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WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 APR	29 APR	30 APR	01 MAY	02 MAY
11+ Club First Session (Year 4 and Year 5)	Chess Club First Session (Year 3—Year 6)	Arts and Crafts Club First Session (Year 3-Year 6)	Class Photos	
Colouring Club First Session (Reception—Year 2)	Funky Feet and Fingers First Session (Reception)		Year 3 Swimming Starts Diamond Class	
French Club First Session (Year 2-Year 6)	Arts and Crafts Club First Session (Year 1-Year 2)		Tennis Club First Session (Year 1-Year 2)	
Outdoor Adventures Club First Session (Reception—Year 2)	French Club First Session (Reception-Year 2)		Arts and Crafts Club First Session (Year 3-Year 6)	
	Girls Football Club First Session (Year 3—Year 6)		Deadline for Reception Places Sep 2025 to be Accepted	
	Little Gems Librarian Visit			

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 95.8%

REC—Crystal	98.3%	Y4—Amethyst	100%
REC—Pearl	97.1%	Y4—Jasper	97.1%
Y1—Amber	97.5%	Y5—Emerald	95.4%
Y1—Jade	93.8%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	97.5%	Y5—Sapphire	98.3%
Y2—Topaz	97.9%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	89.6%	Y6—Ruby	96.3%
Y3—Garnet	90.0%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	96.3%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Summer 1 Term 2025

Monday, 5th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Holiday School Closed for Staff and Pupils
Thursday, 8th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Hengistbury Head
Friday, 9th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery SPLAT 14:00 Start in the School Hall
Monday, 12th May— Thursday, 15th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATS
Thursday, 15th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 SPLAT 14:00 Start in the School Hall Year 6 RE Visit Topaz Class trip to Lower Earley Library 13:00—15:00
Friday, 16th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Maya Day Opal Class Trip to Lower Earley Library 13:00—15:00
Monday, 19th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Session for Sport4kids Outdoor Adventure (R-Y2)
Tuesday, 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 STEAMFest at Leighton Park School 09:15—11:15 Last Session Sports4kids Football (R-Y2)
Wednesday, 21st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Session Sports4kids Basketball (Y3-Y6) Last Session Tag Rugby (Y1-Y2) Final Tag Rugby Session (Y1-Y2)
Thursday, 22nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Swimming Lesson for year 3 Diamond Class Reception REInspired Visit Last Sports4kids Football Session (Y3-Y6)
Friday, 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day Last Sports4kids Multi Skills session (R-Y2) Last Day of Term. Finish 15:20. Extended Care After School Club running as Usual Last Tag Rugby Session (Y3-Y4)
26th-30th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Term—Return Monday 2nd June

- SCHOOL LUNCHES:** We are noticing an increase of lunches being ordered in the morning, please remember that school lunches **MUST** be ordered by midnight the day before.

Did you know that you can order up to 50 days in advance?

- Do **NOT** park in front of the school gates or in front of the water tower gates!

This could cause **significant problems** should emergency services be called upon.

Signage is now up and visible.

- 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.

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- EASTER BONNET WINNERS:** After viewing some fabulous creations, the following children were announced as winners and each received an Easter Treat:

Little Gems— Ben
 Reception— Ria
 Year 1— Amaya
 Year 2— Joel
 Year 3— Teddy
 Year 4— Skylar
 Year 5— Daniel
 Year 6— Leah



Well done to everyone!

- BREAKFAST CLUB:** Breakfast Club are nearing full capacity and cannot ensure a place unless booked in advance. We have now changed the booking system so that you have to book 48 hours in advance, therefore please book early in order to avoid disappointment. On the further note, can we please ask parents to stay with their child/ children until they are handed over to a member of the Breakfast Club staff. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

- COMMON WINTER ILLNESSES—PARENT GUIDANCE:** 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.

- 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.

TRAIN TO BECOME A TEACHER AT OUR SCHOOL

Do you want to make a difference to children's lives? Our School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme is the perfect opportunity to do so: you'll be based in the classroom, gaining your qualification at the same time.

Benefits

- Post-graduate qualification awarded by Sheffield Hallam University
- Career progression opportunities
- Hands-on experience from day 1
- Mentorship and support
- Minimum starting salary of £31,650
- A 23.6% contribution towards your pension

How to apply

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



What's on the menu?

