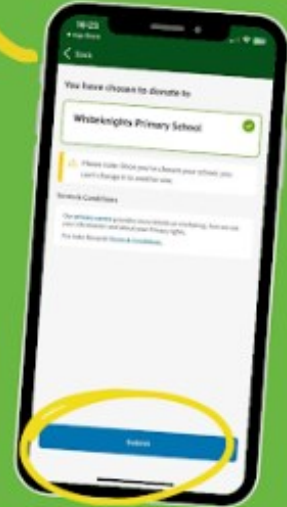
CASHPOT  
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SCHOOLS

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# STEP 5

DOUBLE CHECK YOU'VE CHOSEN THE  
CORRECT SCHOOL THEN CLICK SUBMIT



# STEP 4

TYPE IN "WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL"



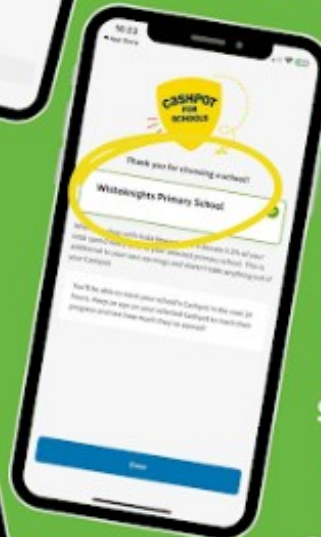
# STEP 2

CLICK COUNT ME IN



# STEP 6

CONGRATULATIONS YOU'RE HELPING YOUR  
CHILD'S SCHOOL RAISE MONEY



# STEP 3

CLICK I HAVE A SCHOOL I WANT TO CHOOSE



ONCE OPTED IN  
WITH A SCHOOL  
SELECTED, ASDA  
WILL ADD £1 TO  
YOUR CHOSEN  
SCHOOLS CASHPOT  
AND A PERCENTAGE  
EACH TIME YOU  
SHOP AND SCAN



**WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## CASH POT FOR SCHOOLS

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda and scan your Rewards app, you can elect for Whiteknights to receive a percentage of your spend. Additionally, when you choose Whiteknights as your nominated primary school, Asda will top up the donation with another £1. This is a great opportunity to raise money for the school!





**Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3**  
**4.30pm to 5.30pm**

Tickets sold via SCOPay  
£3 - entrance only  
£4 - entrance &  
photobooth

**ARE YOU READY  
FOR THE DISCO ?  
6<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

**Year 4 to Year 6**  
**6pm to 7.30pm**

Tickets sold via SCOPay  
£4 - entrance only  
£5 - entrance &  
photobooth

Refreshments and novelties on sale - where possible, kindly bring money in small denominations.

**SCOPAY TICKET SALES CLOSE - NOON 5<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

**DISCO RULES:**

**GOLDEN RULES**

Follow the school's Golden Rules.

**NO MOBILE PHONES**

No mobile or other electronic devices will be permitted at the discos.

**HALL TIDINESS / TRASH**

Dispose of any trash in the designated bin bags.

Work together to keep the disco area clean and enjoyable for everyone.

Let's create a fun and respectful atmosphere for everyone to enjoy!

**Parents - WE NEED YOU! Volunteers needed on the evening**  
Get in touch with your year group representative or via [whiteknightspca@gmail.com](mailto:whiteknightspca@gmail.com)



Working with  
**Whiteknights's primary school**  
 fundraising for Raise money for the school.

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[www.mychildsart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order)

**Order portals  
 open NOW until the  
 31st December**

**EARLY BIRD  
 DISCOUNT  
 FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY**

Use code **WhiteknightssX24**  
 during checkout for **10% off your order!**

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this leaflet. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed.

Username

Access Code



NB: Username and Access Code are case and space sensitive, so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.

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Order unique personalised gifts and keepsakes for Christmas **designed by YOUR child**

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Prices start from just **£2.69** +P&P

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