

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 18th October 2024

No.: Issue #7

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21 OCT	22 OCT	23 OCT	24 OCT	25 OCT
		Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm (within school hours)	Flu vaccinations Reception—Year 6	Year 5 Emerald Class Library Visit
			Year 5 Sapphire Class Library Trip	WPCA Non-Uniform Day £1 Donation
			Invictus Games at Rivermead School 15:30—17:00 (Selected Pupils Only)	Last day of term. School closes at 15:20 Pupils Return to School Tuesday 5th November

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.7%

REC—Crystal	99.3%	Y4—Amethyst	98.7%
REC—Pearl	98.0%	Y4—Jasper	99.3%
Y1—Amber	98.3%	Y5—Emerald	95.7%
Y1—Jade	98.3%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	98.3%	Y5—Sapphire	94.3%
Y2—Topaz	98.0%	Y6—Obsidian	97.5%
Y3—Diamond	98.0%	Y6—Ruby	95.5%
Y3—Garnet	93.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	92.4%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autum Term 2024

Wednesday, 23rd October	Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday, 24th October	Flu Vaccinations—Reception—Year 6
Thursday, 24th October	Invictus Games at Rivermead Primary School
Thursday, 25th October	Year 5 Library Visit (pm)
Friday, 25th October	WPCA Non-Uniform Day £1 Donation
Friday, 25th October	Year 5 Library Visit (pm)
Friday, 25th October	Last Day of Term. Normal School Hours Apply.
Monday, 4th November	Inset Day—School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday, 5th November	Pupils Return to School
Wednesday, 6th November	School Tour 09:30
Thursday, 7th November	Swimming Resumes for Year 4 Amethyst Class
Friday, 15th November	Year 4—REInspired Visit
Friday, 15th November	Year 5 and 6 SPLAT 14:00 in the School Hall
Monday, 18th November	Year 6 Library Visit
Tuesday, 19th November	Tempest School Photos (Individuals/Family)
Thursday, 21st November	Year 5 (Nov 2025) Residential Trip—Parent Information Evening 15:30 in Ruby Classroom
Thursday, 21st November	Year 6 Library Visit
Wednesday, 27th November	Lara Drama Performance for R-Year2 in the School Hall (TTBC)
Thursday, 28th November	Year 1—REInspired Visit
Friday, 29th November	Lara Drama—Performance for Y3-Y6 in the School Hall (TTBC)
Friday, 29th November	Year 3 Diamond Library Visit
Monday, 2nd December	WPCA Christmas Decorations on sale
Thursday, 5th December	WPCA Movie night—Reception Classes Only
Friday, 6th December	Year 3 Garnet Library Visit
Friday, 6th December	WPCA School Disco Years 1-6
Wednesday, 11th December	Parents Evening 15:30—18:00
Thursday, 12th December	Parents Evening 16:00—18:20
Sun, 15th Dec– Thu, 19th Dec	Year 6 Residential Trip—Rhos-y-Gwaliau
Monday, 16th December	Year 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, 17th December	Year 1 and 2 Performance to Parents 09:30—10:15 in the School Hall
Tuesday, 17th December	Year 1 and 2 Performance to Parents 14:30—15:15 in the School Hall
Wednesday, 18th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday, 19th December	Year 3-5 Carol Concert (run by Year 5) at St Barnabas Church
Thursday, 19th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Singing Performance and SPLAT 13:30—15:00
Friday, 20th December	Last Day of Term—School Closes Promptly at 13:00

- **FLU IMMUNISATIONS: REMINDER** The Berkshire Immunisation Team are delivering the Childhood National Flu Immunisation Programme in school on **Thursday 24th October**.

E-consents will close at 09:00 on Wednesday 23rd October.

[Flu Consent Letter](#)

Remember to submit your consent or withdrawal via the electronic the link supplied in the above letter

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES



We all know how much our children love visiting the **Whiteknights Library**. Every year, thousands of books are borrowed, with some becoming firm favourites! However, as you can imagine, many of these beloved books come back to school looking a little worse for wear.