Monday 28th April—Friday 2nd May 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE w/c 22 Apr w/c 12 May w/c 9 Jun w/c 30 Jun	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Jacket Potato with Baked Beans & Cheese Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes Chickpea & Vegetable Korma with Rice Vanilla Cake & Custard	Chicken Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding Vegetable Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato with any two of Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Apple Flapjack & Custard	Beef Keema Curry with Basmati Rice Vegetable Bean Chilli with Soft Taco, Rice & Salsa Jacket Potato with any two of Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Chocolate Krispy Cake	Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Jacket Potato with any two of Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard
Next Week	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 & Green Beans Marble Cake & Custard
WEEK THREE w/c 6 May w/c 2 Jun w/c 23 Jun w/c 14 Jul	Margherita Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes Vegetable Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes Carrots & Sweetcorn Apple Crumble & Custard	Chicken Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Spring Vegetable Cottage Pie & Gravy Green Beans & Broccoli Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Roast Gammon, Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Vegetable Loaf with Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Peas Chocolate Cake & Custard	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread Quorn Bolognese with Garlic Bread Green Beans & Sweetcorn Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Slices	Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Quorn Nuggets with Tomato Sauce & Chips Peas & Baked Beans Chocolate & Oranges Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Available daily: Freshly Baked Bread, Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt



**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



Organised by charity The Reading Agency and the UK public library network since 1999, the Summer Reading Challenge is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. Last year, in Wokingham Borough Council, 1139 children took part.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their local library, and it's FREE to take part.

This year's Challenge, Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children from 4-11 years old. It supports this age group and their families by:

- Preparing children to get back to the classroom in the autumn.
- Supporting the move into a new year group or key stage.
- Boosting children's confidence and self-esteem by supporting independent reading.
- Providing free access to books and fun family activities during the summer.

Contact libraryevents@wokingham.gov.uk for more information.

WHITEKNIGHTS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2025

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 Summer Term!**






Bookings now open!

Please note: minor changes to dates listed below in red

	<p>11+ : Y4-5</p> <p>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!</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	<p>28/04/2025-07/07/2025 NOT running 05/05 (BH)</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>COLOURING CLUB : R-Y2</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	<p>28/04/2025-07/07/2025 NOT running 05/05 (BH)</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>FUNKY FINGERS & FEET CLUB : R</p> <p>Funky Fingers and Feet helps pupils in Reception develop fine and gross motor skills in a creative and fun way. Through exciting games and hands-on activities, they build strength, coordination, and control, supporting their physical development in an engaging and playful environment.</p>	<p>WHEN: TUESDAYS</p>	<p>29/04/2025-08/07/2025</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>ARTS & CRAFTS : Y1-6</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y1-2 TUESDAYS Y3-4 WEDNESDAYS Y5-6 THURSDAYS</p>	<p>Y1-2 29/04/2025-08/07/2025 Y3-4 30/04/2025-09/07/2025 Y5-6 01/05/2025-10/07/2025</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>CHESS : Y3-6</p> <p>Learn to play and enjoy chess. Starting from the basics, participants will progress to advanced strategies, enhancing their problem-solving, concentration, and logical thinking skills. This club is fun, inclusive and suitable for all skill levels.</p>	<p>WHEN: TUESDAYS</p>	<p>29/04/2025-01/07/2025</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>DRAMA : R-Y6</p> <p>Explore the magic of theatre at Whiteknights! In this fun and creative club, pupils will explore acting, and stage production, building confidence and teamwork along the way. Whether they love performing or just want to try something new, it's a great space to develop skills and have fun.</p>	<p>WHEN: R-Y2 WEDNESDAYS Y3-6 FRIDAYS</p>	<p>R-Y2 23/04/2025-25/06/2025 Y3-6 25/04/2025-20/06/2025 INSET DAY 04/07/2025</p>	DRAMA CLUB LETTER
	<p>FRENCH : R-Y6</p> <p>Learn French through fun games, songs, stories, and role-play! Designed for primary-aged pupils, French Club helps children build a strong foundation in grammar and vocabulary while developing confidence in speaking and understanding French.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y2-6 MONDAYS R-Y2 TUESDAYS</p>	<p>Y3-6 28/04/25-07/07/25 (NOT running 05/05 & 02/06) R-Y2 29/04/2025-08/07/2025</p>	FRENCH CLUB LETTER



