

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



14th November 2025—Issue No: 10

NEXT WEEK

**Monday,
17th November**

N—Year 6 Individual and Sibling photos (Tempest Photography)
See notices for more info regarding sibling photos for pupils not attending Whiteknights

**Tuesday,
18th November**

**Wednesday,
19th November**

**Thursday,
20th November**

Year 4 Amethyst Class—Swimming
Year 5 Parent Information Evening for Year 6 Residential Trip 2026 (3:30pm to 4pm—Class)

**Friday,
21st November**

Year 5 and Year 6 SPLAT (2pm in the School Hall)
Year 3—Diamond Class to visit Lower Earley Library

ON THE MENU

Available daily: Freshly Baked Bread, Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

MONDAY

Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges & Coleslaw
Cheese Pinwheel with Potato Wedges & Coleslaw
Herb Roasted Butternut Squash / Peas
Parsnip & Apple Sponge Cake with Custard

TUESDAY

Chicken Burger with Mayonnaise in a Roll with Coleslaw
Veggie Burger with Mayonnaise in a Roll with Coleslaw
Cucumber & Carrot Sticks
Lemon Shortbread & Fresh Fruit Slices

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetable Loaf with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans / Sweetcorn
Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce

THURSDAY

Beef Lasagne with Roast New Potatoes
Vegetable Lasagne with Roast New Potatoes
Thyme Roasted Carrots / Savoy Cabbage
Jelly with Fresh Fruit Wedges

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetable Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Peas / Baked Beans
Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard



**REMEMBER INDIVIDUAL
& SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS**

Don't forget! Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday, 17th November for individual and sibling photographs. **Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform and is smartly presented.**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



