

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 20th December 2024 No.: Issue #15

WHAT'S ON FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 06 JAN | 07 JAN | 08 JAN | 09 JAN | 10 JAN |
| Staff and Pupils Return to School | School Tour 14:00 | Lara Drama Club Starts | Year 4 Jasper Class Start Swimming Lessons | School Tour 14:00 |
| | | | | Lara Drama Club Starts (Year 3-6) |
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KEY: WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.1%

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| REC—Crystal | 97.0% | Y4—Amethyst | 97.9% |
| REC—Pearl | 94.8% | Y4—Jasper | 96.6% |
| Y1—Amber | 96.2% | Y5—Emerald | 96.3% |
| Y1—Jade | 96.4% | Y5—Onyx | XX% |
| Y2—Opal | 97.0% | Y5—Sapphire | 96.5% |
| Y2—Topaz | 97.1% | Y6—Obsidian | XX% |
| Y3—Diamond | 97.1% | Y6—Ruby | 95.7% |
| Y3—Garnet | 95.6% | Y6—Tiger's Eye | 97.1% |



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring 1 Term 2024

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|---------------------------|---|
| Monday, 6th January | Staff and Pupils Return to School |
| Monday, 6th January | Sports4kids Clubs Start Back This Week |
| Tuesday, 7th January 2025 | School Tour 14:00 |
| Wednesday, 8th January | Lara's School of Drama Club Starts (Rec—Year 2) |
| Thursday, 9th January | Year 4 Jasper Class Start Swimming Lessons |
| Friday, 10th January | School Tour 14:00 |
| Friday, 10th January | Lara's School of Drama Club Starts (Year 3-6) |
| Monday, 13th January | Whiteknights Teacher Led Clubs Start This Week |
| Monday, 13th January | French Club Starts (Year 2—6) |
| Tuesday, 14th January | French Club Starts (Rec—Year 2) |
| Wednesday, 15th January | Year 4 SPLAT 14:00—15:00 |
| Wednesday, 15th January | Deadline for Reception Applications— Wokingham Borough Council and Reading Borough Council |
| Thursday, 16th January | Tennis Club Starts |
| Tuesday, 21st January | Wokingham Librarian Visiting Little Gems 10:30 |
| Wednesday, 29th January | Chinese Dragon Dance Reception Classes— AM in school |
| Thursday, 30th January | Year 3 REInspired Session |
| Thursday, 6th February | Year 2 SPLAT 14:00—15:00 |
| Thursday, 13th February | Last Day of Swimming for Jasper Class |
| Thursday, 13th February | Year 6 REInspired Session |
| Thursday, 13th February | Year 1 SPLAT 14:00—15:00 |
| Friday, 14th February | Last Day of Term. School Closes at 15:20 |
| 17th—21st February | Half Term |
| Monday, 24th February | Staff and Pupils Return to 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.
- **DID YOU KNOW?** All our newsletters are published on our [website](#), including the links to the termly BPET e-newsletters.

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- **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](#)

- **BRIGADE UNIFORM ORDERING:** Uniform can be ordered through Brigade, or try our very own pre-loved shop, Uniformd.



- **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.

- **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](#)

ONLINE SAFETY ALERT: CHAT-BASED AI GAMES

We would like to inform parents and carers about a concerning online trend targeting individuals under the age of 18. These games involve users chatting with someone for two minutes and guessing whether they are interacting with a human or an AI bot.

While some platforms hosting these games have been removed, similar sites are already appearing, offering opportunities for unregulated and potentially unsafe interactions with children and young people. We strongly urge parents and carers to remain vigilant and to discuss online safety with their children, emphasising the risks associated with engaging with unknown platforms.

Find helpful resources here: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

What's on the menu?



Monday 6th January—Friday 10th January 2025

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Carrots & Green Beans Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Meat Free Monday | Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes Chickpea & Vegetable Korma with Rice Sweetcorn & Carrots Vanilla Cake & Custard | Chicken Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding Vegetable Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli & Green Beans Apple Flapjack & Custard | Beef Keema Curry with Basmati Rice Vegetable Bean Chilli with Soft Taco, Rice & Salsa Sweetcorn & Carrots Chocolate Krispy Cake | Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard |



BONJOUR! YOUR FRENCH CLUB WILL BE BACK AT WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL IN JANUARY!

BONJOUR! My name is Madame Thonon and I run the French club at Whiteknights Primary School. We have a fantastic programme to help children learning French through fun and educational activities. My goal is to make learning French fun through games, songs, stories, role-plays – with our programme designed specifically for primary aged pupils. I want all my pupils to have the opportunity to excel at French and I offer the children a solid grounding of basic grammar and vocabulary, a specialist experience in French language and a native speaker accent, in a COVID19 compliant environment.
SO, NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

The benefits of learning a language in early years are numerous. Here is a brief summary:

- Do better at school, in all areas of the curriculum
- Show superior problem-solving skills
- Increased self-esteem and confidence
- It gives your brain a good workout and keeps it younger for longer!
- Develop easily a native-like accent when young
- Better chances at college applications and bigger career choices
- Greater understanding of the world
- Understand your mother language better

Classes are small (maximum of 12 children per class) and will run for Reception, Y1 and new Y2 joiners on Tuesdays after school and for Y2 (existing pupils) to Y6 pupils on Mondays afterschool for 45 minutes. Classes are offered at £7.00 per lesson and fees are payable before the start of the term. Children additionally purchase a book, CD and app package at a one-off cost of £22.00 which lasts at least one academic year.

