

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON THE WEEK AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
24 FEB	25 FEB	26 FEB	27 FEB	28 FEB
Staff and Pupils Return to School			Jasper Class Resume Swimming Lessons	Year 5 and 6 SPLAT 14:00 in School Hall
Year 6 SATS Information Evening 17:00 in Tigers Eye Classroom				

KEY: WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.35%



REC—Crystal	95.6%	Y4—Amethyst	93.3%
REC—Pearl	93.0%	Y4—Jasper	95.6%
Y1—Amber	98.1%	Y5—Emerald	95.9%
Y1—Jade	97.8%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	94.1%	Y5—Sapphire	97.0%
Y2—Topaz	98.9%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	93.0%	Y6—Ruby	99.3%
Y3—Garnet	98.9%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	94.6%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS! Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring 2 Term 2025

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Monday, 24th February	Staff and Pupils Return to School				
Monday, 24th February	Year 6 SATS Information Evening. 17:00 in Tigers Eye Classroom				
Thursday, 27th February	Jasper Class Resume Swimming Lessons				
Friday, 28th February	Year 5 and 6 SPLAT. 14:00 in The School Hall				
Friday, 7th March	World Book Day				
Monday, 17th March	Living Eggs Arrive into EYFS				
Wednesday, 19th March	Year 1 Visit to Dicot Railway Museum				
Wednesday, 19th March	Lara Drama Final Show (Rec—Y2) Last Session Before Easter Break 16:00				
Thursday, 20th March	Jasper Class Final Swimming Lesson Until After Easter Break				
Thursday, 20th March	Reception SPLAT 13:45 in The School Hall				
Friday, 21st March	Lara Drama Final Show (Y3-6) Last Session Before Easter Break 16:00				
Monday, 24th March	Last Week of Whiteknights Led Extra Curricular Clubs				
Friday, 28th March	Chicks Leave EYFS				
Monday, 31st March	Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal for the Spring Production				
Tuesday, 1st April	Year 3 and 4 Spring Production to Parents 09:30				
Tuesday, 1st April	Year 3 and 4 Spring Production to Parents 13:45				
Wednesday, 2nd April	Year 3 SPLAT. 14:00 in The School Hall				
Wednesday, 2nd April	Parent Meetings 15:40—18:00				
Thursday, 3rd April	Egg Rolling (Pupils Only)				
Thursday, 3rd April	Parent Meetings 16:00—18:20				
Friday, 4th April	Easter Bonnet Parade (Pupils Only)				
Friday, 4th April	Last Day of Term. School Closes Promptly at 13:00 No ASC club.				
Tuesday, 22nd April	Staff and Pupils Return to School				

 CONSIDERATE DRIVING: A further plea for considerate driving and parking, especially as there are currently so many roadworks and road closures affecting the local area. We implore you to drive with due care and consideration to pedestrians, local residents and other road users.



WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES



WHITEKNIGHTS IS JOINING THE NET ZERO ACCELERATOR PATHFINDER PROGRAMME!

Read more about this exciting new initiative in school.

 BOLLARD IN OPERATION: Just a reminder that the bollard at the school driveway entrance is in operation on weekdays during term time between

8:15am–9:00am and 3:00pm–3:45pm.

If these times pose an issue, please ensure you park with due consideration on Fairlawn Green.

 BOOKINGS/CANCELLATIONS FOR EXTENDED CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Please note that it is possible for parents to make bookings 24 hours in advance. Find more information on our website.

If a child is unable to attend a pre-booked session, parents/carers must call and inform the school office or email admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk

Chargeable Breakfast Club and After School Club sessions <u>not</u> cancelled 1 day in advance remain payable regardless of your child's attendance (unless the School has been closed due to exceptional circumstances, or your child has been sent home due to illness).

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: <u>Is my child too ill for school?</u> which also gives useful guidelines as to whether or not to keep your child off school.

- DOGS (PETS) ON SITE: Please <u>refrain from bringing pets</u> onto the school premises, whether carried or on a lead. For the safety of the school community, pets are not permitted on the school grounds.
- LOST LIBRARY BOOKS/HOME LEARNING DIARIES/
 KNIGHTHOOD FOLDERS: A fee of £5.00 will be charged to
 replace any library books/home learning diaries or
 Knighthood Folders. This can be paid through Scopay
 before requesting a replacement.
- SNACKS YEAR 3—6: Please provide a break time snack for your child. Free school fruit is <u>only</u> available for children up to Year 2.

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)



What's on the menu?