While we would love to replace these popular books every time they start to look a bit 'dog-eared,' it's not always financially feasible. That's why we're thrilled to be partnering with the **Scholastic Book Wish List** scheme this **National Libraries Week (7-13 October)**. This initiative allows families who wish to contribute the opportunity to donate books directly to our library to help us refresh our collection.

All books on our wish list are available for donation, and as an added bonus, many of the books, will earn us 20p towards extra free books, for every £1 spent.

You can browse the list and make your donation securely online at [\[https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/wishlists/4390240\]](https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/wishlists/4390240).

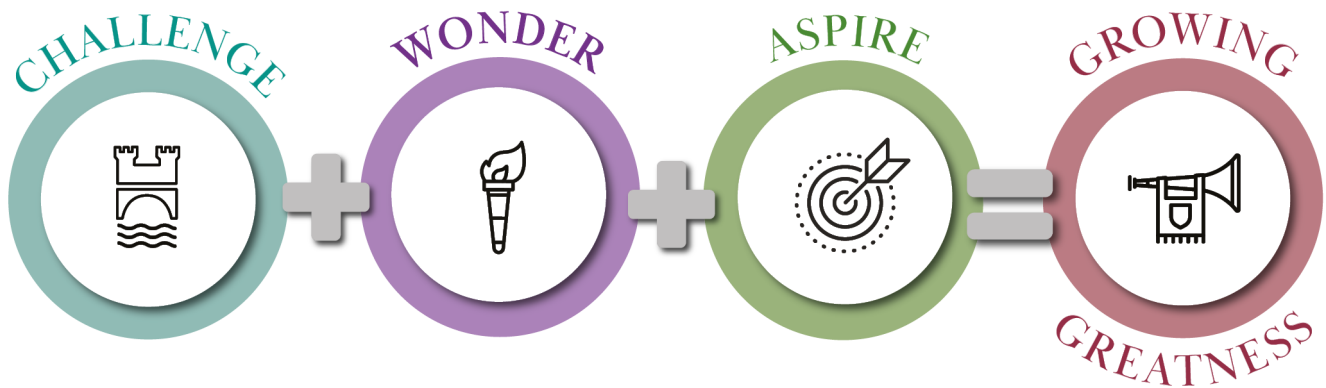
If you'd like to donate, please ensure your order is placed by **5th November 2024**, and the books will be delivered directly to the school.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support in helping us nurture a love of reading in all our pupils!

Warm regards,
Carolyn Lee, School Librarian

- **YEAR 2 TO YEAR 4 KIDS WITH BRICKS CLUB, NEXT HALF TERM:** Kids With Bricks after school club will be running from 15:30-16:30 every Monday for 6 weeks from 11th November 2024. This club is open for Years 2-4 and there are a maximum of 20 places available. [FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION](#).

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SCHOOL VALUES: CHALLENGE, WONDER AND ASPIRE



We are delighted to introduce our new core values which are inspired by our school motto:

“Growing Greatness”

At Whiteknights we believe that every child has the potential to achieve remarkable things, and with the right support and encouragement, they can thrive. Our new values of **Challenge**, **Wonder**, and **Aspire** reflect this vision and will guide our approach to education, ensuring that every child experiences an inspiring, holistic learning journey.

Why these Values?

Challenge

Growth comes from embracing challenges. Learning should stretch imaginations and push boundaries. Represented by the **bridge**, challenge is about crossing from what is known to what is possible. Our curriculum is designed to develop resilience, problem-solving and perseverance by empowering our pupils to tackle future obstacles with confidence.

Wonder

Curiosity is at the heart of lifelong learning. Represented by the **torch**, wonder is the light of discovery when children are encouraged to explore, ask questions, and seek new knowledge. We want our pupils to experience awe and excitement about the world around them, nurturing creativity, imagination, and a love for learning.

Aspire

Represented by the **bullseye**, aspire is about setting ambitious goals and believing in the possibility of achieving them. We encourage our pupils to aim high, both academically and personally, and to continually reach for new heights. Aspiration drives us to support every child in realising their full potential.

