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## WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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## WHAT'S ON THE FIRST WEEK AFTER SUMMER BREAK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
O1 SEP	02 SEP	03 SEP	O4 SEP	O5 SEP
		Pupils Return to School		Coffee Afternoon Reception Parents 14:30—15:00 In the School Hall
	INSET DAY			
SUMMER	SCHOOL			
BREAK	CLOSED TO			
	PUPILS			

## **+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR**

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

**OTHER** 

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**OVERALL TOTAL: 94.9%** 



REC—Crystal	94.4%	Y4—Amethyst	98.9%
REC—Pearl	92.2%	Y4—Jasper	94.8%
Y1—Amber	97.4%	Y5—Emerald	95.9%
Y1—Jade	97.4%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	97.0%	Y5—Sapphire	96.3%
Y2—Topaz	93.3%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	94.4%	Y6—Ruby	93.0%
Y3—Garnet	98.2%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	93.2%

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

## WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

## Autumn Term 2025

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Thursday, 11th Sept	Thursday, 11th Sept • School Tour 09:45		
Wednesday, 17th Sept	•	Year 1 Knights and Castles Workshop in School Hall	
Thursday, 25th Sept	•	RWI Parent Workshop 14:30	
Friday, 26th Sept	•	Yuan Tang (MP) Visiting Year 1 and 2 14:00—15:00	
Tuesday, 30th Sept	•	Flu Immunisations—Reception—Year 6	
Wednesday, 1st Oct	•	School Tour 09:45	
Thursday, 2nd Oct	•	Year 2 SPLAT 14:00 in the School Hall	
Tuesday, 7th Oct	•	Year 4 SPLAT 14:00 in the School Hall	
Thursday, 9th Oct	•	Year 2 REInspired Visit	
Tuesday 14th Oct	•	WPCA - Happy's Circus Visit Doors Open 17:00 to Start at 17:30	
Tuesday, 21st Oct	•	Year 3 SPLAT 14:00 in the School Hall	
Friday, 24th Oct	•	Last Day of Term—School Finishes at 15:20	
Monday, 3rd Nov	•	INSET Day—School Closed for Pupils	
Tuesday, 4th Nov	•	Staff and Pupils Return to School	
Thursday, 6th Nov	•	School Tour 09:45	
Friday, 7th Nov	•	Remembrance Parade	
Monday, 10th Nov	•	Year 6 Leave for Residential Trip to Mill on the Brue	
Thursday, 13th Nov	•	Year 1 SPLAT 14:00 In the School Hall	
	•	Year 4 REInspired Visit	
Friday, 14th Nov	•	Year 6 Return from Mill on the Brue Residential Trip	
Thursday, 20th Nov	•	Year 5 Parent Information Evening for Year 6 Residential Trip 2026 15:30—16:00	
Friday, 21st Nov	•	Year 5 and Year 6 SPLAT 14:00 in the School Hall	
Thursday, 27th Nov	•	Year 1 REInspired Visit	
Friday, 28th Nov	•	School Tour 13:30	
Sunday, 7th Dec	•	WPCA Panto Trip to the Hexagon Theatre	
Tuesday, 9th Dec	•	School Tour 13:30	
Wednesday, 10th Dec	•	Parents Evening 16:00—18:30	
Monday, 15th Dec	•	Year 4 Leave for Residential Trip to Burwell House	
,	•	Year 1 and Year 2 Dress Rehearsal	
Tuesday, 16th Dec	•	Year 1 and Year 2 Performances to Parents 09:30 and 14:00	
Wednesday, 17th Dec	•	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner	
Thursday, 18th Dec	•	Church Service—Year 5	
Friday, 19th Dec	•	Last Day of Term. School closes promptly at 13:00. No After School Clubs.	
Monday, 5th Jan	•	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

#### NEW MENU AND PRICE CHANGE SEPTEMBER 2025

Please note that for the new academic year 2025 -2026, the meal price will increase to £2.74

Please click on the menu to view a larger version.



#### BPET NEWSLETTER:

The latest edition of the BPET newsletter, and the last of the academic year, is available on the BPET website. You can also browse previous editions here.