Monday 24th February—Friday 28th February

MONDA

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

BEFORE SCHOOL: We are aware that children are playing on their scooters and bikes whilst waiting for the gates to open in the morning. Can we please ask that they take due care and consideration to parked cars and other

ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION, THE WREN SCHOOL: Please find important information regarding a significant

change proposal for consultation. This change is

considered by the DfE to be a 'significant change' and

therefore the Wren School are formally consulting with

Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread

Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges

Carrots & Green Beans

Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

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

Vegetable Bean Chilli with Soft Taco, Rice & Salsa

Sweetcorn & Carrots

pedestrians whilst playing.

THURSDAY

Chocolate Krispy Cake

Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Tomato Sauce

Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce

Peas & Baked Beans

FRIDAY

Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard



HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH IDEAS

Encourage your child to enjoy a variety of foods and benefit from a range of nutrients. If you choose to provide a packed lunch for your child, it's worth following these tips to ensure you include the key nutrients needed to support your child's growth and learning

Lunchbox tips



Keep them fuller for longer

Base the main lunchbox item on foc like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.



Freeze for variety

Keep a small selection of different types of bread in the freezer so you have a variety of options – like bagels, pittas and wraps, granary, wholemeal and multigrain.



DIY lunches

Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to make them. Dipping foods are also fun and a nice change from a sandwich each day



Pick lower-fat fillings – like lean meats (including chicken or turkey), fish (such as tuna or salmon), lower-fat spread, reduced-fat cream cheese and reduced-fat hard cheese. And try to avoid using mayonnaise in sandwiches.

See more healthier swap ideas



Mix your slices

If your child does not like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from 1 slice of white bread and I slice of brown bread



Always add veg

Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Adding a small pot of reduced-fat hummus or other dips may help with getting kids to eat vegetables.



Ever green

Always add salad to sandwiches and raps too – it all counts towards your nild's 5 A Day!



Cheesy does it...

Cheese can be high in fat and salt, so



Cut down on crisps

If your child really likes their crisps try reducing the number of times you include them in their lunchbox, and swap for homemade plain popcorn or plain rice cakes instead.



Add bite-sized fruit Try chopped apple, peeled satsuma

ments, strawberries, blueberries halved grapes or melon slices to make it easier for them to eat. Add a squeeze of lemon juice to stop it from going brown



Tinned fruit counts too

A small pot of tinned fruit in juice - not syrup - is perfect for a lunchbox and easily stored in the cupboard.



Swap the fruit bars

Dried fruit like raisins, sultanas and dried apricots are not only cheaper than processed fruit bars and snacks but can be healthier too. Just remember to keep dried fruit to mealtimes as it can be bad



Switch the sweets

Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for malt loaf, fruited teacakes. fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned - in juice not syrup).



Yoghurts: go low-fat and lower-sugar

Pop in low-fat and lower-sugar yoghurts or fromage frais and add your own fruit.



Get them involved

Get your kids involved in preparing and choosing what goes in their lunchbox. They are more likely to eat it if they helped make it.



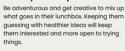
Variety is the spice of lunch!

quessing with healthier ideas will keep them interested and more open to trying



Plan to Eatwell

The guide shows how much of what we eat overall should come from each food group to achieve a healthy, balanced diet. It can be really useful when thinking about what goes into kids' lunchboxes. The Eatwell Guide







This Safer Internet Day lets celebrate the things we love online, but keep our eyes open for possible scams, and always tell a trusted adult if you think you've been tricked.

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If something

seems too good to be true.



If someone

contacts you when you weren't expecting it, like in a message or email.

This year's theme for Safer Internet Day was *Too Good to Be True? Protecting Yourself and Others from Online Scams*.

In school, Mr Lane and the Computing Ambassadors led a whole-school assembly to help pupils recognise the signs of online scams and understand what to do if they came across something suspicious. They explored common tactics used by scammers and provided practical advice on how to stay safe online.

Following the assembly, Mr Lane and his Computing Ambassadors will be carrying out a school-wide survey to learn more about pupils' experiences of using the internet. This will help us better understand the challenges our pupils face and how we can continue to support them in becoming responsible, informed digital citizens.



If someone or something

asks for your personal information.



If someone asks for

money or to trade with you.

Today's online scams look very realistic and are easy to miss. However, there are a few things you can look out for:

REWARDS AND PRIZES

If a reward or prize appears and seems too good to be true, it probably can't be trusted.

Avoid clicking on it as it may download malware or take you to a form asking for personal information.

URGENCY

Urgent messages can often include scary or threatening language which causes someone to panic and act without thinking.

You need to stay calm and think critically so you don't click on any dangerous links or give away personal information.

REQUESTS FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Most scams are trying to get hold of personal information, such as passwords, addresses and bank details.

