

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 25th October 2024

No.: Issue #8

## WHAT'S ON WEEK AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
04 NOV	05 NOV	06 NOV	07 NOV	08 NOV
<p style="color: red; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">INSET DAY School Closed for Pupils</p>	Children Return to School	School Tour to Prospective New Parents 09:30	Swimming Resumes for Amethyst Class Year 4	
			Year 6 Measurement Programme	

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 95.0%

REC—Crystal	97.7%	Y4—Amethyst	95.3%
REC—Pearl	93.0%	Y4—Jasper	98.3%
Y1—Amber	95.0%	Y5—Emerald	91.3%
Y1—Jade	95.3%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	97.0%	Y5—Sapphire	97.7%
Y2—Topaz	96.3%	Y6—Obsidian	93.5%
Y3—Diamond	96.7%	Y6—Ruby	93.0%
Y3—Garnet	90.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	100%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Autum Term 2024

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 15:40—18:20
Thursday, 12th December	Parents Morning—Nursery 08:30—10:30
Thursday, 12th December	Parents Evening 16:00—18:40
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

- 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.](#)
- 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.
- YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:** Just a reminder that applications for secondary school places closes on **31st October 2024.** For further information see below:

[Reading Borough Council Admissions](#)  
[Wokingham Borough Council Admissions](#)

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- Would you like your job to make a real impact and help children achieve their dreams? You can train to become a teacher in our school alongside our most experienced teachers! We partnered with Teach First to deliver our School Centred Initial Teacher Training programme. The programme is one-year long and involves a powerful mix of live training in class, self-directed study and one-to-one support; you'll gain qualified teacher status awarded by Sheffield Hallam University. Applications are now open for a Sept 2025 start. Read more on our trust's website: <https://www.bpet.co.uk/Train-to-Teach/>

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



**Do you remember a good teacher?**  
 Make a lasting impact by becoming one!

Applications for our School Centred Initial Teacher Training programme are now open for Sept 2025.

Gain qualified teacher status on the job and make a difference in children's lives from day one.

[www.bpet.co.uk/Train-to-Teach/](https://www.bpet.co.uk/Train-to-Teach/)






- 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.**
- COMMON WINTER ILLNESSES—PARENT GUIDANCE:**  
 In anticipation of the expected rise in viral illnesses among children this winter, 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](#)
- 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 *cont.*

## What's on the menu?



Tuesday 5th November—Friday 8th November 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>INSET DAY</b>  <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice  Sweet Potato & Red Pepper Pattie with Sweetcorn Rice & Lemon Dressing  Savoy Cabbage & Green Beans  Chocolate Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Thyme Gravy  Vegetable Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Thyme Gravy  Glazed Carrots & Courgettes with Roast Tomatoes  Berry Swirl Sponge Cake & Custard	Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta  Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta with Cheesy Topping  Broccoli & Herb Roasted Butternut Squash  Strawberry Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce  Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce  Peas & Baked Beans  Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard

**SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY WISH LIST TODAY!**

Our favourite books need your help!

Thank you for helping our library 'grow in greatness'!

SCAN TO DONATE TODAY!

Don't miss out! Scan the QR code to browse the list and make your donation today!

**CLOSING DATE: 05 NOVEMBER 2024**

Donate to our Scholastic Book Wish List! Browse the list online and help us replace our well-loved books. Every donation makes a difference! For every £1 you spend, we could earn 20p in extra free books!

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>].

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 to all families who have purchased items from our Scholastic Wish List. There was a glitch in their computer system which insisted you pay postage costs, but this has now been fixed and you simply pay for the books. Our Wish List closes on 5th November, so still time over half term to peruse the list and make a purchase!*

## Reading Family Aid's Toys and Teens Appeal is back to put smiles on people's faces in time for Christmas 2024!

Reading Family Aid is a local charity supporting disadvantaged children and their families. Each Christmas, the Toys and Teens Appeal helps guarantee that children, who would otherwise not receive any or many presents, have something to open on Christmas morning.

