

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
03 MAR	04 MAR	05 MAR	06 MAR	07 MAR
			Forest of Imagination Y1 and Y2 invited pupils only	World Book Day Celebrations Dress up as a favourite book character
			Jasper Class Swimming Lesson	

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 97.1%

REC—Crystal	98.7%	Y4—Amethyst	100%
REC—Pearl	97.7%	Y4—Jasper	93.0%
Y1—Amber	94.7%	Y5—Emerald	95.7%
Y1—Jade	96.7%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	99.3%	Y5—Sapphire	95.3%
Y2—Topaz	97.0%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	99.3%	Y6—Ruby	99.3%
Y3—Garnet	96.0%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	98.7%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring 2 Term 2025

Thursday, 6th March	Forest of Imagination Y1 and Y2 Invited Pupils Only
Friday, 7th March	World Book Day
Tuesday, 11th March— Monday, 17th March	Scholastic Book Fair in School
Thursday, 13th March	Forest of Imagination Y1 and Y2 Invited Pupils Only
Monday, 17th March	Chick Hatching Programme Arrive into EYFS
Wednesday, 19th March	Year 1 Visit to Dicot Railway Centre
Wednesday, 19th March	Lara Drama Final Show (Rec—Y2) Last Session Before Easter Break 16:00
Wednesday, 19th March	Reception Height and Weight Checks
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 Deadline for returning Science Posters for Science Week Competition Forest of Imagination—Y1 and Y2 Invited pupils only
Monday, 31st March	Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal for the Spring Production Little Gems Parent Meetings 08:30—10:30
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—18:10
Thursday, 3rd April	Egg Rolling Competition (Pupils Only)
Thursday, 3rd April	Parent Meetings 16:00—18:30
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

• ABSENCES CAN NOW BE LOGGED VIA THE ARBOR APP:



If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you are now able to log same-day absences using the Arbor app.

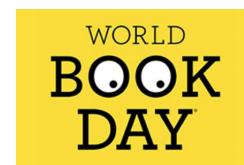
To record an absence, click on the **Quick Actions** button (≡) at the bottom left hand corner in your app, and then click **Attendance**. From there, click the green **Log Absence** button.

Please ensure you provide a reason for the absence, including any symptoms your child is experiencing. Once the absence is logged in Arbor, school will approve or reject the absence. Approved absences will appear in the Attendance tab of your Arbor App. School will follow up all absences that are rejected.

For further information, please click on the link below:
[How to report an absence in Arbor](#)

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

• WORLD BOOK DAY:



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!

All your children have today been 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.



WHITEKNIGHTS HAS JOINED THE NET ZERO ACCELERATOR PATHFINDER PROGRAMME!

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

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)



What's on the menu?

Monday 3rd March—Friday 7th March 2025

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

S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

AT WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

🕒 **3:30PM - 4:30PM** £ **SESSIONS FROM £7.50**

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

		FOREST SCHOOL RECEPTION - YEAR 2	<input type="button" value="BOOK NOW"/>
		FOOTBALL RECEPTION - YEAR 2	<input type="button" value="BOOK NOW"/>
		BASKETBALL YEAR 3 - 6	<input type="button" value="BOOK NOW"/>
		FOOTBALL YEAR 3 - 6	<input type="button" value="BOOK NOW"/>
		MULTI-SKILLS RECEPTION - YEAR 2	<input type="button" value="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

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

Posters to be submitted to Mrs Neville by Friday 28th March.
Please include your name, class and age on your entry.

Competition: Create a British Science Week poster



The theme for 2025 is '**Change and adapt**', – there are loads of STEM topics to be explored. For example, you could create a poster showing how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings or how humans have adapted to changing technology. Technology changes all the time – how is it changing lives? Is it always for the better? You could look at climate change and how we can adapt our behaviours to protect the environment or your favourite science experiment and how it shows change. What about how you have changed and adapted to new experiences and places as you have grown? Do the stars and planets in space change? The more creative the interpretation of the theme, the better!