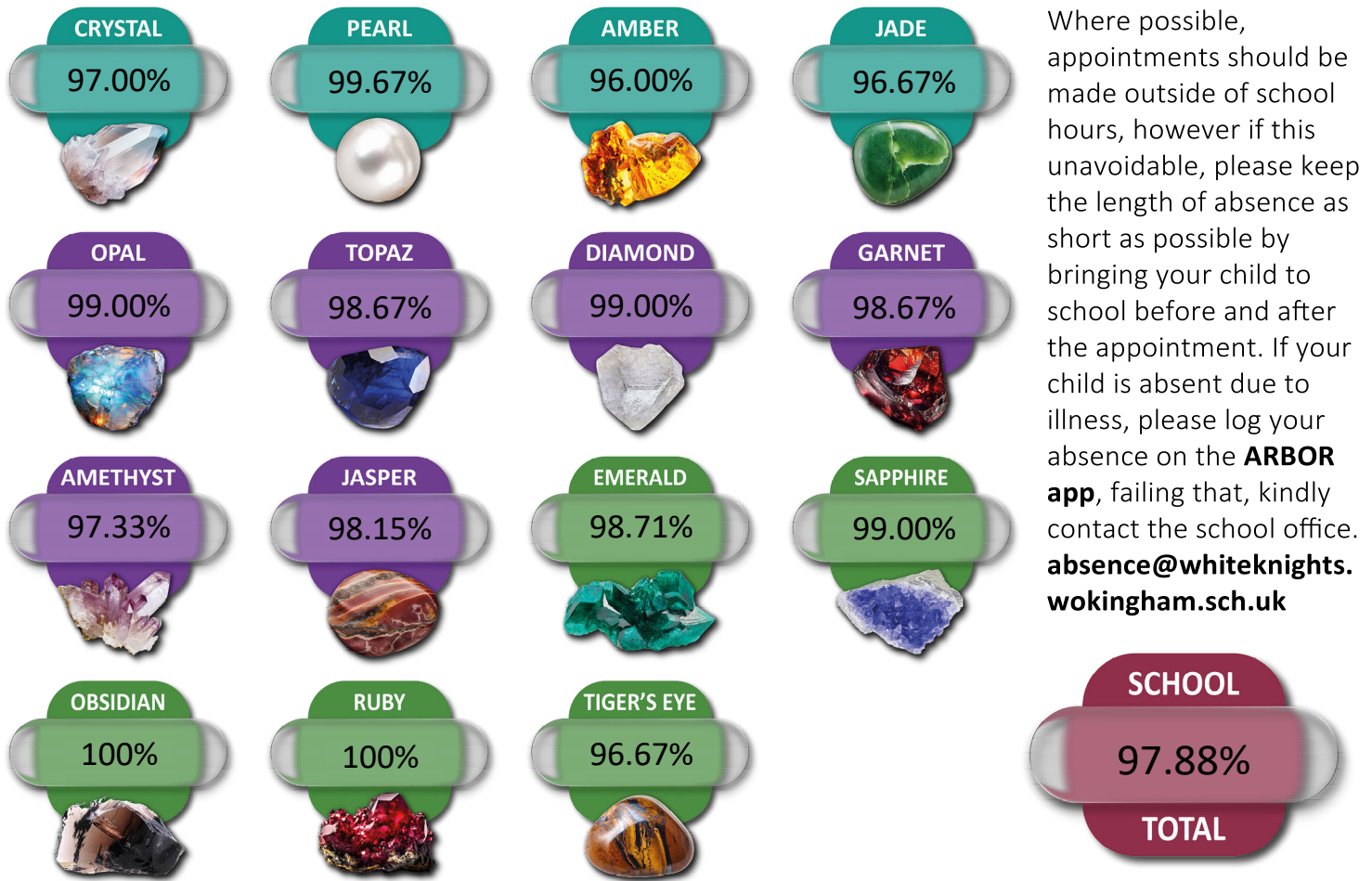
IN SCHOOL



ON TIME



EVERY DAY



Where possible, appointments should be made outside of school hours, however if this unavoidable, please keep the length of absence as short as possible by bringing your child to school before and after the appointment. If your child is absent due to illness, please log your absence on the **ARBOR app**, failing that, kindly contact the school office. **absence@whitknights.wokingham.sch.uk**

When you're not in school you miss out on...



Learning new skills



Good assessment results



Support and help



Time with friends



Best chance to succeed

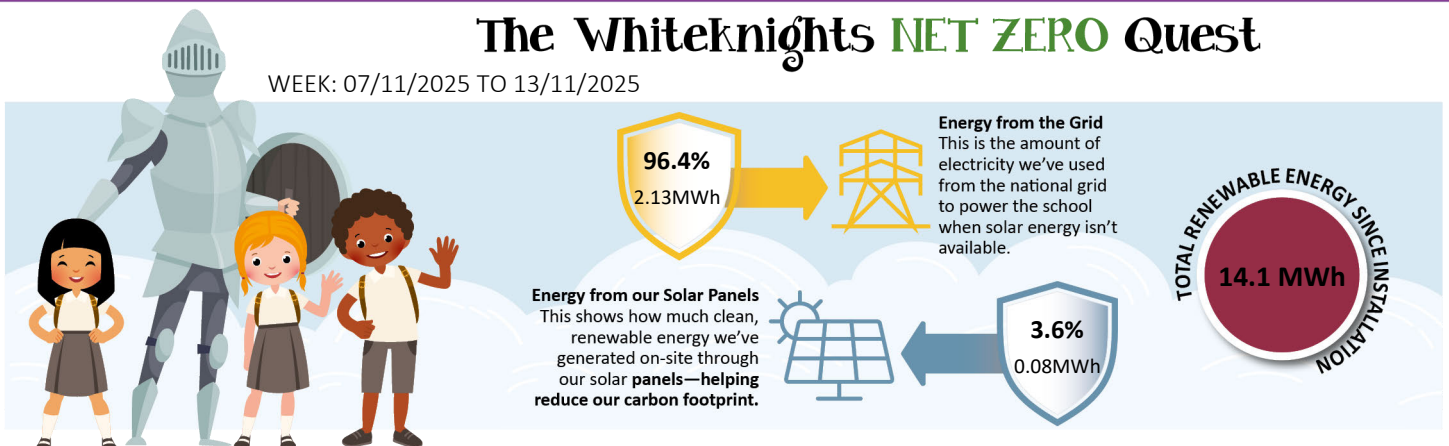


School activities



The Whitknights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 07/11/2025 TO 13/11/2025



NEW LUNCH MENU

4th November until
19th December 2025

Please click on the image to view a larger version. The menu is available to view, both on Arbor and on the school website.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS –SPORT4KIDS AUTUMN 2

There are still spaces available for the Sport4kids clubs on offer this half term. Clubs include: Outdoor Adventures (R-Y2), Football (R-Y6), Basketball (Y3-Y6), and Multiskills (R-Y2). For bookings, and more info, please visit their [website](#).

NOTICES & REMINDERS

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS 17 NOVEMBER 2025

Children will have their individual photographs taken on Monday 17th November 2024. All children with siblings at Whiteknights, including Little Gems, will have sibling photographs taken during school hours.

Sibling photographs with children who DO NOT ATTEND Whiteknights, will be taken in the School Hall from 8.15am to 8.50am.



PARENTS' EVENING (GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS) 9TH AND 10TH DECEMBER

BOOKING INFORMATION:

- Bookings will go 'live' on Arbor from 7.00am on the **25th November** and **close** at 12.00pm on **5th December**.
- 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.
- Bookings for **separated parents**—unfortunately we are unable to accommodate separate consultations. We welcome both parents to the consultation, however parents are required to liaise and communicate directly with each other regarding making the booking. Please refer to our website for our Separated Parents Policy for further information.

