

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10 MAR	11 MAR	12 MAR	13 MAR	14 MAR
	Scholastic Book Fair in School 15:20—16:00	Scholastic Book Fair in School 15:20—16:00	Scholastic Book Fair in School 15:20—16:00	
			Forest of Imagination Y1 and Y2 Invited Pupils Only	

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.0%

REC—Crystal	95.7%	Y4—Amethyst	97.3%
REC—Pearl	98.7%	Y4—Jasper	99.0%
Y1—Amber	98.3%	Y5—Emerald	92.7%
Y1—Jade	99.0%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	96.7%	Y5—Sapphire	98.0%
Y2—Topaz	98.0%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	99.3%	Y6—Ruby	98.7%
Y3—Garnet	95.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	96.8%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring 2 Term 2025

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
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
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 After School Club
Tuesday, 22nd April	Staff and Pupils Return to School

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



BRITISH
SCIENCE
WEEK
2025

For further information, see last week's newsletter!

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** Today, we celebrated World Book Day at school and were delighted by the amazing book characters that arrived! We encourage you to visit World Book Day's '[Share a Story Corner](#)', where you can watch short videos featuring familiar characters with your children—a wonderful resource for shared reading time.

Next week, our Scholastic Book Fair will be held on **Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, and Thursday 13th March, with a final day on Monday 17th March**. Children can use their World Book Day tokens towards any book purchase, and a limited number of £1 World Book Day books will also be available. While some books may be priced higher than online retailers like Amazon, last year 60% of the proceeds returned to our school, enabling us to acquire new books and resources for our library and classrooms. Payments can be made online or by cash, and if a book sells out, it can be ordered for delivery after the Fair.

Please be patient during the event, as it can be quite busy. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you there.

- 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](#)

- 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.
- DOGS (PETS) ON SITE:** Please **refrain from bringing pets 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.



What's on the menu?

Monday 10th March—Friday 14th March 2025

MONDAY

Pepperoni Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes
Margherita Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes
Carrots & Sweetcorn
Apple Crumble & Custard

TUESDAY

Chicken Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Spring Vegetable Cottage Pie & Gravy
Green Beans & Broccoli
Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon, Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding
Vegetable Loaf with Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding
Carrots & Peas
Chocolate Cake & Custard

THURSDAY

Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread
Quorn Bolognese with Garlic Bread
Green Beans & Sweetcorn
Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Slices

FRIDAY

Breaded Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips
Quorn Nuggets with Tomato Sauce & Chips
Peas & Baked Beans
Chocolate & Oranges Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

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

Bookings for April's Guardian Consultations are now open on Arbor. This will close 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.

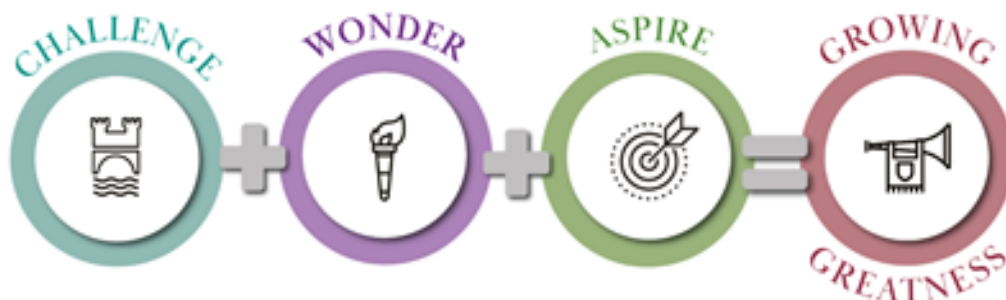
As always, if you have a concern or a query about your child, you do not need to wait until the consultation to raise it. You are always welcome to contact the school office who will arrange a meeting with yourself and the class teacher separate to the consultation. Equally, if your 10-minute consultation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



Are you ready to make a difference in the classroom?

Our School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme, in partnership with Teach First and BPET, offers a fantastic opportunity to kick-start your teaching career.

With over 20 years of experience, Teach First is the UK's largest initial teacher training provider, bringing unparalleled expertise to our programme. Through this collaboration, you'll gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to inspire the next generation and make a real impact in our schools.