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	<p>TAG RUGBY CLUB : Y1-4</p> <p>Tag Rugby club focuses on core skills—catching, passing, evading, and tagging. Open to all, pupils can experience rugby, regardless of their skills. Develop abilities, make new friends, and grow on and off the field — following the TREDs values: teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline, and sportsmanship.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y1-2 WEDNESDAYS</p> <p>Y3-4 FRIDAYS</p>	<p>Y1-2 23/04/2025-21/05/2025</p> <p>Y3-4 25/04/2025-23/05/2025</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB : Y3-6</p> <p>Our Girls' Football Club is a fantastic opportunity for girls of all abilities to develop their skills, build confidence, and enjoy the game in a supportive and fun environment. Girls are encouraged to join to improve their technique, make new friends, and grow their love for football.</p>	<p>WHEN: WEDNESDAYS</p>	30/04/2025-09/07/2025	SCOPAY
	<p>OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CLUB : R-Y2</p> <p>Embark on thrilling journeys with our Outdoor Adventures Club, where children explore nature, develop useful skills, and engage in team-building activities that foster confidence and a love for the great outdoors.</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	28/04/2025-19/05/2025 NOT running 05/05 (BH)	S4K—OUTDOOR
	<p>FOOTBALL CLUB : R-Y6</p> <p>Join our dynamic Football Club where young athletes develop their skills through age-appropriate training, progressing through levels with the support of dedicated coaches.</p>	<p>WHEN: R-Y2 TUESDAYS</p> <p>Y3-6 THURSDAYS</p>	<p>R-Y2 22/04/2025-20/05/2025</p> <p>Y3-6 24/04/2025-22/05/2025</p>	<p>S4K—FOOTBALL R to Y2</p> <p>S4K—FOOTBALL Y3 to Y6</p>
	<p>BASKETBALL CLUB : Y3-6</p> <p>Dribble, shoot, and score in our Basketball Club, where children learn the fundamentals of the game, improve their coordination, and enjoy friendly competition in a supportive environment.</p>	<p>WHEN: WEDNESDAYS</p>	23/04/2025-21/05/2025	S4K—BASKETBALL
	<p>MULTI SKILLS CLUB : R-Y2</p> <p>Our Multi-Skills Club offers a diverse range of sports and activities, allowing children to develop various physical abilities, enhance teamwork, and discover new interests in a fun and inclusive setting.</p>	<p>WHEN: FRIDAYS</p>	25/04/2025-23/05/2025	S4K—BASKETBALL
	<p>TENNIS : Y1-2</p> <p>Join these fun filled sessions for all levels. Learning and developing sending and receiving and racket control, in a games based way. All equipment is provided however if your child wishes to bring their own racket this is also fine.</p>	<p>WHEN: THURSDAYS</p>	01/05/2025- 10/07/2025	MRP—TENNIS

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

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

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

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

This 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 2 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 2 OVERVIEW](#)
- YEAR 1 SPACE DAY: Monday 27th April 2025. What you need to prepare and bring—a space helmet! The children will be doing lots of space related activities, so they need to look the part too! You can make a helmet yourself using cardboard and tinfoil. Try to be as creative as you can!



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 6 SATS BREAKFASTS:** Year 6 pupils are invited to attend the free SATS Breakfast Club running from **Monday 12th May through to Thursday 15th May 2025** which will be run by the year 6 team. Children need to be in school at 8:00am to start breakfast soon after.

- **YEAR 6 HOODIES:**

SCOPAY is now open to place your Year 6 Hoodie orders. Prices and sizes:

Large Youth £15.00
Small Adult £15.00
Medium Adult £15.00
T-Shirt—£7.00



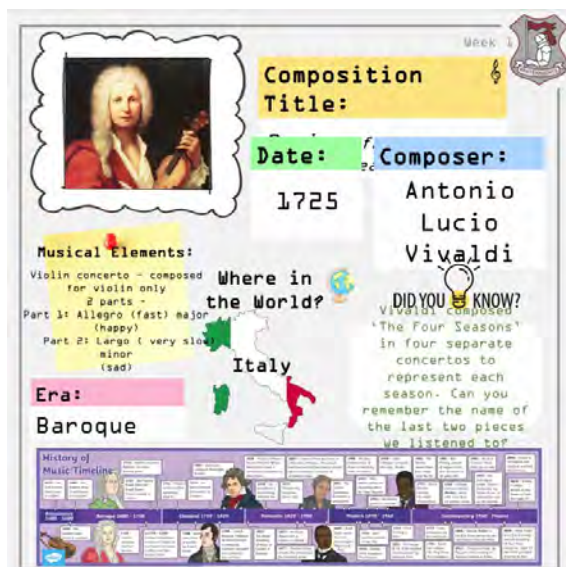
Please note that if your child is already booked to attend Breakfast Club from 07:40 the normal charge will still apply. Your child will be given the option to transfer to the SATS Breakfast Club at 8.00am each morning.