 ONLINE PROGRAMMES: Our online programmes need updating and may not be available during periods of the summer break. Thank you for your understanding!

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND

## A BIRTHDAY GIFT TO THOSE IN NEED: RAHIL'S INSPIRING ACT OF KINDNESS

When one of our Year 2 pupils gave up his birthday presents to help children affected by war, he inspired more than just donations—he reminded us what compassion and courage look like in action.

Read on to discover how Rahil's remarkable gesture reflects the very heart of our school values and Knighthood Scheme.



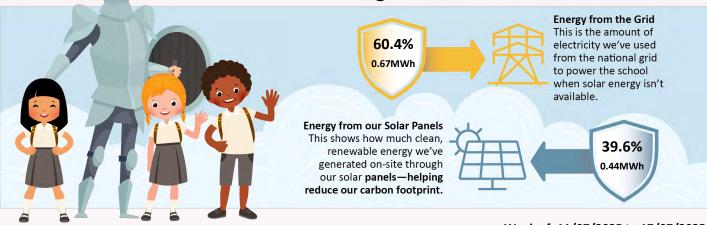
## WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025-2026

	Autumn Term			
Inset day:	02/09/2025 school closed to pupils			
Return:	03/09/2025			
Last day of half term:	24/10/2025			
Half Term:	27/10/2025 to 31/10/2025			
Inset day:	03/11/2025 school closed to pupils			
Return:	04/11/2025			
Last day of term:	19/12/2025 Close @ 1pm			
	Spring Term			
Return:	05/01/2026			
Last day of half term:	13/02/2026			
Half Term:	16/02/2026 to 20/02/2026			
Return:	23/02/2026			
Last day of term:	27/03/2026 Close @ 1pm			
	Summer Term			
Return:	13/04/2026			
Early May bank holiday:	04/05/2026 school closed to pupils			
Last day of half term:	22/05/2026			
Half Term:	25/05/2026 to 29/05/2026			
Return:	01/06/2026			
Inset day:	29/06/2026 school closed to pupils			
Last day of term: 17/07/2026 Close @ 1pm				
Inset day:	20/07/2026 school closed to pupils			
Inset day:	21/07/2026 school closed to pupils			

Total renewable energy since installation: 9.11MWh

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## The Whiteknights NET ZERO Quest



## WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

We are now at the end of another busy year and I would like to thank our whole school community – pupils, parents, staff and governors for all your hard work and dedication to ensure that all of our children are provided with excellence in education. We are in the top 1% of schools in the country, and as a head teacher I am extremely proud of everyone involved especially our wonderful pupils.



We have much to celebrate this year from an academic point of view: Our EYFS Good level of Development was at 87%, nationally schools attain 65%. Our Phonic Screening results – 98% passed the test – national average (most schools) outcomes are 79%; our year 4 multiplication test – 97% pupils achieved 22 out of 25 with a staggering 78% attaining full marks. Our SATS results were also amazing this year with a 12-17% increase in attainment for Greater Depth.

Subject	Expected Standard	National Average	Greater Depth Stand-	National Average
	Whiteknights	2022.23	ard	2022.23
			Whiteknights	
Reading	97%	74%	62%	28%
Writing	98%	71%	47%	13%
Maths	98%	73%	60%	24%

I assumed the role of Headteacher in January 2024 and the vision I shared previously is now not only implemented but also gaining success as the year progresses.

#### Accomplishments this year from last year's action plan.

Improving the outcomes of writing across the school – this year we worked on our writing cycle to ensure that even more pupils were able to achieve above the standard in writing (Greater Depth) through making some slight changes to the cycle. There was a 17% increase in pupils achieving Greater Depth in year 6.

#### Learning to play musical instruments

From year 1, every pupil will learn a different instrument each year:

Year 1 – Bell plates and Boom Whackers

Year 2 – Recorders

Year 3 – Xylophone

Year 4 – Ukulele

Year 5 - Recorders including Bass Recorders – ensembles

Year 6 – Keyboard

All year groups have been learning to play their instruments for at least the past two terms. In all classes pupils have started to learn how to not only read music but to play at least one song. We will continue to enhance the teaching of music and as the pupils' gain more confidence; we will share their talents with you.