As a member of the Bellevue Place Education Trust (BPET), Whiteknights Primary School shares BPET’s core values of **Learn, Enjoy, Succeed**. These values complement our own perfectly. **Challenge** encourages children to **Learn** through exploration and growth, equipping them with the resilience to take on new opportunities. **Wonder** connects to the joy of learning, ensuring that pupils **Enjoy** their educational journey by fostering curiosity. Finally, **Aspire** mirrors BPET’s goal of helping every child **Succeed**, motivating them to aim high and persevere to reach their potential.

What Next? Incorporating our Values through New Projects.

As we continue to grow in greatness, we are embedding **Challenge**, **Wonder** and **Aspire** into all aspects of school life, including exciting new projects and areas of focus:

Sustaining Academic Excellence in Reading, Writing, and Maths

Continuing our tradition of excellence in core subjects aligns with our value of **Challenge**. We regularly review and update our teaching cycles, guided by the latest pedagogical research, to ensure the best outcomes for every child. Through dedicated staff development, we strive for **Aspire** by continually improving our practice to help pupils achieve academic excellence.

Learning to Play Musical Instruments

Our new music programme fosters **Wonder** by encouraging creativity and exploration through music. From Year 1 to Year 6, pupils will learn six different instruments, gaining both practical skills and the ability to read music. This initiative nurtures a lifelong appreciation for music and **Aspire** encourages pupils to reach new artistic heights as they develop confidence and ability.

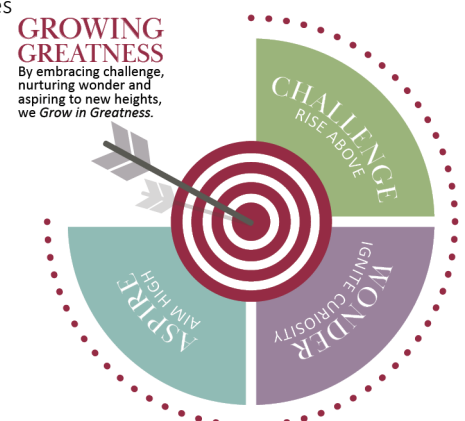
Expanding Computing Skills

With technology playing a central role in the future, we are investing in new laptops, ensuring that every pupil has access to a device by the end of the next two years. This forward-thinking initiative embodies **Challenge**, as pupils engage with cutting-edge technology, and **Aspire**, as we equip them with vital digital skills that will open doors in secondary school and beyond.

The Knighthood Scheme

Our **Challenge**, **Wonder** and **Aspire** values come to life through The Knighthood Scheme: our citizenship programme fostering positive contributions to the school and the wider community. It will be launched in January 2025 from Year 1 through to Year 6. Pupils will earn the titles of Page, Squire, and Knight through tasks and activities

in school and at home, encouraging them to **Aspire** to become responsible, thoughtful members of society. This scheme challenges children to grow as individuals while inspiring them to contribute to something bigger than themselves.



WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

What's on the menu?



Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Italian Style Tomato & Basil Pasta with Cheese Sweet Potato & Chickpea Korma with Rice Glazed Carrots & Green Beans Marbled Sponge Cake & Custard Meat Free Monday!	Pork Sausage Roll with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans Lentil & Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Broccoli & Sweetcorn Wholemeal Lemon Shortbread with Fruit Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Baked Onion Bhajjis with Red Bean Dhal, Pilau Rice & Naan Style Bread Carrots & Peas Carrot & Orange Cake with Custard	Cottage Pie with Thyme Gravy Wholemeal Cheddar Cheese & Spinach Quiche with Herby New Potatoes Vegetable Medley Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce Chilli Bean Fajita with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Apple Flapjack with Custard



KS2 WALKING HOME UNACCOMPANIED

In order to ensure children's safety, only children in Key Stage 2 are allowed to walk home on their own. Children in Key Stage 1 need to be collected by an adult (it is not appropriate for an older sibling in KS2 to walk them home).

