

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02 DEC	03 DEC	04 DEC	05 DEC	06 DEC
WPCA Christmas Decoration go on Sale (lunchtimes from the school office)			Reception Pupils Social 15:30—17:00 (Further information at end of newsletter)	Year 3 Garnet Class Library visit (within school hours)
			Booking for Parent/Guardian Consultations close at 12:00	Mayors Carol Concert Rehearsal—Loddon Valley Leisure Centre Whiteknights Choir 13:30—15:00
				School Disco (Timings on flyer at end of the newsletter)

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.7%

REC—Crystal	99.3%	Y4—Amethyst	100%
REC—Pearl	92.4%	Y4—Jasper	97.3%
Y1—Amber	92.7%	Y5—Emerald	97.3%
Y1—Jade	97.0%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	98.6%	Y5—Sapphire	95.7%
Y2—Topaz	98.0%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	96.7%	Y6—Ruby	98.0%
Y3—Garnet	97.6%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	98.4%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autum Term 2024

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 (No more than 2 parents/carers per child please)
Friday, 20th December	Last Day of Term—School Closes Promptly at 13:00

- **TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOS:**



Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 4th December 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

- **APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION 2025-2026:** Applications for Reception 2025-2026 are now open 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.



WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

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

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: 9th December

*** NB: No Jacket Potato option on this day ***

- **BPET NEWSLETTER:** The latest BPET newsletter is out now. Have a look at what fantastic successes BPET pupils achieve with your support, and sharing (a few of) the inspiring achievements across the schools.



[BPET Newsletter—Autumn 2](#)

- **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.

- **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.

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

What's on the menu?



Monday 2nd December—Friday 6th December 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Italian Style Tomato & Basil Pasta with Cheese Sweet Potato & Chickpea Korma with Rice Glazed Carrots & Green Beans Marbled Sponge Cake & Custard Meat Free Monday	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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Those of you who have children in years 3-6 who ordinarily have permission to leave the classroom on their own, **will need a separate consent for the last day of term, Friday 19th July**, as we finish at the earlier time of 1:00pm,

A consent for this last day has been added to Arbor. Please ensure you have completed this or your child will not be able to leave the premises on their own.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Information for parents:
multiplication tables check

Multiplication tables check

Do you have a child in year 4 at primary school?

If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help your child's school to identify if your child may need additional support.

What is the multiplication tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

[MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK](#)



Whiteknights
Growing Greatness

WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-2026

Autumn Term

Inset day:	02/09/2025 school closed to pupils
Return:	03/09/2025
Last day of half term:	24/10/2025
Half Term:	27/10/2025 to 31/10/2025
Inset day:	03/11/2025 school closed to pupils
Return:	04/11/2025
Last day of term:	19/12/2025 Close @ 1pm

Spring Term

Return:	05/01/2026
Last day of half term:	13/02/2026
Half Term:	16/02/2026 to 20/02/2026
Return:	23/02/2026
Last day of term:	27/03/2026 Close @ 1pm

Summer Term

Return:	13/04/2026
Early May bank holiday:	04/05/2026 school closed to pupils
Last day of half term:	22/05/2026
Half Term:	25/05/2026 to 29/05/2026
Return:	01/06/2026
Inset day:	29/06/2026 school closed to pupils
Last day of term:	17/07/2026 Close @ 1pm
Inset day:	20/07/2026 school closed to pupils
Inset day:	21/07/2026 school closed to pupils



S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL



3.30PM - 4.30PM



£45 PER HALF-TERM

STARTING 6TH JAN!



**FOREST SCHOOL
YEAR R & KS1**

BOOK NOW



**FOOTBALL
KS1**

BOOK NOW



**BASKETBALL
KS2**

BOOK NOW



**FOOTBALL
KS2**

BOOK NOW



**MULTI-SKILLS
YEAR R & KS1**

BOOK NOW



Sport4Kids Multi-Sport Clubs at Whiteknights Primary School provide children with an opportunity to make new friends, try new sports and learn new skills all whilst keeping fit in a safe environment!

WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ

CALL 0300 303 3866

USE CODE: BF10 for 10% off any bookings in 2025; the discount code ends Monday.

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- **EYFS CHRISTMAS SINGING CONCERT AND SPLAT:** Can we kindly request no more than 2 parents/carers per child please.

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](#)
- **EYFS CHRISTMAS SINGING CONCERT AND SPLAT:** Can we kindly request no more than 2 parents/carers per child please.

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 th November	23 - 25
12 th November	26 - 28
19 th November	29 - 31
26 th November	32 - 34
3 th November	36 - 38
10 th December	39 - 41
17 th December	42 - 44

- **YEAR 2 MATHS HOME LEARNING:**

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

- **YEAR 1:** Year 1 children are going to form the choir for our year 2 performance on Tuesday 17th December. They do not require a costume, but it would be lovely if all the children had a Christmas themed top. This can be a Christmas jumper, Christmas t-shirt or festive coloured top and will need to be in school in a named bag from Monday 9th December. Thank you!

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** Please note that Jasper class start swimming after Christmas. First session 9th January 2025.

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

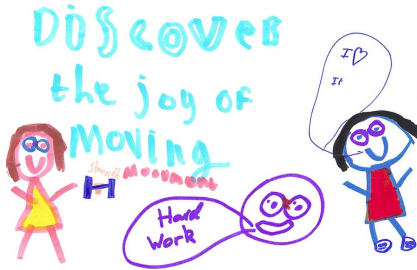
- No notices this week.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

PSHE

CONNECT



*"What hurts today
makes you stronger
tomorrow"*

This half term we are
working on
'exercising'.

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT : CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND SCHOOL

- [STRIKING A CHORD: CORINNA'S MUSICAL SUCCESS](#)

USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



CHRISTMAS *sale*

**DECORATIONS ON SALE AT
LUNCH TIME**

£1.00/DECORATION

Buy as many as you like

Decorate brightly

Write your name and class on the back

Return as soon as possible, but no later
than 18 December

Winners announced 20 December

SALE STARTS MONDAY, 2 DECEMBER!



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.mychildsart.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
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so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.

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**DON'T FORGET,
TODAY IS THE LAST
DAY TO REDEEM THE
DISCOUNT WHEN
PLACING ORDERS ON
MYCHILDSART.**

**ORDERS REQUIRING
DELIVERY IN TIME FOR
CHRISTMAS NEED TO BE
PLACED BEFORE THE
15TH DECEMBER.**

RECEPTION PUPILS SOCIAL

THURSDAY, 5th 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

QUIET CORNER WITH
BOOKS & COLOURING

MINI DISCO



PLEASE NOTE:

Ticket sales via SCOpay,
close 4th December at 12pm.





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 ?
6TH 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 5TH 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