[WHITEKNIGHTS POLICIES](#)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Consultations will be held in the school hall.
- Timed slots to meet with your child's teacher will be for the duration of 10 minutes.
- **We request that pupils and siblings are not brought to the consultations**—allowing for focused and efficient conversations between parents/guardians and the teacher.



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 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.

REMINDER OF TOPIC OVERVIEWS AND HALF-TERMLY LETTERS

All topic overviews and a cover letters for each year group—outlining what your child will be learning in class—are available to view on the school website under Parent Resources and Documents. We encourage you to make use of these valuable resources to help extend your child's learning beyond the classroom and at home.

TOPIC OVERVIEWS AND TERMLY LETTERS



NURSERY LITTLE GEMS

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Please click on the thumbnail to view the knowledge organizer showing what your child will be learning about in class over the next two weeks.



CURIOSITY CORNER

A reminder to parents to send a pair of named wellington boots and waterproof trousers for your child. These items will be kept in school, to be used when making use of the outside Curiosity Corner.



RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

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COST: £37.00

CHINESE DRAGON DANCE WORKSHOP

When: Wed 11th Feb 2026



LIVING EGGS

When: 9th to 20th Mar 2026



WOODLANDS SCAVENGER HUNT WORKSHOP—

WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK

When: Wed 3rd Jun 2026





YEAR 1 AMBER & JADE

MATHS HOMEWORK

Year 1 Maths homework due dates and which pages need to be completed are listed to the right. The class teacher will check their Maths homework every Tuesday to see if the children have done the homework.

Year 1	
Homework due date	Pages to complete
11 th November	26-28
18 th November	29-31
25 th November	32-34
2 nd December	36-38
9 th December	39-41
16 th December	42-44

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COST: £29.00

MILESTONES LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM



When:

Fri 30th Jan 2026
Milestones tells the story of how people used to live, the things they used and the work they did!

RAINFOREST WORKSHOP— BRAMBLES ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

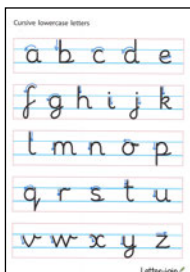


When:

Tue 16th Jun 2026
Learn about the distinct layers of the rainforest, the animals that live there, and the threats to their ecosystems.



YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ



CURSIVE HANDWRITING

Please click on image to the left to view how to correctly write cursive lowercase letters.

Should you require a hard copy, then please do ask the school office.

MATHS HOMEWORK

Year 2 Maths homework due dates and which pages need to be completed.

Year 2	
Homework due date	Pages to complete
10 th November	23-25
17 th November	26-28
24 th November	29-31
1 st December	33-35
8 th December	36-38
15 th December	39-41



YEAR 5 EMERALD & SAPPHIRE

WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP

Thursday 27th November 2025

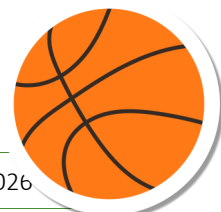
We are still short of contributions for this trip to go ahead and run the risk of having to cancel the trip—please pay your Contributions as soon as possible.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We also require two parent helpers for the trip. If you are able to help, please email or pop into the school office.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, 17th Nov	N—Year 6 Individual and Sibling photos (Tempest Photography)
Thursday, 20th Nov	3:30pm to 4pm - Year 5 Parent Information Evening for Year 6 Residential Trip 2026
Friday, 21st Nov	2pm - Year 5 and Year 6 SPLAT in the School Hall
Thursday, 27th Nov	Year 1 REInspired Visit Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Friday, 28th Nov	1:30pm - Guided School tour for prospective families
Wednesday, 3rd Dec	WPCA Christmas Jumper Sale
Sunday, 7th Dec	WPCA Panto Trip to the Hexagon Theatre (outside of school hours)
Tuesday, 9th Dec	1:30pm - Guided School tour for prospective families 3:40pm to 6pm - Parent's Evening
Wednesday, 10th Dec	4pm to 6:30pm - Parents' Evening
Monday, 15th Dec	Year 4 Leave for Residential Trip to Burwell House Year 1 and Year 2 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas production
Tuesday, 16th Dec	9:30am and 2pm - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production Performances to Parents
Wednesday, 17th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Year 4 Return from Burwell House
Thursday, 18th Dec	Church Carols Service—Year 5 1:30pm - Nursery and Reception SPLAT
Friday, 19th Dec	Last Day of Term. School closes promptly at 3:20pm. No After School Clubs.
Monday, 5th Jan	Staff and Pupils Return to School

NEWS FROM BPET



I'm delighted to share with you some of the wonderful achievements from the autumn term.