This does not mean that all children in KS2 are ready to walk home on their own. Parents need to consider their child's age, maturity and independence, as well as their distance from the school and the safety of the route before making a decision about whether or not it is safe for each child to walk home unaccompanied by an adult.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR ASSESSING YOUR CHILD'S READINESS

How do you know if your child is ready to walk or ride his/her bike to and from school? By discussing possible scenarios with him/her. Ideally, your child should know the following twelve points before she/he is ever alone in public. Talk about each one of the twelve points listed below from Gavin de Becker's book, *Protecting the Gift* to help establish their readiness or areas to support them with:

- 1 Does your child know how to honour his feelings? If someone makes him uncomfortable, that's an important signal.
- 2 Are you as the parent strong enough to hear about any experience your child has had, no matter how unpleasant?
- 3 Does your child know it's okay to rebuff and defy adults?
- 4 Does your child know it's okay to be assertive?
- 5 Does your child know how to ask for assistance or help?
- 6 Does your child know how to choose who to ask?
- 7 Does your child know how to describe the situation he finds himself in?
- 8 Does your child know it's okay to strike, even to injure, someone if he believes he is in danger, and that you'll support any action he takes as a result of feeling uncomfortable or afraid?
- 9 Does your child know it's okay to make noise, to scream, to yell, to run?
Does your child know that if someone ever tries to force him to go somewhere, what he screams should include, "This is not my father/mother"?
- 10 Onlookers seeing a child scream or even struggle are likely to assume the adult is a parent.
- 11 Does your child know that if someone says, "Don't yell," the thing to do is yell? The corollary is if someone says, "Don't tell," the thing to do is tell.
- 12 Does your child know to fully resist ever going anywhere out of public view with someone he doesn't know, and particularly to resist going anywhere with someone who tries to persuade him?

CONSIDERATE DRIVING:

A further plea for considerate driving and parking, especially as there are currently so many roadworks and road closures affecting the local area. We implore you to drive with due care and consideration to pedestrians, local residents and other road users.



NON PRESCRIBED MEDICATION IN SCHOOL:

For **emergencies only situations**, the school office may administer non-prescription medication provided that consent (this includes Arbor consents) has been obtained in advance.

The medications we hold in school are:

- Calpol Infant 2+ month
- Calpol SixPlus 6+ years
- Nurofen for Children 3 months—12 years
- Piriton 1+ years
- Nivea Kids Sensitive 50+ Sun Cream.

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 1: Maths

Homework due date	Pages to complete
17 th September	4-6
24 th September	7-9
1 st October	10-12
8 th October	13-15
15 th October	16-18
22 nd October	20-22

- YEAR 2 Maths:

Homework due date	Pages to complete
16 th September	4 – 6
23 rd September	7 – 9
30 th September	10 – 12
7 th October	13 – 15
14 th October	17 – 19
21 st October	20 – 22
4 th November	23 – 25



YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 4 SWIMMING: Dates for Amethyst swimming are:

7th November 21st November
14th November 28th November (last session)

- YEAR 3 HOME LEARNING:

Autumn 1 project – Stonehenge or Skara Brae



For your home learning project this half term, we would like you to recreate Stonehenge Or Skara Brae in miniature form. This links to our Guided Reading and History topics all about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. Use your creativity and make sure to label the different types of stone or areas of Skara Brae in more detail, the more information the better!
Note: Your project must not be larger than a shoebox.
Project due in Monday 11th November 2024

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 5 WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP: To date, **we still do not** have enough donations for this trip to go ahead. Year 5 will be learning about the Earth, space and forces as part of the science curriculum. This trip will link to all of these topics, and will be an invaluable experience for your child to engage in a hands-on approach to learning and help their understanding of science and the appreciation of the world around us. Please make your contributions **as soon as possible**.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

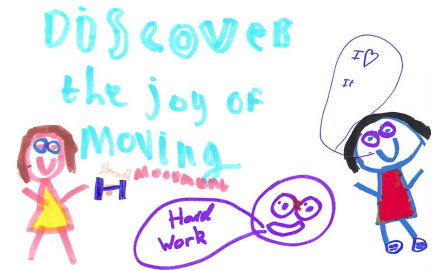
Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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CONNECT

This half term we are working on 'exercising'.

"If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you."



COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Read about our '[Composer of the Week](#)', Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky, who famously composed Swan Lake.

Did you  know?

He was just 4 when he began composing.

A big fan of Shakespeare, he wrote many pieces inspired by his plays like Hamlet, The Tempest and Romeo and Juliet!

