

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 22nd October 2024

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## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
25 NOV	26 NOV	27 NOV	28 NOV	29 NOV
		Lara School of Drama Performance to Parents (Reception—Year 2) In the school hall 16:00—16:30	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum (within school hours)	Year 3 Diamond Class Lower Earley Library trip
			Last swimming session this term for Year 4 Amethyst Class	Lara School of Drama Performance to parents (Year 3—6) In the school hall 16:00—16:30
			Year 1 RE Inspired visit into school	School Tour to Prospective New Parents (fully booked) 14:00
				ASDA Cash Pot for School finishes Saturday, 30th November 2024

**KEY:**

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.1%

REC—Crystal	98.9%	Y4—Amethyst	97.3%
REC—Pearl	94.5%	Y4—Jasper	98.3%
Y1—Amber	96.0%	Y5—Emerald	98.3%
Y1—Jade	97.0%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	91.0%	Y5—Sapphire	96.7%
Y2—Topaz	94.7%	Y6—Obsidian	100%
Y3—Diamond	97.0%	Y6—Ruby	100%
Y3—Garnet	95.5%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	96.1%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Autum Term 2024

Wednesday, 27th November	Lara Drama Performance for R-Y2 in the School Hall
Thursday, 28th November	Year 1—REInspired Visit
Friday, 29th November	Lara Drama—Performance for Y3-Y6 in the School Hall
Friday, 29th November	Year 3 Diamond Library Visit
Friday, 29th November	School Tour to Prospective New Parents
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

**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

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES


- TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOS:**  
 You will today have received your photo proofs of your child/siblings. Orders should be placed online at [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk), by entering your reference number. Orders received by Tempest by Friday 6th December will be delivered free of charge to school. All orders placed after this date will be delivered to your home and postage costs will be applied.
 
- LARA SCHOOL OF DRAMA INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 2025:**  
 Please click on the logo for dates and booking information for sessions starting in January 2025
 
- TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 2025:** Please click logo to view dates and booking information for sessions starting in January 2025.
 

**Matt Reid ProCoaching**
- NEW PARENT SURVEY (NURSERY, RECEPTION AND NEW STARTERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 2024):** A reminder to complete the survey sent out last week. Your feedback is really important, as it helps understand how you and your child have settled in, and what you thought about our induction process. Your answers will be reviewed to identify any possible areas of improvement, things we are doing well, and also to get to know your ideas as a new members of our school community.
 

The survey takes 5 minutes to complete. It will close on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS 11TH AND 12TH DECEMBER 2024:**  
 Bookings for December's Guardian Consultations **close** at 1200 on **05.12.2024**. Just a reminder to book your parent meetings through ARBOR.
- 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](#)

For a list of school tour dates, visit our website:

[BOOK A SCHOOL TOUR](#)
- ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION 2026-2027:** Wokingham Borough Council are seeking your views on proposed changes to the admissions arrangements for community and voluntary controlled primary schools in Wokingham for the school year 2026-2027. The consultation will run from 18th November 2024 until 7th January 2025.
 

Please use the on-line response form on their [engagement portal](#) to submit your comments on the plan.

**WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: 9th December**  
**\* NB: No Jacket Potato option on this day \***

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

## What's on the menu?



Monday 25th November—Friday 29th November 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread Indian Style Vegetable & Chickpea Biryani Carrots & Peas Apple Crumble & Custard <b>Meat Free Monday</b>	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

- HARVEST COLLECTION:** The ReadiFood Bank manager wrote to thank you and the children for your wonderful generosity in donating to the Harvest Collection this year. These Harvest donations are very important to keep stocks of food at a sustainable level, especially now with the issues presented by the cost of living crisis.

This food is an invaluable source of help to people experiencing Food Poverty across Greater Reading. Many people are still turning to this service for assistance. Over the 32 years FAITH Christian Group has existed, ReadiFood has become an important resource used by RBC, Social Service agencies, school support services and over 80 other Reading agencies. They call upon our service to support families and individuals in need.

Well done Whiteknights!

**ReadiFood**  
Reading's FoodBank

This certificate is awarded to

**Whiteknights Primary**

For collecting **122kg** of donations in aid of ReadiFood

**HARVEST 2024**



**ReadiFood**  
Reading's Food Bank  
Food Parcels for those in Need

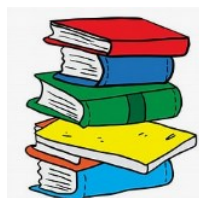


- SCHOLASTIC WISH LIST:** A big THANK YOU to our wonderful Whiteknights community for reading our newsletter and paying for books from our Scholastic Wish List.

Our children will really appreciate these fantastic new books when they go to the library!

Many thanks once again.

Mrs Lee, Librarian



# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:** Just a further **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

- [KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1 TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:** Just a further **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 (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 (44 is a helpful page)

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** Please note that the last session this term for Amethyst class is 28th November

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

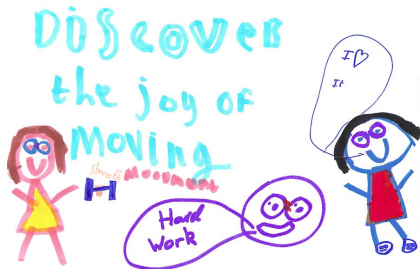
- **YEAR 5 TRIP TO WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM, 28TH NOVEMBER 2024:** We are very much looking forward to this trip! Pupils will be leaving school at 09:15 and returning in time for the end of the school day at 15:20. Children will need to bring in a packed lunch in a backpack and a water bottle. Please ensure your child does not bring sweets or fizzy drinks. School uniform must be worn, including their school shoes. No spending money required. Should the coach be delayed on the way back e.g. traffic, we will advise parents immediately of new arrival time via the Arbor App.

# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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*"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."*

This half term we are working on 'exercising'.

## 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:-

### 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!

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!**

# RECEPTION PUPILS SOCIAL

THURSDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - 3.30pm to 5pm

TICKETS SOLD VIA SCOPAY - £3/ticket

TICKET INCLUDES A SNACK AND DRINK

BRING ALONG YOUR ONESIE AND YOUR FAVOURITE TEDDY



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

2 SHORT FILMS

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

QUIET CORNER WITH  
BOOKS & COLOURING

MINI DISCO



## PLEASE NOTE:

Ticket sales via SCOPay,  
close 4<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm.

The WPCA will be selling  
photos of the social after  
school on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec  
**£1 each**





**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.

Your child has uploaded a Christmas drawing to our website!

**VIEW NOW**

by logging into the parent order portal at  
[www.mychildstart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildstart.co.uk/order)



Order portals  
open NOW until the  
31st December

**EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNT  
FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY**

Use code **WhiteknightsX24**  
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 **Whiteknights**

Access Code **vsjmf4g8**



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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**STEP 1**  
OPEN THE ASDA REWARDS APP  
CLICK THE CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS BANNER

**STEP 2**  
CLICK COUNT ME IN

**STEP 3**  
CLICK I HAVE A SCHOOL I WANT TO CHOOSE

**STEP 4**  
TYPE IN "WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL"

**STEP 5**  
DOUBLE CHECK YOU'VE CHOSEN THE CORRECT SCHOOL THEN CLICK SUBMIT

**STEP 6**  
CONGRATULATIONS YOU'RE HELPING YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL RAISE MONEY

**you scan, we donate ££s TO SCHOOLS.**

**CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS** with ASDA REWARDS with Parenkind

**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**

**FINISHES—Saturday 30th November**

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!