Always be careful when sharing personal details and check with a trusted adult first. .

UNKNOWN ACCOUNTS

You may receive friend requests or messages from people you don't know.

You should never accept requests or interact with people you don't know in the real world.

You may even want to check with people face-to-face before accepting friend requests to make sure it is them.

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING MISTAKES

Copycat Addresses can be made to look similar to trustworthy accounts by scammers.

Always check that they are spelt correctly and don't have any missing, extra or altered characters.

SUSPICIOUS LINKS

Many websites and apps have adverts with external links.

You can hover your cursor over an advert to see the URL and check that it is what it should be.



S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

(L) 3:30PM - 4:30PM

£ SESSIONS FROM £7.50

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR NEXT TERM.
SESSIONS STARTING FROM 24TH FEB!





FOREST SCHOOL









FOOTBALL RECEPTION - YEAR 2









BASKETBALL YEAR 3 - 6

BOOK NOW







FOOTBALL YEAR 3 - 6

BOOK NOW







MULTI-SKILLS
RECEPTION - YEAR 2

BOOK NOW



S4K After School Club is an sport specific session, aimed at supporting working parents, but also giving children the chance to enjoy a physical sport.

WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ

CALL 0300 303 3866

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY: Notices and Reminders

No notices this week.

RECEPTION: Notices and Reminders

Next week ____ Crystal ____ class will be attending the school library.

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue house	Yellow house	Red house	Green house
(Bedevere)	(Galahad)	(Lancelot)	(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 2 STEMBOTICS WORKSHOP: Just a reminder that the payment deadline for the STEMbotics Workshop is Friday, 28th February. Please pay £12.00 through Scopay at your earliest convenience.





Year 2 children will need a small cuboid shaped cardboard box in school for the week commencing 3rd March. This will be for our DT lessons this term.

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4: Notices and Reminders

No notices this week.

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6: Notices and Reminders

• SATS—PARENT INFORMATION EVENING: The year 6 teachers will be holding a Parent Information Evening on:

WHEN: Monday 24th February

TIME: 17:00

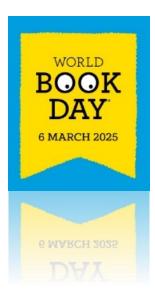
WHERE: Tigers Eye Classroom

Information will be given explaining what the week will entail.

• YEAR 5 TRIP TO HENGISTBURY HEAD 8TH MAY 2025: Although the deadline for payment is 31st March 2025, it will creep up very quickly! This trip will be hugely beneficial to the children, but we are relying on parental contributions to cover the coach costs. Please pay as soon as you possibly can, so we can determine if this trip will go ahead.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

WORLD BOOK DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!



Whiteknights will be celebrating World Book Day on FRIDAY 7TH MARCH and would love children to dress up as their favourite book character – and if possible, bring a book in with them that features their character. There will be activities happening in school on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March, and small prizes will be awarded for children who have thought about their book character – it is not about the most expensive shop-purchased outfit, it is more about individuality and creativity.

The theme of World Book Day this year is 'Read Your Way', and will encourage children and young people to read for fun to improve their lives. Evidence shows that children are more likely to read if they enjoy it, so World Book Day encourages them to 'Read Their Way' and celebrate their choices. With levels of reading enjoyment currently at an all-time low, it's more important than ever to get children excited about reading for fun, unlocking the proven benefits of better wellbeing and improved learning across the school curriculum. We believe we are already helping children at Whiteknights by providing library books they love to read – evidenced by the well-used copies and the enthusiasm for their library visits!

When we return after half term all children will be issued with their £1 World Book Day token, which can be used in book shops – but can also be redeemed at our Scholastic Book Fair which will be in school from 3pm to 4pm on Tuesday 11th March until Monday 17th March. For parents new to school, this is an opportunity for you to buy books for your children and raise funds for the school to buy books. These purchases will cost you a little more than buying from Amazon or Ebay, but if we meet our sales target then 50% of every purchase goes towards books for the classrooms and the library!

We look forward to seeing some wonderfully imaginative characters on Friday 7th March. Meantime, click on this link https://www.worldbookday.com/families/ to get more information about World Book Day.



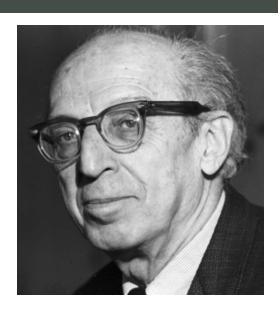
CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



This week we have continued to appreciate the work of Aaron Copland.
Appalachian Spring is a smooth, slow, calm piece that evokes thoughts of a peaceful spring day.