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:-

- [KNIGHTS AND CASTLES: A SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 1'S LEGENDARY PROJECTS](#)
- [SEASIDE WONDERS: EXPLORING YEAR 2'S COASTAL CREATIONS](#)

USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTICE BOARD



NON-UNIFORM DAY

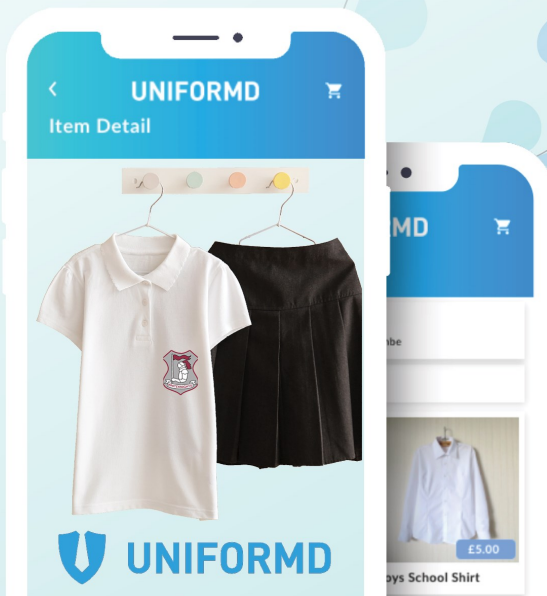
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£1 DONATION



TWICE AS NICE UNIFORM SHOP

www.uniformd.co.uk/whiteknights-primary
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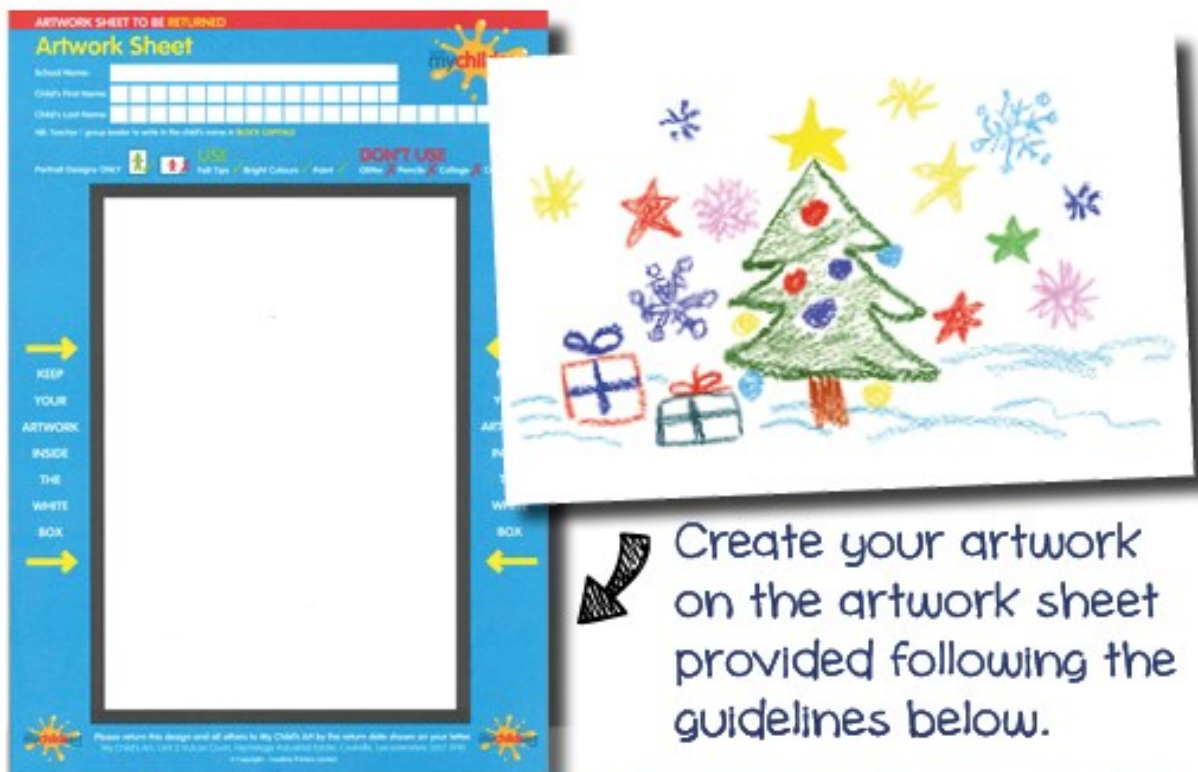


Need a few uniform items
for the colder months?

