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WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
03 FEB	04 FEB	05 FEB	06 FEB	07 FEB
	Year 1 Amber Class Visit to Lower Earley Library		Year 2 SPLAT 14:00—15:00 In School Hall	Supporting Difficult Behaviours Workshop 14:00 Obsidian Classroom
			Reception Classes Vision Screening	Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament at Rivermead Primary School (selected pupils only)

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 93.0%

REC—Crystal	98.7%	Y4—Amethyst	95.3%
REC—Pearl	92.0%	Y4—Jasper	97.0%
Y1—Amber	80.3%	Y5—Emerald	94.7%
Y1—Jade	82.7%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	96.7%	Y5—Sapphire	97.0%
Y2—Topaz	96.0%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	96.0%	Y6—Ruby	93.7%
Y3—Garnet	95.3%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	99.7%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring 1 Term 2025

Tuesday, 4th February	Year 1 Amber Class Visit to Lower Earley Library
Thursday, 6th February	Year 2 SPLAT 14:00—15:00
Thursday, 6th February	Reception—Vision Screening
Friday, 7th February	Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament Rivermead Primary School
Tuesday, 11th February	Year 1 Jade Visit to Lower Earley Library
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. ASC and clubs running as usual. Non-uniform day £1 donation to wear red
17th—21st February	Half Term
Monday, 24th February	Staff and Pupils Return to School

SUPPORTING DIFFICULT BEHAVIOURS

7 FEB | 2nd 3.15PM | OBISDIAN CLASS

Whiteknights is delighted to present an informative and practical workshop designed specifically for parents of children dealing with difficult behaviour. With only 30 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis, take this opportunity to equip yourself with valuable insights and strategies. For further details, please reach out to our Home-School Link Worker, Ms. Collard.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!



[BOOK HERE](#) or scan the QR Code



Whiteknights is proud to be part of the Mental Health Team Support in schools (MHST)

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL:



For **emergency situations only**, the school office may administer non-prescription medication provided that consent (this includes Arbor consents) has been obtained in advance.

The medications we hold in school are:

- Calpol Infant 2+ month
- Calpol SixPlus 6+ years
- Nurofen for Children 3 months—12 years
- Piriton 1+ years
- Nivea Kids Sensitive 50+ Sun Cream.

If you know that your child requires medication during the school day, please pop it into the school office with the relevant medication, and fill out a 'Consent to Administering Medication Form'.

We thank you in advance for your understanding that the medication we hold in school is for EMERGENCY use only.

[Consent to Administer Medication Form](#)

Please also refer to our Administering Medication Policy (page 7)

[Administration of Medicines](#)

- 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.

LET'S GO ZERO 2030

Schools working together to be zero carbon

WE'RE IN, JOIN US!

WHITEKNIGHTS IS JOINING THE NET ZERO ACCELERATOR PATHFINDER PROGRAMME!

[Read more](#) about this exciting new initiative in school.



What's on the menu?

Monday 3rd February—Friday 7th February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta Cheese Pinwheel with Potato Wedges Sweetcorn & Green Beans Berry Sponge & Custard	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oat Cookie & Fresh Fruit Slices	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans & Carrots Ice Cream with Fruit Slices	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Lentil & Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Carrots & Sweetcorn Chocolate Mousse	Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Tomato Sauce & Chips Peas & Baked Beans Marble Cake & Custard



National Storytelling Week

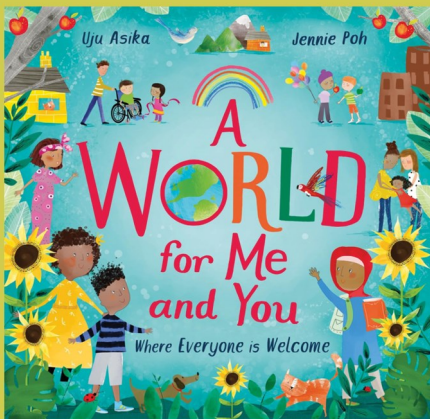
'Reimagine your world'

1-9 February 2025

What is National Storytelling Week?

