

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 8th October 2024

No.: Issue #9

## WHAT'S ON WEEK AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11 NOV	12 NOV	13 NOV	14 NOV	15 NOV
		Wokingham Borough Council Open Applications for Reception Classes 2025-2026 Further details on page 2	Amethyst Class Swimming Lesson at Leighton Park School	Year 4 REInspired Visit
				Year 5 and 6 SPLAT 14:00 in the School Hall
				BBC Children in Need £1 donation to wear Spotty Clothes!
				WPCA Order Deadline for Tea Towels and Coasters 16:00 Nursery—Y2

**KEY:**

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.2%

REC—Crystal	89.2%	Y4—Amethyst	98.8%
REC—Pearl	94.2%	Y4—Jasper	96.7%
Y1—Amber	98.8%	Y5—Emerald	98.0%
Y1—Jade	98.8%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	100%	Y5—Sapphire	94.6%
Y2—Topaz	95.0%	Y6—Obsidian	96.3%
Y3—Diamond	96.3%	Y6—Ruby	96.9%
Y3—Garnet	93.0%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	100%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Autum Term 2024

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 3-6 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

- 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](#)

- 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.**

# 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/>

- GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS: 11th and 12th December 2024**  
 Bookings for December's Guardian Consultations 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)

- APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION 2025-2026:** Applications for Reception 2025-2026 will open in November for both Wokingham Borough Council and Reading Borough Council. The closing date for application is 15th January 2025. You must apply for a school place through the school admissions team of the local authority where you (and your child) live, even if you intend to list preferred schools in other local authority areas.

[APPLICATION FOR RECEPTION 2025-2026](#)

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

## What's on the menu?



Monday 11th November—Friday 15th November 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 <b>Meat Free Monday</b>	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 Bhajis 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

## 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.





# 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

- [Termly Letter](#)
- [Topic Overview](#)

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- [Termly Letter](#)
- [Topic Overview](#)

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- [Year 1 Termly Letter](#)
- [Year 1 Topic Overview](#)
- [Year 2 Termly Letter](#)
- [Year 2 Topic Overview](#)

- **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>th</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 3 Termly Letter](#)
- [Year 3 Topic Overview](#)
- [Year 4 Termly Letter](#)
- [Year 4 Topic Overview](#)

- **YEAR 4 SWIMMING:** Dates for Amethyst swimming are:

14th November  
21st 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

- [Year 5 Termly Letter](#)
- [Year 5 Topic Overview](#)
- [Year 6 Topic Overview](#)

- **YEAR 5 TRIP TO WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM, 28TH NOVEMBER 2024:** We are delighted that this trip will be going ahead. For further information please view the letter sent out on 5th November 2024

[Year 5 Winchester Science Museum Trip 28th November 2024](#)

# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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CONNECT

This half term we are working on 'exercising'.

*"Don't count the days,  
make the days count."*



## 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:-

- [WELCOME BABY SCURRI!](#)
- [A TIME TO REMEMBER: WHITEKNIGHTS REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE](#)

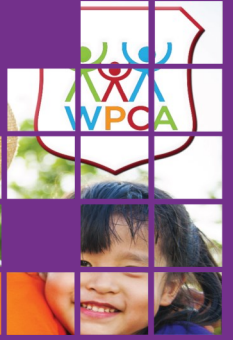
## USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES

# WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



## MEET THE NEWLY APPOINTED 2024 WPCA COMMITTEE 2025

### CO-CHAIR MEMBERS



**Kirsty**  
Parent of Freddie (Y4)



**Stacey**  
Parent of Blake (Y5)  
and Joel (Y2)

### SECRETARY

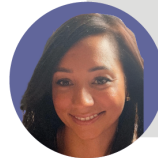


**Ros**  
Parent of Owen (Y1)  
and Greyson (N)

### PROJECT LEADS



**Keith**  
Parent of Georgie (Y3)



**Sophie**  
Parent of Amaya (Y1)  
and Rio (R)

### TREASURER



**Anne-Marie**  
Parent of Oliver (Y6)

### Hello from the new WPCA Committee!

The Whiteknights Parents Community Association (WPCA) organises a range of fun activities for children throughout the year, while also raising funds to enhance the educational experience at Whiteknights. In recent years, our focus has been on improving the playground with new markings, play equipment, and a bike storage area.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the coming year! The **disco** will be held on Friday, 6th December—4:30-5:30pm for Years 1-3 and 6:00-7:30pm for Years 4-6. We're also organising a **Reception film night** on Thursday, 5th December. More details for both events will be shared soon. Additionally, parents of Nursery, Reception, and KS1 children can order **tea towels and coasters** via Scopay until 15th November, and we will have **Christmas decorations** for children to decorate on sale at the beginning of December. Looking ahead, we're planning our annual **summer fair, non-uniform days, sweet sales**, and the return of **Happy's Circus** in July. Due to a reduction in fares received for textile recycling, we will not be continuing with Bag2School, but we're exploring a new clothing recycling company—watch this space!

**The recent non-uniform day before half-term raised £366.** We're pleased to announce that, by combining this with existing WPCA funds, we've funded the purchase of 16 new tablets and cases—one for each class—to support the Knighthood Scheme launching in January. A quick reminder that the Asda Cashpot for Schools ends in November, so please remember to use the Rewards app when you shop at Asda. **We've raised over £390 for WPCA so far!**

As parents and carers of children at Whiteknights, you are all WPCA members. We welcome ideas for events and are always looking for volunteers to help organise and run them. We know everyone is busy, but even small contributions of time make a big difference. If you'd like to share ideas or volunteer, please get in touch at [whiteknightspca@gmail.com](mailto:whiteknightspca@gmail.com). You can also keep up with WPCA activities by joining our WhatsApp community (to join the WhatsApp community, simply scan the QR code on the posters displayed in your child's classroom window).

**Thank you in advance for your support of WPCA!**



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**

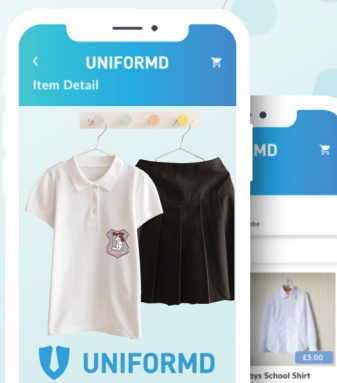
YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6 DISCOS

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**SOON!**

**TWICE AS NICE UNIFORM SHOP**

www.uniformd.co.uk/whiteknights-primary  
email enquiries to: whiteknightspcpa@gmail.com



Need a few uniform items for the colder months?

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



# STEP 1

OPEN THE ASDA REWARDS APP  
CLICK THE CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS BANNER



you scan,  
we donate  
££s TO SCHOOLS.

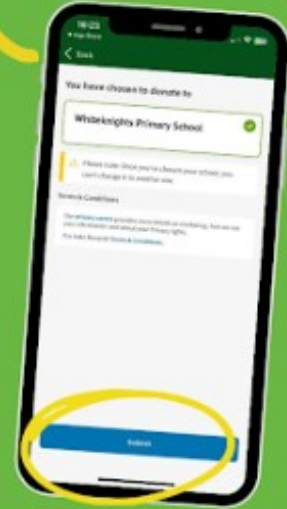
CASHPOT  
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# STEP 5

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



# STEP 4

TYPE IN "WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL"



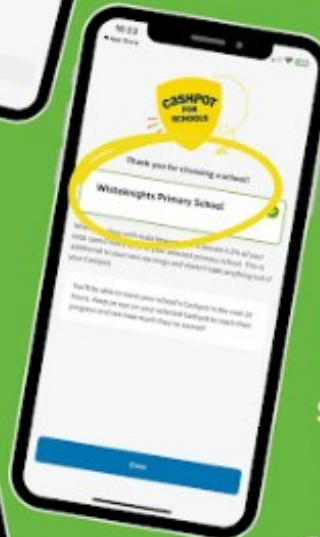
# STEP 2

CLICK COUNT ME IN



# STEP 6

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



# STEP 3

CLICK I HAVE A SCHOOL I WANT TO CHOOSE



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



**WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## 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!