If you are interested in your child joining our French club, please email me your child's details (see at the bottom of this letter) promptly to book your place. I will then contact you personally to arrange for registration. All places will be allocated on a first-come basis, with confirmations sent out as soon as possible on receipt of your payment and registration forms.

If you have any queries about the classes, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

Laurence Thonon
La Jolie Ronde Licensee
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Email: laurencethonon@yahoo.com



Winners from 2014-2018!

Best Licensed Activity for Children Aged 5-12 Years

-----PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING DETAILS BY EMAIL TO REGISTER-----

I would like to register my child/ren for the La Jolie Ronde French club at Whiteknights Primary School

Name of child/ren.....DOB.....
School Yr Class name
Tel. No:..... Mobile:.....
Name of parent/guardian:
Email :
Address.....
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BOOKINGS
VIA
SCOPAY

WHITEKNIGHTS 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 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 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM 2024

Secure your booking via SCOPay.



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

CALL 0300 303 3866

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SCHEDULE SPRING TERM 2024

Please put
dates in your
diary!

| 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 | Rec -2 | 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 | Playground | 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 - 27/03/2025 |
| Arts & Crafts | Thursday | Yrs 5-6 | Science Lab | 16/01/2025 - 27/03/2025 |
| All Things Disney | Thursday | Yrs 1- 2 | Jade | 16/01/2025 - 27/03/2025 |
| Football | Thursday | Yrs 3 - 6 | Field | 09/01/2025 - 13/02/2025 |

| 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 |



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 is 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**
- **The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit**
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- **Have been adopted**
- **Left care under a special guardianship or residence order.**

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](#).

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

This week CRYSTAL class will be attending the school library.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Blue house (Bedevere) | Yellow house (Galahad) | Red house (Lancelot) | Green house (Melion) |

Please can your child bring their library book back to school on the day their house is due to visit the library. Then, they can return their book and take out a new one.

- **RECEPTION:** On Wednesday, 29th January, please can children wear red clothing as we are celebrating Chinese New Year.

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

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.

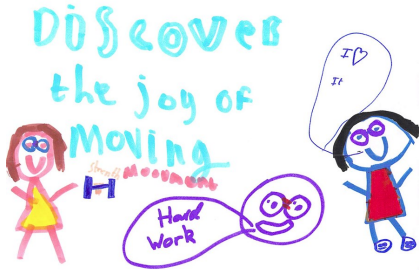
YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

PSHE CONNECT



“Everyone’s dream can come true if you just stick to it and work hard”.

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:-

- [YEAR 5'S AUTUMN TERM 2 ADVENTURE IN SCIENCE: EXPLORING THE SOLAR SYSTEM](#)
- [A FESTIVE CELEBRATION: KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE](#)

USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



A Big Thank You From The WPCA

As the Autumn term comes to a close, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all your incredible support this term. It has been an eventful few months, and together, we have raised a substantial sum that will directly benefit your children.

This term, we've enjoyed a fantastic non-uniform day, a lively pantomime, and a series of successful fundraising activities, including:

- Tea towels: £350 (funds raised)
- Christmas cards: £140 (funds raised)
- Disco: an amazing £1,500 (funds raised)
- Pantomime: £180 (funds raised)

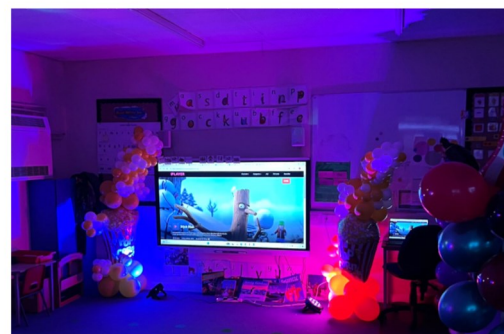
We also hosted our first Reception social, which was a resounding success, and we're excited to roll out similar events for other year groups in the future.

We are so grateful to everyone who volunteers their time to help make these events possible. Whether you can spare a little or a lot, every contribution makes a big difference and helps our events run smoothly.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas, and we look forward to creating more special memories in the new year.

With thanks,

The WPCA



CHRISTMAS DECORATION WINNERS: Thank you to all children who returned the tree decorations to adorn our Christmas tree in the reception area. It was hard to choose winners, but here are their wonderful creations. Well done!





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Whiteknights's primary school
 fundraising for Raise money for the school.

Your child has uploaded a Christmas drawing to our website!

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Access Code



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