A variety of cereals, brioche buns and fruit will be provided by the school. Children should bring a plastic cup, plastic bowl and plastic spoon to use for the week. It is entirely optional, but we do encourage it - makes for a lovely calm start to the day and fuels them up!

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Week 1

Composition Title:

Date: 1725 **Composer:** Antonio Lucio Vivaldi

Musical Elements:
Violin concerto - composed for violin only
2 parts -
Part 1: Allegro (fast) major (happy)
Part 2: Largo (very slow) minor (sad)

Where in the World?
Italy

Era: Baroque

DID YOU KNOW?
Vivaldi composed 'The Four Seasons' in four separate concertos to represent each season. Can you remember the name of the last two pieces we listened to?

History of Music Timeline



The new term began with Vivaldi's 'Spring' from the Four Seasons. This is one of four concertos composed to represent the seasons. A concerto is a piece of musical composition for a solo instrument that is accompanied by an orchestra that has three or more different movements.



PSHE CONNECT

This half term we are working on: 'Challenging yourself'

"Believe you can, and you're halfway there!"



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:-

- [SPRING TERM ENDS WITH A WHIZ, A WHAM, AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN.](#)

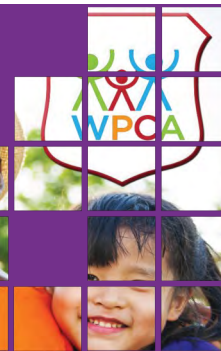
USEFUL LINKS

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WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



Spotlight on the WPCA Uniformd shop

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/whiteknights-primary-school>



With World Earth Day on 22nd April, it's a fitting time to showcase the WPCA Uniformd shop.

The WPCA Uniformd shop opened in April 2021. It is an easy, sustainable way to buy good quality second-hand uniform at an affordable price, saving clothing from landfill and raising funds for the WPCA in the process.



The online platform is simple to use and once ordered, items will be delivered to your child's classroom via the school office within a couple of days.

We will also be selling uniform at Sports Day on 23rd May so come and find us at the WPCA stall.

There are currently over 370 items in stock, including logo jumpers and cardigans, skirts, trousers, shorts, dresses and PE kit in a range of sizes. We also have some T-shirts in house colours for Sports Day.

Since April 2021, the WPCA Uniformd shop has fulfilled over 420 orders, raising over £2310 for WPCA and saving over 1000 items of uniform from landfill!

We are always on the lookout for donations of *good quality* uniform, particularly logo items. Please leave any donations with the school office.

Don't forget that any non-uniform donations can be put in the WPCA clothing bank behind the school hall.

Place your next WPCA Uniformd order here:



Any queries contact: whiteknightspca@gmail.com



Spring cleaning?

Clear out space in the children's closets and donate any no longer needed school clothes to our Uniformd store!

 **UNIFORMD**



I can change the world



with my own hands

Ellie Smith
Aged 6

FOR WORLD EARTH DAY THIS YEAR, WE ARE CREATING AN INSPIRING KEEPSAKE WITH YOUR CHILD'S HANDPRINTS.

SOMETHING THAT CAN BE KEPT FOR YEARS TO COME, DISPLAYED AROUND THE HOME AND TO SERVE AS A REMINDER TO YOUR CHILD, THAT THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE WORLD.

22 APRIL 2025
WORLD EARTH DAY

ORDER ONLINE: WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/WPCA

£5 PER CHILD, PRICE INCLUDES PRINT & FRAME. SALES CLOSE FRIDAY 2ND MAY.

[BOOK HERE](#)

NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 9TH MAY

Exciting news! We have a sports-themed non-uniform day, just in time for the warmer weather! Proceeds and donations will be used towards prizes for our Summer Fair on Friday, 23rd May.

Donation List

Nursery	Minimum contribution - £ 1
Reception and Year 6	Stationery items for the tombola. Tips: pencil cases, erasers, notebooks etc.
Year 1 and Year 5	Bottles, tins of soft drinks or alcohol for the tombola. (please no fresh fruit juices or smoothies)
Year 2 and Year 4	Savoury and sweet Snacks. Tips: biscuits, chocolate bars, bags of crisps etc.
Year 3	Sweet treats. Tips: individually packaged sweets like Smarties, Skittles or mini Haribo.

Wear some cool sports gear, or dress up as your favourite sports personality!

