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## WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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## WHAT'S ON FIRST WEEK AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02 JUNE	03 JUNE	04 JUNE	05 JUNE	06 JUNE
Staff and Pupils Return to School		Reception Trip to Wellington Country Park	Year 3 Diamond Class Final Swimming Lesson	
No French Club After School (Y2—Y6)		School Tour for Children Starting in September 2025 10:00	First Aid Course Year 6 Tigers Eye Class	
		First Aid Course Year 6 Ruby Class		

## +ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.0%

REC—Crystal	95.7%	Y4—Amethyst	98.7%
REC—Pearl	97.0%	Y4—Jasper	97.7%
Y1—Amber	95.0%	Y5—Emerald	95.7%
Y1—Jade	98.0%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	98.0%	Y5—Sapphire	99.7%
Y2—Topaz	99.3%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	94.3%	Y6—Ruby	99.0%
Y3—Garnet	90.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	93.5%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day



# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Summer 2 Term 2025

Tuesday, 10th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Tour 13:30</li> <li>Amethyst Class Trip to Lower Earley Library 13:00—15:00</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 11th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Reception Parents Meetings 10:00</li> </ul>
Thursday, 12th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Nursery Parent Meetings 10:00</li> <li>REInspired Visit—Year 5</li> </ul>
Friday, 13th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 &amp; 6 SPLAT 14:00 Start in School Hall</li> <li>Jasper Class Trip to Lower Earley Library 13:00—15:00</li> </ul>
Monday, 16th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 BIKEABILITY</li> <li>REInspired Nursery Visit</li> <li>Pearl Class Trip to Lower Earley Library 13:00—15:00</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 BIKEABILITY</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 18th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 BIKEABILITY</li> <li>Year 4 SPLAT 14:00 Start in School Hall</li> <li>Year 5 Debate Competition (selected pupils only)</li> </ul>
Thursday, 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception SPLAT 13:45 Start School Hall</li> </ul>
Friday, 20th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Session Lara Drama (Y3-Y6)</li> <li>Crystal Class Trip to Lower Earley Library 13:00—15:00</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 25th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception SPLAT for New Cohort Starting September 2025 13:30 (1 of 2)</li> <li>Final Session Lara Drama (Reception—Y2)</li> </ul>
Thursday, 26th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 Trip to Butterfly World</li> <li>Reception SPLAT for New Cohort Starting September 2025 13:30 (2 of 2)</li> <li>Year 3 First Swimming Lesson—Garnet Class</li> <li>Year 6 REInspired Visit</li> </ul>
Friday, 27th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery SPLAT for New Cohort Starting in September 2025 14:00</li> </ul>
Monday, 30th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final 11+ Club Session</li> <li>Final Session Colouring Club Final Session (Reception—Y2)</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 1st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y2 Trip to Windsor Castle</li> <li>New Parent 1;1 Meetings for Pearl Class</li> <li>After School Chess Club Final Session</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 2nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Parent 1:1 Meetings for Crystal Class</li> </ul>
Thursday, 3rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Parent 1:1 Meetings for Nursery</li> <li>School Disco—All Year Groups. TTBC</li> </ul>
Friday, 4th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS</b></li> </ul>
Monday, 7th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final French Club Session (Y2-Y6)</li> <li>Final Colouring Club Session (Reception—Y2)</li> <li>Year 6 Swimming Assessments</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final French Club Session (Reception—Y2)</li> <li>Final Funky Feet and Fingers Session (Reception)</li> <li>Final Arts and Crafts Club Session (Y1-Y2)</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 9th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Arts and Crafts Session (Y3-Y6)</li> </ul>

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

Thursday, 10th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Greek Day</li> <li>Final After School Tennis Session (Y1-Y2)</li> <li>Final Arts and Crafts Club Session (Y3-Y6)</li> <li>Year 3 Garnet Class Final Swimming Session</li> </ul>
Monday, 14th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Dress Rehearsal for Production 09:00</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 15th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Performance to Parents 18:30</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Performance to Parents 09:00</li> <li>Final Girls Football Session (Y3-Y6)</li> <li>Year 3 Egyptian Day</li> </ul>
Thursday, 17th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Reports to go Home</li> <li>Moving Up Morning</li> <li>Year 6 Fun Afternoon</li> <li>Year 6 Leavers Banquet 18:30—21:30</li> <li>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</li> </ul>
Friday, 18th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAST DAY OF TERM FINISH PROMPTLY AT 13:00 NO EXTENDED CARE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB RUNNING</li> </ul>

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We bid a very fond farewell to our Operations Manager, Anna Hobart, who has led our admin team and has been an integral part of our school. I want to personally thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Whiteknights.

We, as a community, wish Anna all the best in her new and exciting role!

At the same time, we are excited to welcome Mrs Emma Scottow to our team. Emma has a long career in Business and Operations and has worked in both Primary, Secondary and special schools, and we look forward to working with Emma.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Emma as she transitions into her role.