#### Computing

We have enough devices for pupil's to share one between two and this year we have completed training on how to develop digital innovation through all subjects taught at Whiteknights. We have now had the theory and so now it is time to put this into practice. Next academic year, we will buy a further 30 laptops for year 6 and we hope by 4 years' time, we will have enough devices for one per pupil.

### The Knighthood Scheme

The Knighthood Scheme has now been running since January 2025 and this year we held our first set of ceremonies for year 2 and year 4 where 50% of the pupils were awarded a Paige or Squire Badge and a certificate. Those that achieved this worked incredibly hard and the parents were supportive: especially enjoying the help at home. In years 1, 3 and 5 the pupils, who are on track to reach the next stage in their Knighthood Career, received a certificate. This positive citizenship programme is such an important part of being a Whiteknight's Pupil as it teaches pupils how to take responsibility, it enhances leadership skills, it helps them to understand the British Values like respect, kindness to others and making positive choices. Next Year, we urge you to encourage your children to complete the tasks and join in this worthwhile programme. Children will be allowed to wear their badges on their jumpers.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you and your children on September  $3^{\rm rd}$  ready for another exciting year.

Bridget Reynolds Headteacher

## WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

• EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2025: Please see a complete list of extra curricular clubs and activities starting in September 2025. Click on the relevant link to view more information/bookings. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will go live on Arbor on 18th July 2025.

Please note that Whiteknights led clubs will NOT run on the first and last weeks of the term. Sports4kids club dates only run up to October Half Term. Clubs will then change, and you have to re-book for the following half term.

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	CHOIR: Y3-6 Join the Whiteknights Choir and enjoy singing a variety of songs for fun and performances. Pupils will have the chance to perform at exciting events, including WASMA, the Mayor's Carol Concert, the summer fayre and more.	WHEN: MONDAYS	08/09 - 01/12	ARBOR
	11+: Y4-5 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!	WHEN: MONDAYS	08/09 - 01/12	ARBOR
	HAMMA BEADS: Y1-3 Enjoy getting creative with Hama beads, designing their own exciting patterns, shapes, and images. It's a fun, hands-on activity with a special creation to take home!	WHEN: MONDAYS	08/09 - 01/12	ARBOR
	LITTLE HISTORIANS: Y1-3  This club is for children who are curious about the past. Each week, we'll explore exciting parts of history such as ancient astles, famous explorers, toys from long ago, and how people lived in the past. Through stories, games, and crafts children will develop a love for history while learning to ask questions and think like young historians.	WHEN: MONDAYS	08/09 - 01/12	<u>ARBOR</u>
LETS LEARN FRENCH	FRENCH: Y1-6  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.	WHEN: Y3-6 MONDAYS Y1-2 TUESDAY	15/09 - 08/12	<u>EMAIL</u>
	OUTDOOR ADVENTURES: R-Y2 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.	WHEN: MONDAYS	08/09 - 20/10	SPORT4KIDS
- 50	LEGO MASTERS: Y2-4  A club aimed at critical thinking using building/engineering skills to create the best result. The best part is we use LEGO to do it! Face new challenges, fun games and a chance to earn the title of LEGO MASTER by the end of term.	WHEN: TUESDAYS	09/09 - 02/12	ARBOR