Take the first step towards an exciting and rewarding career in teaching.

BECOME A TEACHER

The BPET SCITT* programme is the perfect opportunity for graduates to unlock their potential and grow in their careers, all from the comfort of their current school!

Benefits

- Obtain QTS and PGCE
- Career progression opportunities
- Mentorship and support
- Minimum starting salary of £38,766 (inner London) and £31,650 (outer London).

How to apply

- Scan the QR code to learn more
- Apply on the Department for Education's website: search for 'Bellevue Place SCITT'.



*School Centred Initial Teacher Training



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IN
CINEMAS
FEBRUARY
2025

When:

Tue 11th Mar, Wed 12th Mar,
Thu 13th Mar and Mon 17th March
3pm to 4pm

Where:

Outside the school hall, under the
covering

Scan the QR code
to pay online!



LARA'S SCHOOL OF DRAMA

Lara's School of Drama will be offering drama to all year groups at Whiteknights Primary School. Tick appropriate class you wish your child to attend.

Reception and Year 1&2 Wednesday After School £63 (9-week Term 23rd April – 25th June 2025)

Extracts from 'Trolls' (Performance on Wednesday 25th June at 4pm)

Year 3-6 Friday After School £56 (8-week Term 10th 25th April – 20st June 2025)

Adaptation of 'The Greatest Showman' (Performance on Friday 20th June at 4pm)

There will be **limited spaces** and will be filled on a first come first served basis. To ensure you receive a place please complete this form and return with payment to reception by **Friday 28th March 2025**.

Name of Child _____

Age _____ Year group/class _____

Name of Parent/guardian _____

Emergency Contact number _____

Email _____

Medical History

Allergies _____ Medication _____

Payment

Cash or cheques accepted (cheques made payable to Lara Collins). Please use a sealed envelope. Bank transfers are available contact Lara direct – laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com

PLEASE NOTE – Please bring the exact money as change cannot be given. Payment will not be refunded.

Permission (tick where appropriate)

I **do** give permission for my child to be photographed/filmed whilst performing and at times shared on the company's website/Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/YouTube.

I **do not** give permission for my child to be photographed/filmed whilst performing and at times shared on the company's website/Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/YouTube.

I will collect my child from:



Drama club



After School Club



Mobile: 07894070551
Facebook: Lara Collins
Twitter: @laraschooldrama
Instagram: laraschoolofdrama1
Email: laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com



GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

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

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

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

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.

- **RECEPTION:** In Reception we use junk modelling in our child-initiated time to create lots of wonderful models and projects. We have explored how to join things together, build on our ideas and the ideas of others through discussion and just having a go! We would appreciate any donations of 
- Tall crisp tubes, kitchen and toilet rolls
- Yoghurt pots
- Egg boxes
- Cereal boxes or small cardboard boxes
- Plastic bottles e.g. drinks bottles, washing up liquid bottles

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices

- [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 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](#)

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 continued to listen to the compositions of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. *Rondo Alla Turca* is often played on the piano. The word 'rondo' tells us that the song is going to have multiple sections that are repeated at different times.



PSHE CONNECT

This half term we are working on:
'Connecting to Others'



"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."



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:-

- [PUMPING WITH KNOWLEDGE: YEAR 6 EXPLORE THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM!](#)

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



Our Clothing Bank has Arrived!

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

KIDS JUST RECYCLE Mr. Recycling Bank

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:

Leisurewear	Men'swear	Summer	Childrenswear	Babywear	Coats/Jackets	Hats/Scarves/Shawls	Woolies/Blankets/Throws	Handbags/Purses	Towels	Slacks
Children's Bed Linen	Sportswear	Highwaist	Swimwear/Shorts	Underwear/Lingerie	Sleeping Bags	Knitting Wool	Bedding	Curtains	Chairs/Plastic Mats	Soft Toys

We do not accept:

Diapers/Incontinence	Ill-fitting clothes	Stained/Discoloured	Wet/Damp	Stains/Oil	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair
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Nor do we accept items that are damaged by:

Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair	Wool/Animal Hair
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Many thanks and happy recycling!