The cost of living has risen dramatically over the last year and Christmas can be a very financially stressful time for families. If you feel you would like some support with gifts this year, please contact:

Miss Collard [hslw@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:hslw@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk) by 18<sup>th</sup> November.



# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

- **GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS**

**December 11th and December 12th 2024 – in the School Hall**



Bookings for December's Guardian Consultations will go 'live' on Arbor from 0700 on 05.11.2024 and closes at 1200 on 05.12.2024. 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.

This year we are holding 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 ever, 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 to 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](mailto:admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk)



# S4K AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AT WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

 3:30PM - 4:30PM

£ SESSIONS  
FROM £7.20

**BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!**

**SESSIONS STARTING FROM 5TH NOV!**



MON



**FOREST SCHOOL  
RECEPTION - YEAR 2**

BOOK NOW



TUE



**FOOTBALL  
RECEPTION - YEAR 2**

BOOK NOW



WED



**RUGBY  
YEAR 3 - 6**

BOOK NOW



THU



**FOOTBALL  
YEAR 3 - 6**

BOOK NOW



FRI



**MULTI-SKILLS  
RECEPTION - YEAR 2**

BOOK NOW



S4K After School Club is an sport specific session, aimed at supporting working parents, but also giving children the chance to enjoy a physical sport.

[WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ](http://WWW.SPORT4KIDS.BIZ)

CALL 0300 303 3866

# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1: Maths** Please see guidance for what pages to complete for each week next term.

Do not do homework weeks in advance, as the homework is linked to what the children are learning in school.

Homework due date	Pages to complete
5 <sup>th</sup> November	23 - 25
12 <sup>th</sup> November	26 - 28
19 <sup>th</sup> November	29 - 31
26 <sup>th</sup> November	32 - 34
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	36 - 38
10 <sup>th</sup> December	39 - 41
17 <sup>th</sup> December	42 - 44


## 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 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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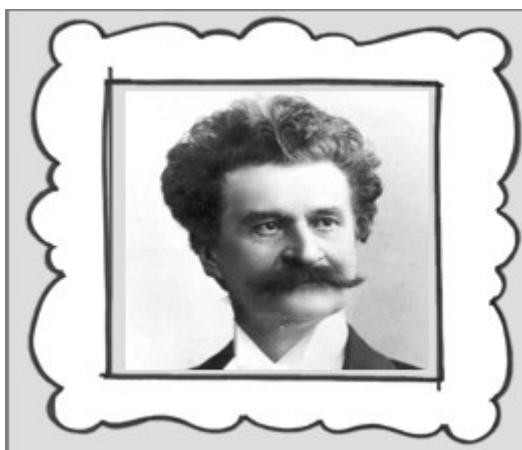
CONNECT

This half term we are working on 'exercising'.

*"If you don't find the time, if you don't do the work, you don't get the results."*



## COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Read about our '[Composer of the Week](#)', Johann Strauss, who famously composed The Blue Danube.

Did you  know?

In 1866, the London Fire Brigade was formed. Also, in the same year, Cadbury's started selling hot chocolate powder (cocoa).