# WHITEKNIGHTS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 2025



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DEBATING: Y4-6  Do you want to be part of a team where all opinions matter? Join 'The Debating Knights'.  Our aim, in debate club, is to improve our skills, confidence and enjoyment in public speaking. We will be learning how to debate, watching debates and participating in debates about a variety of topics.	WHEN: TUESDAYS	09/09 - 02/12	ARBOR	
CHESS: Y3-6  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.	WHEN: TUESDAYS	09/09 - 02/12	<u>ARBOR</u>	
<b>NETBALL STINGERS: Y3-6</b> The netball club is for all children to develop their confidence and skill in not just netball but sport in general. I hope that by the end we are match ready.	WHEN: TUESDAYS	09/09 - 02/12	<u>ARBOR</u>	
CREATIVE: Y1  Creative Club will have a variety of art and craft materials on offer and children will be free to create whatever they dream up — whether it's a robot, a rocket, or a rainbow forest. Our aim is to encourage creative thinking, while also helping little hands build important fine motor skills through cutting, sticking, and designing.	WHEN: TUESDAYS	09/09 - 02/12	<u>ARBOR</u>	
FOOTBALL CLUB: R-Y6 Join our dynamic Football Club where young athletes develop their skills through age-appropriate training, progressing through levels with the support of dedicated coaches.	WHEN: R-Y2 TUESDAYS Y3-6 THURSDAY	09/09 - 21/10	SPORT4KIDS	
DRAMA: R-Y6  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.	WHEN: R-Y2 WEDNESDAYS Y3-6 FRIDAYS	10/09 - 03/12	DRAMA CLUB LETTER	
BASKETBALL CLUB: Y3-6 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.	WHEN: WEDNESDAYS	10/09 - 22/10	SPORT4KIDS	
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	STEMBOTICS: Y2-6 Discover the exciting world of mechanics and engineering. Children will learn key principles, such as the workings of gears, transmissions, and forces, while building small models. We make complex subjects accessible, and nurture creativity, preparing your child for a future filled with scientific discovery.	<b>WHEN:</b> WEDNESDAYS	10/09 - 22/10	STEMBOTICS
	GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB: Y3-6 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.	<b>WHEN:</b> WEDNESDAYS	10/09 - 03/12	<u>ARBOR</u>
	ARTS & CRAFTS: Y2-6 Arts & Crafts club offers a fun and exciting project each week, giving children the chance to experiment with a wide range of artistic techniques, materials, and styles. Projects include painting and collage to sculpture and printmaking, designed to inspire and build confidence in creative expression.	WHEN: THURSDAYS	11/09 - 23/10	<u>ARBOR</u>
	TENNIS: Y1-2  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.	WHEN: THURSDAYS	11/09 - 11/12	MATT REID PRO COACHING
	MULTI SKILLS CLUB: R-Y2 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.	<b>WHEN:</b> FRIDAYS	12/09 - 24/10	<u>SPORT4KIDS</u>



## WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ORDERING SCHOOL LUNCHES, EXTENDED CARE AND CLUBS FOR SEPTEMBER!!



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July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: Ordering and paying for School Meals, Booking Extended Care and School Run Clubs via Arbor from September 2025

We are pleased to inform you that from September 2025, the system for ordering and paying for school lunches, booking Extended Care (After School Club and Breakfast Club) and School Offered Club will change and you will now use <u>Arbor</u> for all of these bookings. As with ScoPay, in order to making a booking, you will need to have money in your account.

## **Lunch Bookings on Arbor:**

The process for booking a school lunch in Arbor will be very similar to the booking process in ScoPay, however meals will need to be ordered <u>48 hours</u> in advance. As with ScoPay, you will need to have money in your Lunch account in order to place a meal order. Children from Reception up to Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals, and eligibility for Free School Meals will not change, however you must ensure that you place your meal order. Please note, the office will no longer be able to order a school lunch on the day.

#### Booking a Lunch:

- Select Quick Actions.
- 2. Select Meals.
- 3. Click on the day.
- 4. Select your meal from the drop down.

Further information about the booking process in included in the Arbor information link below.

#### **Booking Meals**

### Booking Extended Care (After School Club and Breakfast Club) on Arbor:

The process for booking Extended Care (After School Club and Breakfast Club) will be similar to the process in ScoPay, however sessions will need to be booked or cancelled <u>48 hours</u> in advance. As with ScoPay, you will need to have money in your Extended Care Accounts in order to book a session. Families using Childcare Vouchers can book sessions regardless of the balance. The account balance will show the amount required from your Childcare Voucher Provider. Childcare balances will need to be reconciled on a monthly basis.



















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#### Booking a Session in After School Club or Breakfast Club:

- 1. From the main parent portal page, scroll down the Activities section.
- 2. Click on the field with your Child's Name and Clubs.
- 3. Select After School Club or Breakfast Club.
- 4. Click Register for this Club. There is no fee for Registering for an Extended Care Club.
- 5. Choose your Membership Options.
- 6. Select the Membership Period.
- 7. Select the Session Intervals you wish to book.
- 8. Click Register.