Visit our pre-loved
uniform shop on the
[UNIFORMD](https://www.uniformd.co.uk) platform.

Please be on the look out for **MyChilidsArt** artwork forms that have been sent home this week. This is one of our very popular fundraising initiatives for Christmas. Turn your child's artwork into unique and special gifts to give to your loved ones this Christmas. Parents can choose from a full range of over 20 products.

Artwork designs must be returned by the **Friday, 25th October**.



Artwork Guidelines

For best printed results we recommend full coverage designs that use **bright / bold felt-tip pens**.

Do Use...

- Felt-Tip Pens
- Bright Colours
- Poster Paint

Don't Use...

- Light Colours
- Collage
- Pencils
- Metallic Pens
- Crayons
- Glitter

All of our products (including cards) are set up to work with portrait designs only on the original artwork sheets provided. Please **DO NOT** photocopy the sheets - we are happy to send you extra if needed.



The sheets are processed using a high speed roller-fed scanner, so please **DO NOT** stick anything onto the artwork sheet as this will not feed through the scanner properly.

If you are using paint, please ensure this is not applied too thickly and that the sheets are completely dry before packing. If not, quite often they get stuck (either to each other or whilst going through the scanner) which tears the artwork sheet - spoiling the child's picture and all their hard work!

STEP 1
OPEN THE ASDA REWARDS APP
CLICK THE CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS BANNER

STEP 2
CLICK COUNT ME IN

STEP 3
CLICK I HAVE A SCHOOL I WANT TO CHOOSE

STEP 4
TYPE IN "WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL"

STEP 5
DOUBLE CHECK YOU'VE CHOSEN THE CORRECT SCHOOL THEN CLICK SUBMIT

STEP 6
CONGRATULATIONS YOU'RE HELPING YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL RAISE MONEY

ONCE OPTED IN WITH A SCHOOL SELECTED, ASDA WILL ADD £1 TO YOUR CHOSEN SCHOOLS CASHPOT AND A PERCENTAGE EACH TIME YOU SHOP AND SCAN

you scan, we donate ££s TO SCHOOLS.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS only with ASDA REWARDS with Parentkind

CASH POT FOR SCHOOLS



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda and scan your Rewards app, you can elect for Whiteknights to receive a percentage of your spend. Additionally, when you choose Whiteknights as your nominated primary school, Asda will top up the donation with another £1. This is a great opportunity to raise money for the school and donations are currently over £100!



INTRODUCING, THE PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2024 2025

We are thrilled to introduce the newly appointed WPCA representatives for each year group.

These representatives help enhance communication between parents/carers and the WPCA, fostering stronger connections across the school. They play a crucial role as valued volunteers in our team.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Whiteknights Parent and Community Association

Please get in touch with your year group representative:

- ▶ If you have any questions about the WPCA and what we do.
- ▶ If you would like to get involved.
- ▶ If you want to know more about our events and initiatives.
- ▶ With any other feedback, or questions you may have about the WPCA.








They will be happy to help and will liaise with the wider committee as needed.

GET IN TOUCH

✉ WhiteknightsPCA@gmail.com

FOLLOW US

f [Whiteknights Parents' Community](#)

	Ros Parent/carer of Greyson	NURSERY		Nina Parent/carer of Dylan	YR 3
	Fatima Parent/carer of Adelayo	REC		Alexia Parent/carer of Alexander	YR 4
	Gisella Parent/carer of Amelie	YR 1		Stacey Parent/carer of Blake	YR 5
	Stacey Parent/carer of Joel	YR 2		Fatima Parent/carer of Adewale	YR 6
	Alexia Parent/carer of Lydia			Nina Parent/carer of Gia	YR 6