## PLEA FOR CHESS AND DRAUGHTS SETS:

We are desperately seeking some chess and draughts sets for pupils to play with at lunchtime. If you are having a clear-out over half term, and have a set to spare, please could you pop it into the school office.

Thanking you in advance from the lunch time team!

- 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.





# What's on the menu?

Monday 2nd June—Friday 6th June 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 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
<b>WEEK TWO</b> w/c 28 Apr w/c 19 May w/c 16 Jun w/c 7 Jul	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	<b>SUMMER FAIR AND SPORTS DAY</b> <b>NO HOT FOOD AVAILABLE TODAY</b>
<b>First Week After Half Term</b>	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	Breaded 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

## CLASS PHOTO ORDERING

Please click on the links below to view the class photos.

The cost is £12.00 per photo.

All orders are eligible for free delivery to school if placed before Friday 20th June. Orders placed after this date will incur a delivery charge of £5.00.

[https://htmp.st/WhiteKnights\\_2025\\_Gallery](https://htmp.st/WhiteKnights_2025_Gallery)

[https://htmp.st/WhiteKnights\\_Yr6](https://htmp.st/WhiteKnights_Yr6)



## 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 'Bellevue Place SCITT'





## WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)



### INVITATION FOR YEARS 3—6 TO GET CREATIVE OVER THE HALF TERM BREAK!



#### WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO READ?

The company we use for Accelerated Reader publish an annual report called 'What Kids Are Reading'. This year, for the first time, they are offering students in schools that use their products to design artwork for the report. The overall winner will have their artwork featured on the cover!

Is there a special book, author or character that started you on your reading journey?

Show us your inspiration by creating original artwork on an A4 sheet of paper on the theme of 'What Inspires You to Read'.

Prizes will be awarded to the individual winners in each category (KS2, KS3, and KS4) and to their respective schools.

The individual winner of each category will receive **£100 National Book Tokens**, and their school will receive up to **£500 worth of books courtesy of Laburnum House Educational!**

The overall winner will also receive **£150 National Book Tokens** and up to **£1,000 worth of books from Laburnum House Educational**. Plus, their artwork will be featured on the cover of the 2025 "What Kids Are Reading" report.

Please hand your entries to Mrs Lee in the school office by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June so it can be sent in. Make sure you have your name on the back of your entry.

The weather forecast isn't great for the holiday period, so enjoy creating a great piece of art to show your love of reading, your favourite character, why you love sharing stories – let your imagination run wild!



# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)



## A FOREST OF IMAGINATION HAS GROWN AT DINTON PASTURES



Bringing Wokingham Borough Council together through arts, culture and education to help imagine and create a better and more sustainable future.

[Forest of Imagination Wokingham Borough](#) is coming to Dinton Pastures this weekend (24/25 May), the perfect start to your half-term holiday.

The free event will see the park transformed with art installations and a [programme of free events and workshops](#) across the weekend.

These new sensory installations have been co-created by professional artists and schools, incorporating ideas from local community groups.

Hundreds of residents and students have taken part in the build up to this showcase weekend.

Remember booking not required for general admission – just come and explore! It's running all day on Saturday (24 May) and Sunday (25 May), so come to see for yourself or have a look at the [event map to find out more](#).



## Event Schedule

Booking not required for general admission – just come and explore!  
[View the Event Guide PDF](#)

**Saturday, 24 May** [Activities](#)

**Sunday, 25 May** [Activities](#)



# Wokingham Borough's Forest of Imagination 2025

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)



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Headteacher: Mrs B Reynolds

## Whiteknights Primary School & Nursery—Annual Parent Survey

Dear Families,

I would like to invite you to complete the annual parent questionnaire, to share your views on different aspects of our school.

This is an important part of the school's planning process and your feedback is very valuable as it will assist with our School Development Plan, along with the strategic planning of our trust, The Bellevue Place Education Trust.

As a school we consider your views very carefully. We request that your feedback is constructive and expressed with the intention of being useful, and not aimed to be personal against any members of staff. Aggressive and personal wording will not be tolerated, and the whole response will be disregarded.

The survey can be accessed at the following link:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/WKS\\_APS\\_2025](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WKS_APS_2025)

Please complete it by Friday 13 June at 5pm to ensure that your views are taken into account.

It should take no longer than 7-10 minutes of your time, it is **anonymous** and kept in the strictest confidence.

Thank you in advance for taking part.

Kind regards,

Mrs Reynolds  
Head Teacher





## Parent/Carer Workshop: Transition to secondary school - webinar for parents/carers

Wokingham Mental Health Support Team

The transition to secondary school can be a worrying time for Year 6s and their parents/carers. We are **delivering workshops for parents/carers of Year 6 students in primary school** to give you some ideas of **how you can support your child to manage the transition to secondary school**. We will also be talking about how you can manage your own emotions about your child moving to secondary school.

