

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 6th December 2024 No.: Issue #13

## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09 DEC	10 DEC	11 DEC	12 DEC	13 DEC
Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch		Parents Evening (In the school hall) 15:40—18:20	Parents Morning (In Obsidian classroom) Nursery 08:30—10:30	Sunday 15th—Year 6 Leave for their Residential trip
			Parents Evening (In the school hall) 16:00—18:40	
			All Things Disney Club NOT running due to Parent Meetings	

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.8%

REC—Crystal	97.5%	Y4—Amethyst	97.0%
REC—Pearl	99.3%	Y4—Jasper	95.3%
Y1—Amber	97.3%	Y5—Emerald	98.7%
Y1—Jade	92.0%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	99.3%	Y5—Sapphire	96.7%
Y2—Topaz	97.7%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	94.3%	Y6—Ruby	94.7%
Y3—Garnet	97.9%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	97.4%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

## Autumn Term 2024

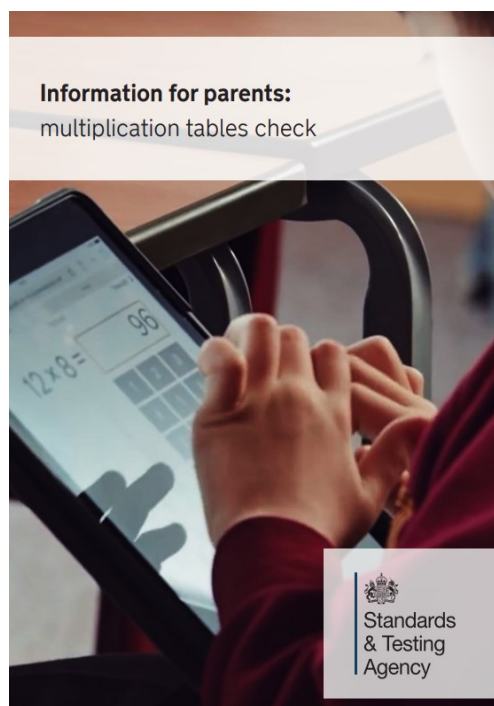
Wednesday, 11th December	Parents Evening 15:40—18:20
Thursday, 12th December	Parents Morning—Nursery 08:30—10:30
Thursday, 12th December	Parents Evening 16:00—18:40
Sun, 15th Dec— Thu, 19th Dec	Year 6 Residential Trip—Rhos-y-Gwaliau
Monday, 16th December	Year 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, 17th December	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 4-6 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

- **MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK:** Do you have a child in year 4? If so, your child will be participating in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June 2025.

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.

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. For further information please view the government web site using the link below:

## [MULTIPLICATION TABLES CHECK](#)



- **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.
- **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](#)

- **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](#)

- **LAST DAY OF TERM LEAVING EARLY PERMISSIONS:** 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.

- **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](#)

- **LARAS SCHOOL OF DRAMA:** Please note that the spring term Wednesday session for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2, is now full. Please do not book!



- **EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:** Please be aware that the following extra curricular clubs will **NOT** be running the last week of term: All things Disney, Orchestra, Sign Language, Chess, Maths Computing, Couch to 5k, Colouring Club, Computing Club, Needlecraft, Choir and 11+.

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

What's on the menu?



Monday 9th December—Friday 13th December 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Oriental Style Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice Glazed Carrots & Green Beans Chocolate Shortbread <b>Meat Free Monday</b>	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread Roast Pepper & Herb Jambalaya Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oatmeal Cookie with Fruit Wedges	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Fruity Coleslaw Bean Chilli 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

# Celebrate Christmas

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

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 \***



## Pupil Premium Are you eligible?

- **NURSERY:** We want to make sure we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional sum of money paid to schools for children of families in receipt of certain benefits. Early Years Pupil Premium children may also be eligible for free school meals if they are attending Nursery for a full day. Your child will be eligible EYPP if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Income based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit – (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)**

Your child will also be eligible if they:

- **Have been looked after by the local authority for 1 day or more**
- **Have been adopted**
- **Left care under a special guardianship or residence order.**

If your child is eligible, they will remain so until they finish Nursery. When they start school, you may apply for Pupil Premium (PP).

We spend our EYPP finances on initiatives that give pupils the best possible chance to make a good start in Nursery.

If you believe that your child/ren may qualify for EYPP, we would be grateful if you could complete the [form](#).



- **RECEPTION TO YEAR 6:** We want to make sure we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Pupil Premium (PP) is an additional sum of money paid to schools for children of families in receipt of certain benefits. Pupil Premium children are also eligible for free school meals. Healthy school food has both health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. It can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn. Your child will be eligible for PP and free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Income based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
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If your child is eligible, they will remain so until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2025. This is irrespective of any change in carer or financial circumstances.

We spend our finances on initiatives that give pupils the best possible chance to make good progress at school.

If you believe that your child/ren may qualify for PP, we would be grateful if you could complete the [form](#).