PSHE CONNECT

This half term we are working on;
GIVING TO OTHERS

"Always give without remembering, and always receive without forgetting."







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:-

NO NEWS THIS WEEK.

USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS SCHOOL MEALS TERM DATES

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD

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





The Whiteknights Parent Community
Association (WPCA) organises fun
activities for pupils throughout the year
while also raising funds to enhance their
educational experience. However, we
rely on the support of a small group of
dedicated parent and carer volunteers to
make this possible.

To continue running these events, we need more volunteers. Without additional help, we may have to reduce the number of activities we organise and the funds we raise for the school. We understand that everyone is busy, but even a couple of hours over the year can make a huge difference!

We have put together a list of roles where we need support, with details on the time commitment involved. Many of these tasks can be shared, and you'll receive guidance from the WPCA committee and experienced volunteers.

We'd love to hear from you!

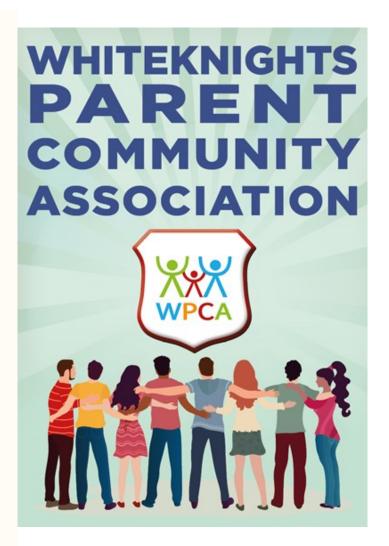
If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please email us at whiteknightspca@gmail.com.

Did you know?

WPCA is a registered charity (No: 1114018). Some employers allow time off for charity work—could you use this opportunity to support WPCA?

Upcoming Vacancy - Treasurer (from September 2025)

We are looking for a new Treasurer and would love to allow time for a proper handover. As Treasurer, you'll be a Trustee of WPCA, attend committee meetings (held on Zoom every couple of months), manage the bank accounts, record income and expenditure, handle event cash, and submit annual Charity Commission reports.















Even a small contribution of time makes a big difference! If you can help, please get in touch at: whiteknightspca@gmail.com

Panto Tickets (Hexagon Theatre, Reading)

The WPCA arranges a group booking for discounted Panto tickets each year.

Main tasks: Liaise with the theatre, advertise and sell tickets (with help from the school office), distribute tickets.

Time frame: Reserve tickets in early summer, sell in autumn, distribute in November.

Tea Towels (EYFS & KS1)

The WPCA sells tea towels and coasters featuring the childrens' portrait drawings of themselves.

Main tasks: Liaise with the tea towel company, co-ordinate drawings with an EYFS teacher, distribute tea towels.

Time frame: October to December.

Christmas Decorations

Pupils decorate wooden Christmas ornaments, with a prize for the best in each year group.

Main tasks: Buy decorations, co-ordinate sales via the school office, organise prizes within budget.

Time frame: November to December.

Christmas Cards

The WPCA partners with an external company to sell Christmas cards featuring pupils' designs.

Main tasks: Apply for packs, distribute them via the school office, return completed artwork, manage orders.

Time frame: September to November.

Legoland Tickets (Inset Day - June 2025)

The WPCA are exploring the possibility of securing discounted group tickets.

Main tasks: Contact Legoland for group booking options.

Time frame: Spring.

Supporting Events (Disco, Movie Nights, Summer Fair, Circus)

We always need volunteers for events throughout the year. This summer, our biggest fundraisers are the Summer Fair and Circus—the more volunteers we have, the smoother the events will run, and the more we can raise for the school!

Main tasks: Sell items, set up/tidy up, join the planning team, seek sponsorship or raffle prizes, promote events on social media.

Time frame: Summer.







How you can support us for free



Download the easyfundraising app



Sign up as our supporter



Once registered, we'll get a £2 donation!

The easiest way to support the WPCA is to sign up to easyfundraising! WPCA get cashback everytime you spend online with a huge range of high street brands. We have been registered with easyfundraising for many years and have raised over £3700 through them. We currently have 78 supporters registered, it would be great if we could get to over 100!

In February, with their FRee £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2, plus when more than 10 people register, we'll get more bonus funding! So let's see if we can make 100 supporters by the end of the month! Further information about how to register and get the app can be found here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=pta-bonus-feb-wa1

Once registered, you don't even need to use easyfundrasing if you don't want to - we get the £2 donation just for you registering. However, it would be great if we could use easyfundraising to raise even more money for WPCA!