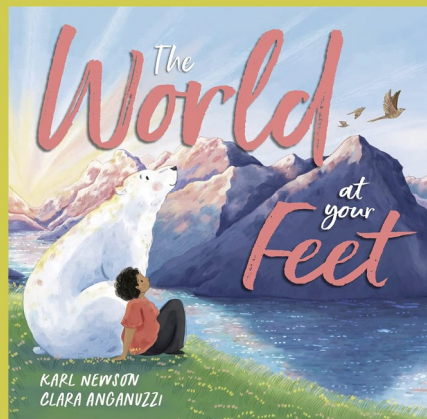
National Storytelling Week is a wonderful annual celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories help us understand the world around us, step into someone else's shoes to foster empathy, unwind and escape, and develop essential literacy skills.

As a school with a deep passion for reading and literacy, we are delighted to share a selection of books that celebrate this year's inspiring theme: "Reimagine Your World."



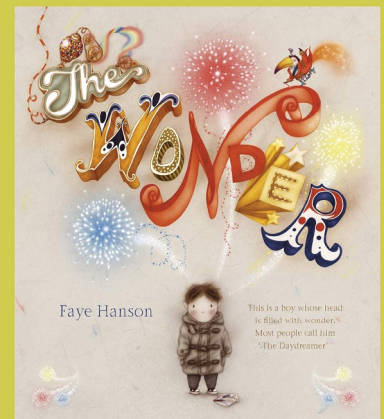
EYFS/KS1

Written by Uju Asika and illustrated by Jennie Poh, this uplifting picture book encourages children to imagine a diverse and vibrant world, celebrating the beauty of different cultures and backgrounds.



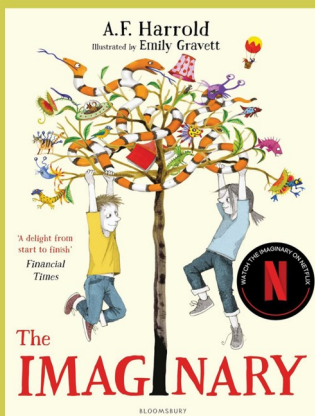
EYFS/KS1

Authored by Karl Newson with illustrations by Clara Anganuzzi, this empowering story inspires young readers to explore new possibilities and reassures them that it's okay to try new things and not always have all the answers.



EYFS/KS1

A gorgeously illustrated book, authored by Faye Hanson tells the tale about a boy with his head full of dreams and ideas. This book champions creativity and imagination, inspiring children to see the beauty in their own unique visions of the world.



KS2

Written by A.F. Harrold and illustrated by Emily Gravett, this story follows a young girl and her imaginary friend, exploring the power of imagination and the worlds it can create.



KS2

By Katherine Rundell, this fantasy novel introduces a hidden archipelago where mythical creatures thrive, inviting readers to reimagine a world filled with magic and adventure.



KS2

By Chibundu Onuzo, this fantasy tale follows Mayowa, a 'logosalter' who harnesses emotions from books, addressing themes of imagination and the refugee experience in the UK.

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders



We have a wonderful new Curiosity area available to our EYFS children. It has mud, sand, construction and gardening activities. To use the area the children will need named wellies, (preferably to leave at school) and if possible a puddle suit to protect their uniform. We are so excited to use this new area.

- NURSERY: [KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)

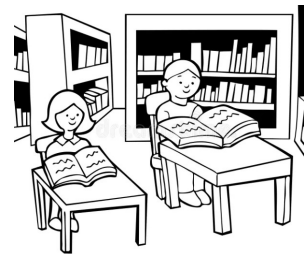
RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- RECEPTION: [KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)

Next week Crystal class will be attending the school library.

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.



YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 1: Maths homework due dates:

Homework due date	Pages to complete
14 th January	45-47
22 st January	48-50
28 th January	51-53
4 th February	55-57
11 th February	58-60

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

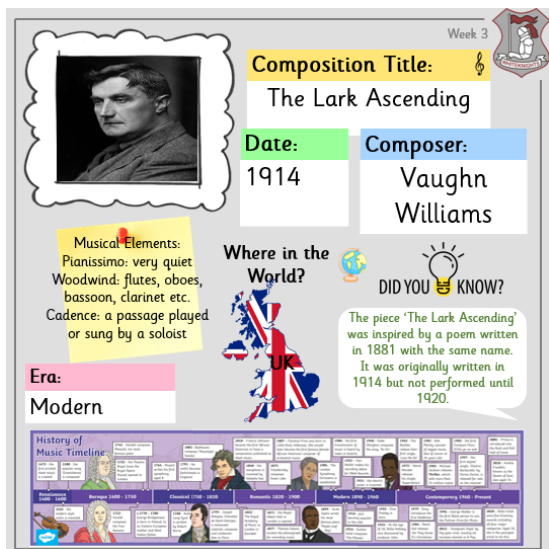
- YEAR 5: Just a reminder that £100.00 Mill on the Brue deposit needs to be paid by Friday 31st January. Communication will be sent out next week to say whether the trip will be going ahead or not. Please see the initial letter sent to parents with all details:

[INITIAL LETTER TO PARENTS](#)

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Week 3

Composition Title: The Lark Ascending

Date: 1914

Composer: Vaughn Williams

Musical Elements:
Pianissimo: very quiet
Woodwind: flutes, oboes, bassoon, clarinet etc.
Cadence: a passage played or sung by a soloist

Where in the World?

DID YOU KNOW?
The piece 'The Lark Ascending' was inspired by a poem written in 1881 with the same name. It was originally written in 1914 but not performed until 1920.

Era: Modern

History of Music Timeline

Our focus in Week 4 remains on the composer Vaughan Williams.

This piece is '*pianissimo*' meaning very quiet, and the use of a variety of woodwind instruments

contribute to the calm feeling of the piece.

PSHE CONNECT



This half term we are working on;
GIVING TO OTHERS

*"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."*

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 2 SCIENTISTS ON A BUG HUNT!](#)
- [CRACKING THE CODE: YEAR 2 EXPLORE DATABASES IN COMPUTING!](#)
- [RECEPTION'S ROARING WEEK OF CHINESE NEW YEAR FUN!](#)

USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



WHITEKNIGHTS PARENTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (WPCA) EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

Notice is hereby given of a Whiteknights Parents Community Association
Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on:

Wednesday, 26th February at 15:30 at
Whiteknights Primary School in Obsidian Class-
room

We wish to make a couple of minor amendments to our constitution (sections 5.1 and 7.1) to reflect that meetings can be held on-line. In line with our constitution, to make these changes, we need to hold an EGM to seek members' agreement. This short meeting is open to all members of WPCA (parents/carers of all pupils and staff). For those that wish to view a copy of the new constitution prior to the meeting, please ask the school office or email:

whiteknightspca@gmail.com



NON-UNIFORM DAY—FRI 14 FEB

£1 DONATION | WEAR
SOMETHING RED



UPCOMING DATES:

Be sure to save these dates in
your diary:

23rd May: Summer Fair and Sports Day

18th July: Happy's Circus visits the school





NEWSFLASH!

WE'RE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE WPCA IS PARTNERING WITH 'RECYCLED CLOTHING BANKS' AND 'KIDS FILL THE BAG' TO INSTALL A TEXTILE RECYCLING BIN ON OUR SCHOOL PREMISES.

This is an exciting, fresh, and environmentally friendly initiative for our school to continue with it's textile recycling—all while helping to raise funds for our school.

BENEFITS OF OUR NEW PARTNERSHIP:

- We can earn a whopping £300 per tonne, per annum by donating pre-loved clothes.
- 94% of the clothes collected through this initiative are kept out of landfill sites.
- The funds raised will go directly towards ongoing projects at school.
- It's a great way to teach pupils about the importance of recycling and how it helps to create a greener world for them to enjoy.
- These two entities are committed to helping charities, volunteering, and providing ongoing support, especially with the homeless charities HandsOnLondon and The Samaritans.
- This initiative also raises awareness about communities who are far less fortunate than us, both in the UK and overseas.

Watch this space — more details to follow soon!