**Whiteknights**  
*Growing Greatness*

## WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-2026

Autumn Term	
<b>Inset day:</b>	02/09/2025 school closed to pupils
<b>Return:</b>	03/09/2025
<b>Last day of half term:</b>	24/10/2025
<b>Half Term:</b>	27/10/2025 to 31/10/2025
<b>Inset day:</b>	03/11/2025 school closed to pupils
<b>Return:</b>	04/11/2025
<b>Last day of term:</b>	19/12/2025 Close @ 1pm
Spring Term	
<b>Return:</b>	05/01/2026
<b>Last day of half term:</b>	13/02/2026
<b>Half Term:</b>	16/02/2026 to 20/02/2026
<b>Return:</b>	23/02/2026
<b>Last day of term:</b>	27/03/2026 Close @ 1pm
Summer Term	
<b>Return:</b>	13/04/2026
<b>Early May bank holiday:</b>	04/05/2026 school closed to pupils
<b>Last day of half term:</b>	22/05/2026
<b>Half Term:</b>	25/05/2026 to 29/05/2026
<b>Return:</b>	01/06/2026
<b>Inset day:</b>	29/06/2026 school closed to pupils
<b>Last day of term:</b>	17/07/2026 Close @ 1pm
<b>Inset day:</b>	20/07/2026 school closed to pupils
<b>Inset day:</b>	21/07/2026 school closed to pupils



BOOKINGS  
VIA  
SCOPAY

# WHITEKNIGHTS INTERNAL EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM 2024

Whiteknights offers a variety of exciting After School Clubs, run by both external providers and our dedicated staff. **Just look what's on offer for our internal clubs this Spring Term!**

ALL THINGS DISNEY



CHOIR



11+



NEEDLE CRAFT



ORCHESTRA



SIGN LANGUAGE



ARTS & CRAFTS



COUCH TO 5K



TRADITIONAL TALES



MATHS COMPUTING



COLOURING



COMPUTING



For more info and booking details, see the next page!

# WHITEKNIGHTS INTERNAL EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM 2024

Secure your booking via SCOpay.  
Bookings open:  
**Tuesday, 10 December 2024.**



## 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 : Y1-2

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.



# S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL



 3.30PM - 4.30PM

 £45 PER HALF-TERM

**STARTING 6TH JAN!**



MON



**FOREST SCHOOL  
YEAR R & KS1**

BOOK NOW



TUE



**FOOTBALL  
YEAR R & KS1**

BOOK NOW



WED



**BASKETBALL  
KS2**

BOOK NOW



THU



**FOOTBALL  
KS2**

BOOK NOW



FRI



**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](http://WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ)

CALL 0300 303 3866



# EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SCHEDULE

## SPRING TERM 2024

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	Yrs 2- 4	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	Field	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 - 03/04/2025
Arts & Crafts	Thursday	Yrs 5-6	Science Lab	16/01/2025 - 03/04/2025
All Things Disney	Thursday	Yrs 1- 2	Jade	16/01/2025 - 03/04/2025
Football	Thursday	Yrs 3 - 6	Field	09/01/2025 - 12/02/2025

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

# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- **EYFS SPLAT:** Can you please provide your child with an orange (not clementine) to make Christingles during the SPLAT.
- [KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:** We are still in need of donations —can we kindly ask that you make your donation of £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

- **EYFS SPLAT:** Can you please provide your child with an orange (not clementine) to make Christingles during the SPLAT.

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1 TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:** We are still in need of donations —can we kindly ask that you make your donation of £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 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

- **DIAMOND CLASS AFTERNOON LEARNING SCHEDULE:** Please see the [FINAL TIMETABLE](#)
- **YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** Please note that Jasper class start swimming after Christmas. First session 9th January 2025.

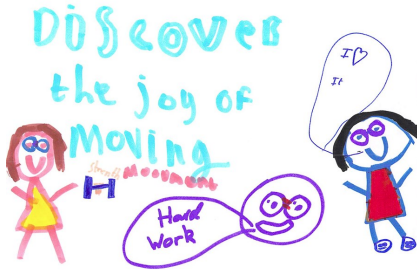
## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL:** Year 6 will be leaving on Sunday 15th December. Please view letter with all information required [LETTER](#)

# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

## PSHE CONNECT



*"It's not what you do once in a while; it's what you do day in and day out that makes the difference".*

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:-

- [RHYMES IN BLOOM: RECEPTION PUPILS SHINE FOR WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK](#)

## 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!**



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**Whiteknights's primary school**  
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school.

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CHRISTMAS NEED TO BE  
PLACED BEFORE THE  
15TH DECEMBER.**



*Thank  
You!*

*Thank You,  
Whiteknights  
Community!*

*We are thrilled to  
share that, thanks to  
your generous contributions  
through the Asda Cash Pot,  
we have raised over **£550!***

*Your support- means so much to us and  
will go to good use in one of our  
upcoming projects. Together, we continue  
to make a real difference for our school.*

*Thank you for your kindness and  
generosity!*