Kit list

Paper (A4 or A3)

Creative materials such as:
pens, pencils, scissors, glue,
watercolours, paint, crayons, pipe
cleaners, felt, thread, wool, foil, clay,
string, beads, stamps, foam, pompoms

Make your poster

Once they've done their thinking, it's time for children to get creative! Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and you'll need to be able to take a photograph of each one so it can be sent to us online for judging. Children can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or use materials such as pencils, paints, crayons and paper to create their posters.

How will the posters be judged?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges at British Science Week will be looking for:

- **Creativity in approach** – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box
- **Content** – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic
- **Effective communication** – presented and communicated in an engaging way. Member of the British Science Museum Association will shortlist entries, and a panel of judges will select a winner in each category. The two runners up in each category will be uploaded to our Facebook page and the public will decide on a 'popular vote' winner.

What are the prizes?

Prizes for the 2024 competition winners included:

Cool Cat Chem Cards, 5-minute STEM books, Shape Aliens Game, At the museum jigsaw, A Day in the Life . . . Books, Shroot pouches, Memberships for My Science Clubs, MegaWatt Games, SuperQuesters: The Case of the Angry Sea STEM adventure books by QuestFriendz, A collection of Science Works Books, Two space-themed 3D building playsets, Our Living Planet Book, WWF adoption pack, Annual subscription to Save My Exams, A 12 month subscription to Alfresco learning.

Prizes may vary by age and category and by availability and we reserve the right to make changes to the prizes.

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

Guardian Consultations – April 2nd and April 3rd 2025 – in the School Hall

Bookings for December's Guardian Consultations will go 'live' on Arbor From 0700 on 04.03.2025 and closes at 1200 on 27.03.2025.



Please book early and within that timeframe to avoid disappointment.

Once the bookings have closed on Arbor, you will need to contact the class teacher directly. The school office will forward any email requests but cannot make any adjustments without the class teacher's involvement.

We will continue to hold the 10-minute consultations in the school hall. Space will be sufficient for teaching staff and guardians; however, we do request that pupils and siblings are not brought to the consultations. This is not just a matter of space, more that consultations between guardians and teachers lead to a more focused and elevated conversation about your child and their progress.

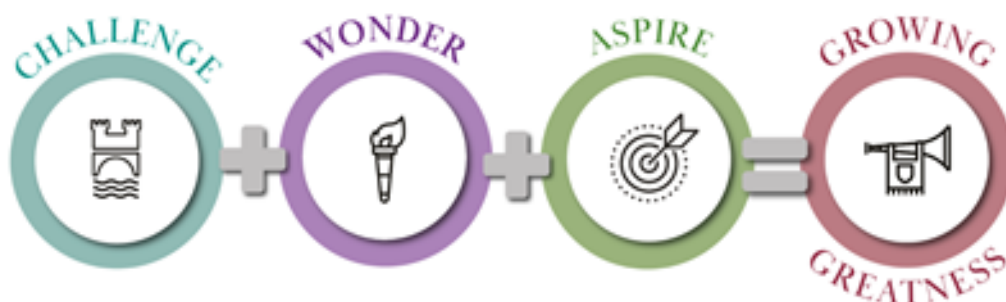
As always, if you have a concern or a query about your child, you do not need to wait until the consultation to raise it. You are always welcome to contact the school office who will arrange a meeting with yourself and the class teacher separate to the consultation. Equally, if your 10-minute consultation raises the need for further conversation, you can contact the school office to arrange a follow up meeting.

Please note that for separated parents we are unable to accommodate separate consultations. We welcome both parents to the consultation or for the parents to liaise and communicate directly with each other. Please refer to our website for our Separated Parents Policy for further information:

<https://www.whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk/school-info/policies/>

Mrs Reynolds can authorise individual meetings, however specific requests will need to be emailed to her via the school office using:

admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk



GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [NURSERY TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [NURSERY TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [NURSERY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- [RECEPTION TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [RECEPTION TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [RECEPTION KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)

Next week Pearl 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 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 1 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- **YEAR 1 HOMEWORK SCHEDULE:**

Homework due date	Pages to complete
4 th March	61-63
11 th March	64-67
18 th March	68-70
25 th March	71-74
1 st April	75-77

- [YEAR 2 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 2 OVERVIEW](#)
- **YEAR 2 DT:** Children will need a small cuboid shaped box in school for next Monday, 3rd March. This will be for our DT lessons this term.
- **YEAR 2 STEMBOTICS WORKSHOP FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025:** Please pay £12.00 via Scopay by end of play today, 28th February 2025!



YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- [YEAR 3 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 3 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [YEAR 4 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 4 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- [YEAR 5 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 5 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [YEAR 6 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 6 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- **YEAR 5 TRIP TO HENGISTBURY HEAD 8TH MAY 2025:** We still do not have enough contributions for this trip to go ahead! We solely rely 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.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

Week 1



Composition Title: Rondo Alla Turca

Date: 1783

Composer: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Musical Elements: Piano sonata-solo for piano
Allegro – fast
Key change – from A minor to A major

Where in the World? Germany

DID YOU KNOW? The title means 'Turkish March'. Mozart was influenced by the Turkish band, which was the only military band in Europe. This changed people's opinions of music!

Era: Classical



This week we have enjoyed returning to the compositions of Mozart while listening to *Rondo Alla Turca*. Originally composed as one of 3 movements, this third and final movement is now often played on its own.



PSHE CONNECT

This half term we are working on:
CONNECTING TO OTHERS

"The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen."



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:-

- NO NEWS THIS WEEK.

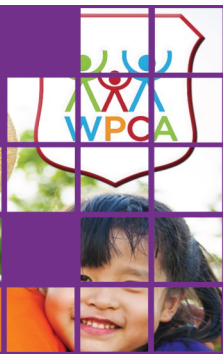
USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTICE BOARD



WPCA
CHOCOLATE BAR
SALE FOR WORLD BOOK DAY!



THIS YEAR, THE WPCA ARE JOINING THE FUN FOR WORLD BOOK DAY BY SELLING WHITEKNIGHTS CHOCOLATE BARS – WITH A GOLDEN TWIST!

**FIND A GOLDEN TICKET,
TO CLAIM A SPECIAL PRIZE!**



BARS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH ON THE PLAYGROUND.

£1.50/BAR
ORDER VIA *SCOPAY

***ORDERS OPEN: FRI, 28TH FEB TO 1^{PM} 6TH MAR**

Note: If your child has any allergies (e.g. dairy intolerance), we want to ensure they don't miss out. Please email the school office so we can arrange an alternative.



Our Clothing Bank has Arrived!

You can now donate unwanted textiles in our recycled clothing bank at:

KIDS JUST RECYCLE



School:
Whiteknights Primary School

Let's recycle today

Please donate pre-loved wearable clothing, paired shoes (tied together) and household textiles to raise much-needed funds for your school.

Thank you!



Tel: 020 3903 9933 email: enquiries@kidsjustrecycle.co.uk

We can't wait to collect your textiles donations to help raise money for your school. Here's a reminder of what we can and can't accept.

We accept good quality, reusable:



We do not accept:



Nor do we accept items that are damaged by:



Many thanks and happy recycling!



Where does it all go?

All Grade A clothes consist of being 100% wearable, in good shape and colour with no marks or stains and these will be sent to shops just like the second-hand shops we have in the UK. We supply shops in Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, The Czech Republic and many more countries where they will be resold to help those struggling communities.

All Grade B clothing and school wear would go further afield to our partners in Africa, Ghana, Cameroon and The Ivory Coast and may be over-washed, slightly misshapen or have small marks on. Any bedding that is donated also gets a second lease of life by being used as dust sheets for painting garages and shops or cut up for rags in car washes – so a massive 85% gets a second use.

Closer to home and here in the UK, all new underwear including new socks are given to our charity partner, Hands On London, whose volunteers distribute these to our vulnerable homeless people on the streets of London. Similarly, any sleeping bags are donated to our homeless charities and we have recently donated a generous supply to The Spitalfields Crypt Trust.

We quite often receive new balls of knitting wool which we pass on to our ladies at The Samaritans who in turn pass on, free of charge, to other knitting enthusiasts who make soft toys for children and donate them to paediatric hospitals and children's charities; nothing is wasted.

Is there a volunteer who would like to help maintain the clothes bank? Please contact the WPCA if you would like to help!

whiteknightspca@gmail.com

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



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 Appeal, 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 easyfundraising 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!