## 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

# WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



**NURSERY,  
RECEPTION,  
YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2  
CLASS OF 2025**

**ORDER YOUR  
PRINTED  
TEA TOWELS AND  
COASTERS JUST IN  
TIME FOR  
CHRISTMAS!**

#PreciousMemories

**ORDERS OPEN VIA SCOPAY**

**ORDERS CLOSE 4PM - 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS  
ABOUT ORDERS TO THE WPCA

**£5.00 PER TEA TOWEL**

**£3.00 PER COASTER**

# SAVE THE DATE!

**THURSDAY, 5TH DECEMBER**

**RECEPTION MOVIE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, 6TH DECEMBER**

**YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 DISCOS**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

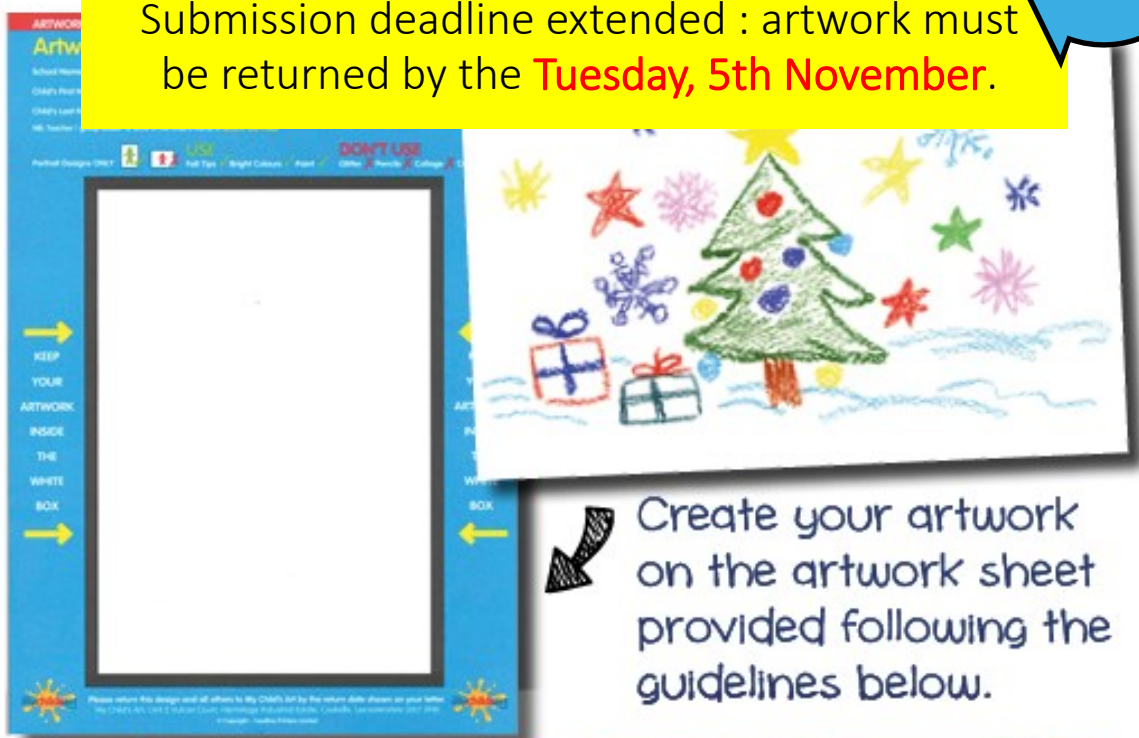
**SOON!**



**MyChildsArt** 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 forms have been sent home, alternatively, additional forms are available from the school office. Artwork designs must be returned by the **Friday, 25th October**.

## NEWS FLASH!

Submission deadline extended : artwork must be returned by the **Tuesday, 5th November**.



Create your artwork on the artwork sheet provided following the guidelines below.



## 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.

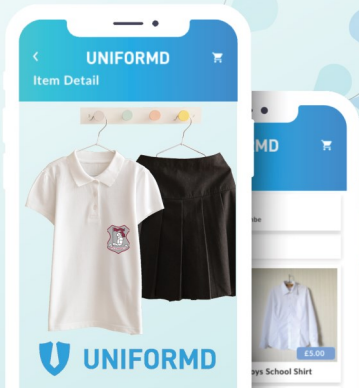


The sheets are processed using a high speed roller-fed scanner, so please **DO NOT** stick anything onto the artwork sheet as this will not feed through the scanner properly.

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!