For more information about how to book Extended Care, follow the link below:

After School Club and Breakfast Club

## Booking a School Run Club on Arbor:

To book a School Run Club, you will need to have money in your Club account before you can book a club. Families using Childcare Vouchers can book a club regardless of the balance. The account balance will show the amount required from your Childcare Voucher Provider. Childcare balances will need to be reconciled on a monthly basis.

#### Booking a School Run Club:

- 1. From the main parent portal page, scroll down the Activities section.
- 2. Click on the field with your Child's Name and Clubs. Only Clubs open for your child to join are listed.
- 3. Select the Club Name.
- 4. Click Register for this Club.
- 5. Choose your Membership Options.
- 6. Select the Membership Period. This will default to the dates that the Club is running.
- 7. From the dropdown, select **the Sessions Intervals** you wish to book. This is the time the Club will
- 8. Click Confirm Register.

From more information about how to book School Run Clubs, follow the link below:

## School Run Club Booking













## WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD





## The WPCA Raised Over £23,500 - What a Year!

As we reach the end of the summer term, it's the perfect time to reflect on what has been a busy, fun-filled, and rewarding year for the WPCA. Thanks to your incredible support, we've raised over £23,500 — an amazing total that will directly benefit children across the school.

## Here are just some of the ways this money has made a difference:



- We funded tablets and protective cases, one for every class, helping to enhance learning across the curriculum.
- A brand-new PA system was purchased, which made its debut at the summer fair and discos — a huge boost for school events.
- A stage backdrop was created for the Knights Banquet and Page & Squire assemblies, supporting the school's new Knighthood Scheme.
- We recently agreed to fund high-vis waistcoats for use on school trips, helping to keep pupils safe and visible.

## **Events Throughout the Year**

- In the autumn term, Reception pupils enjoyed a special movie night, watching The Gruffalo's Child and Stickman with a slice of pizza in hand.
- Leading up to Christmas, we sold tea towels and coasters in EYFS and KS1, as well as Christmas cards across the school.
- Our popular Christmas decoration competition returned, and the discos for KS1 and KS2 were a hit — especially the photo booth and props!
- Families were also able to buy discounted tickets to see Cinderella at the Hexagon.
- For World Book Day, we launched our own Whiteknights Wonder Bars, with golden tickets hidden inside — and a visit from Willy Wonka and an Oompa Loompa made it even more magical.
- On Earth Day, children created beautiful keepsake artwork.
- Our Summer Fair was the biggest yet, raising an incredible £4,000!
   Children enjoyed favourite stalls and games, a visit from Brambles
   Animal Encounters, a performance from the school choir, and even a guest appearance from Princess Anna.
- On Inset Day, families snapped up discounted LEGOLAND tickets, making for a fun day out for all.
- In response to changes with our provider, Bags2School, we now have a
  new textile recycling initiative with a clothing bank on-site (behind the
  hall). You can donate wearable clothing, paired shoes and household
  textiles.
- Our second-hand uniform shop has also gone from strength to strength, raising over £400 and fulfilling more than 60 orders this year. Thank you for helping us offer affordable uniform options and reduce waste.



A massive thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy this year — we couldn't do it without you. And a special thanks to Greg for DJing our discos and to Anne-Marie, who is stepping down after four years as WPCA Treasurer — your dedication has been incredible.

We're always looking for new parents and carers to join our team. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Have a wonderful summer break!

- The WPCA Committee

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025-2026**

- Happy's Circus returns Tuesday 14 October
- Panto tickets for Beauty and the Beast at the Hexagon Sunday 7 December
- Plus, we're planning movie socials and Christmas discos for all year groups.

## WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFO!





# **HAPPY'S CIRCUS IS COMING BACK TO** 200000000000 Managaman M 14 OCTOBER 2025 AN ASTONISHING SHOW FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, Kids under 2yoa - free entrance (to sit on parent's lap) FAMILY EVENT - KIDS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT Doors opens at 5pm show starts at 5.30pm \*EARLY BIRD Food on sale and stalls to enjoy Tickets to be booked in advancescan the QR or visit: www.pta-events.co.uk/wpca/ \*ticket prices after 19th July: £13 LIMITED QUANTITIES