### Who?

The Wokingham MHST is a service designed to support the wellbeing of children and young people in education settings, aiming to provide evidence-based support at the earliest signs of difficulties and promote life-long positive mental health.

### What?

We are offering an online workshop providing information to help you support your child with transitioning to secondary school.

### When?

The workshops will take place on:  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 09.30-10.45**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 09.30-10.45**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 18.00-19.15**  
via Microsoft Teams video conferencing software. The workshop will be a presentation which will last one hour followed by 15 minutes for questions.

### How?

To book a place at the workshop please email: \*Your name \*Email address \*Date/time of preferred session \*School your child currently attends to [MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk) and we will send you a link for the workshop.

Microsoft Teams can be downloaded as a free app for phones, iPads/tablets or laptops/desktop computers. We ask that you kindly mute yourself during the presentation and then we will invite you to unmute in the last 15 minutes. Feel free to add questions in the chat box as we go.

# FREE ON-LINE WEBINARS

## South - East Police Cyber Crime Unit



General Online Safety Awareness - Police Advice

Thu, 3 Jul, 12:00 BST

Free



General Online Safety Awareness - Police Advice

Tue, 28 Oct, 12:00 GMT

Free



The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

Fri, 6 Jun, 20:00 BST

Free



The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

Mon, 23 Jun, 19:30 BST

Free



The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online

Tue, 1 Jul, 11:00 BST

Free

# CLICK FOR INFO AND TO BOOK





# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

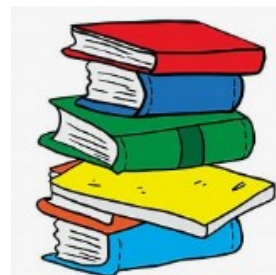
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## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

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 2 OPAL CLASS SCIENCE LAB, OUTDOOR LEARNING AND SPORTS ROTATION:**

Your child will be starting a science lab, Outdoor Learning and Sports rotation the first week after half term. They should have a letter in their bags detailing which group they will be in and what they will need for each rotated activities. [LETTER](#)

Topaz class will be starting the rotation later on in the term, so will be informed nearer the time.

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK:** The Year 4 Government Multiplication Check is taking place between Monday 2nd June and Friday 13th June. Please make sure your child is continuing to practise using the pack that has been previously sent home, and Times Table Rockstars.
- YEAR 3 DT PROJECT:** Can we request that all children bring in a large Pringles tube (or suchlike) and some newspaper for their DT project after Half Term.
- YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY:** Egyptian day will take place on Wednesday, 16th July. It will involve a variety of activities (inside and out) and will relate to our topic learning. Children can wear any Egyptian themed clothing e.g. Egyptian God, an Egyptian character, a mummy or gladiator, to name but a few ideas!

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 6 SWIMMING ASSESSMENTS:** We have only received half of the questionnaires needed for the year group for the swimming assessment on Monday 7th July. It is imperative that we have a completed form for each child. Please can you complete as a matter of urgency:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XSdF35NtNC?origin=lprLink>

or scan the QR code



# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

## COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

Week 5

**Composition Title:** The Swan *from The Carnival of the Animals*

**Date:** 1886

**Composer:** Camille Saint - Saëns

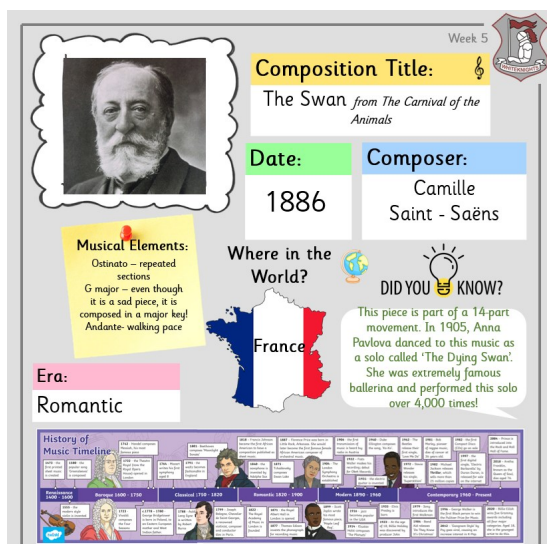
**Musical Elements:**  
Ostinato – repeated sections  
G major – even though it is a sad piece, it is composed in a major key!  
Andante- walking pace

**Where in the World?**  
France

**Did you know?**  
This piece is part of a 14-part movement. In 1905, Anna Pavlova danced to this music as a solo called 'The Dying Swan'. She was extremely famous ballerina and performed this solo over 4,000 times!

**Era:**  
Romantic

**History of Music Timeline:**



In the last week of term we return to the work of Camille Saint-Saëns and his famous 'Carnival of the Animals'. This week the key listening has been 'The Swan' which was originally scored for the cello and has continued to largely be performed as a cello solo.



## PSHE CONNECT

This half term we have been working on:

‘Challenging yourself’



*“Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew”*

## 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](#)