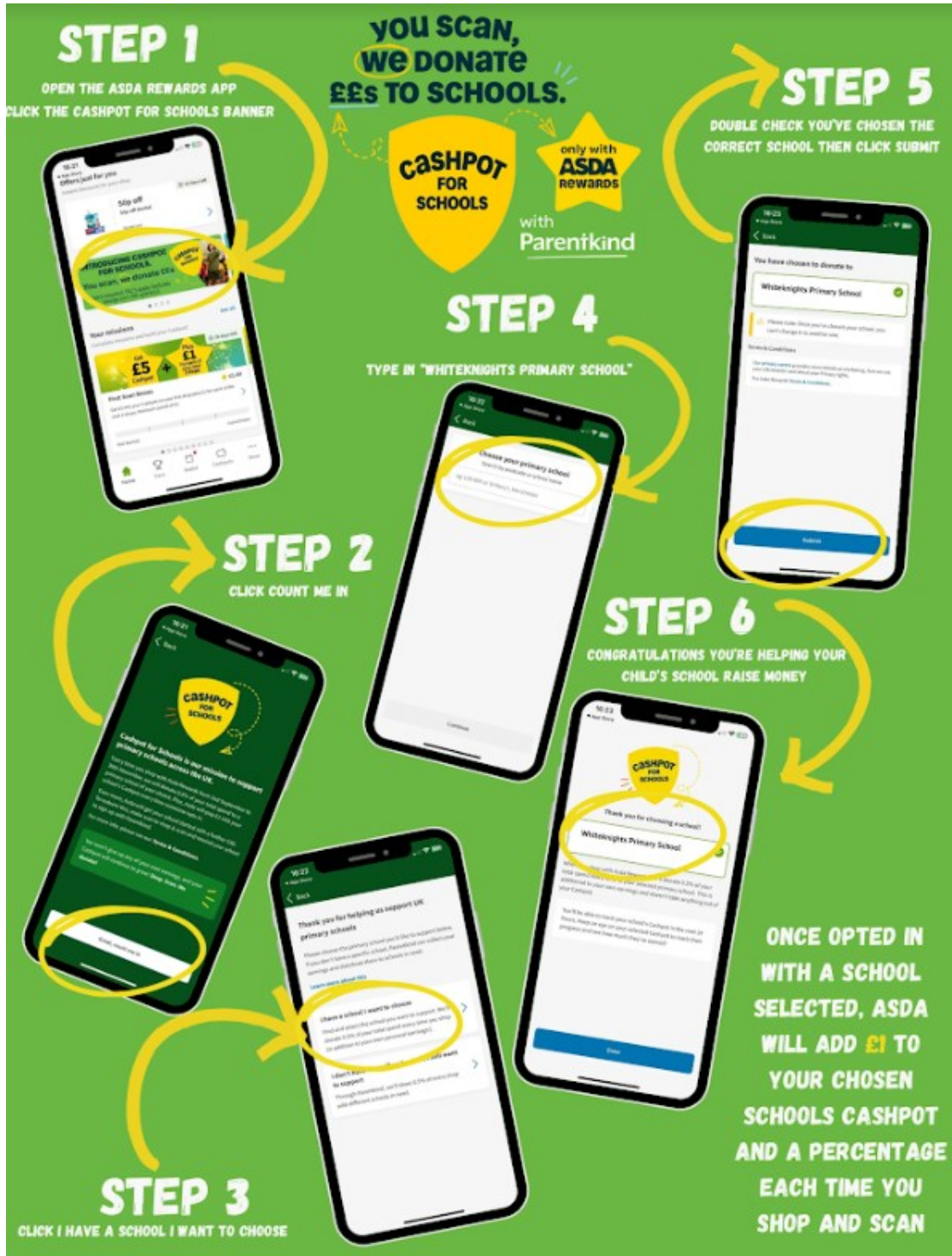
## TWICE AS NICE UNIFORM SHOP

www.uniformmd.co.uk/whiteknights-primary  
email enquiries to: whiteknightspsca@gmail.com



# Need a few uniform items for the colder months?

Visit our pre-loved uniform shop on the [UNIFORMMD](https://www.uniformmd.co.uk/whiteknights-primary) platform.



## 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!



**WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**