The latest edition of the
[BPET NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE HERE](#)

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter, and join us in celebrating our pupils' accomplishments across all BPET schools.

Kind regards,
Mark Greatrex
Chief Executive



CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

WPS 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:-

HARVEST CELEBRATION—READIFOOD LETTER OF THANKS!



ReadiFood
Reading's food bank

Harvest Collection 2025

Dear Mrs Reynolds

We are writing to thank you and the children of Whiteknights Primary school for your wonderful generosity in donating your Harvest collection to ReadiFood. These Harvest donations are very important to keep our stocks of food at a sustainable level, to help us continue to support those in our communities who are experiencing Food Insecurity.

Your collection is an invaluable source of support to many local families and individuals. The food collected has been brought to our Reading warehouse, where it is sorted and categorised. The food is then used to make up Food parcels which in turn are delivered back to people living in and around Reading. Your food donations will make a real difference to someone living locally.

For 20 years ReadiFood has continued to partner with an increasing number of support agencies to offer food assistance. Our referral partners include; Reading Borough Council, Social Services, School Support, Refugee Support agencies, Mental Health and Health Teams.

We hope you enjoyed your harvest celebrations and that you will collect for us again next Harvest in 2026. There may be another opportunity for your school to support our work through this year, please do contact us if you are able to support our charity. More information is available on our charity website; [Faith – We exist to alleviate poverty among the poor, needy and homeless in Reading.](#)

With Thanks and Blessings to you all.

Yours Faithfully

alison and the  **ReadiFood** Team.

Alison Peyton

ReadiFood Manager



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ReadiFood

This certificate is awarded to

**Whiteknights Primary
school**

For collecting

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Of food in aid of



ReadiFood
Reading's food bank

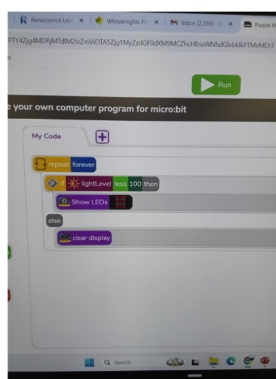
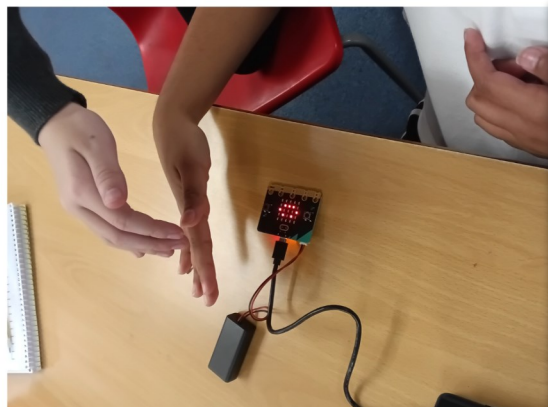


YEAR 4 EXPLORE THE POWER OF SENSORS IN COMPUTING

This half term, Year 4 are exploring how sensors help computers interact with the world around us! They've been learning how inputs, outputs and code work together to create control systems — just like the ones first inspired by Samuel Bagnó, who invented the first motion sensor in 1950.

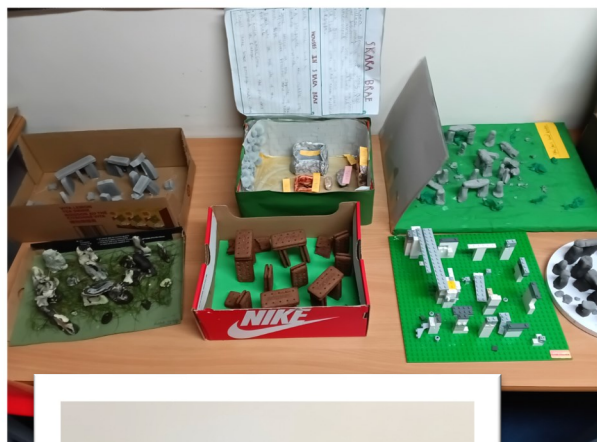
Using their micro:bits, pupils have been discovering how sensors can detect light and movement, and how logic and variables help computers make decisions.

turning their micro:bits into fully functioning night lights! By coding the device to recognise low light levels, the pupils programmed the LEDs to switch on automatically. They then experimented with different designs and light sensitivities to see how their changes affected the behaviour of their code.



YEAR 3 HOMELEARNING PROJECTS—STONEHENGE AND SKARA BRAE

We have had some amazing homelearning project submissions by our Year 3 pupils!



WPCA NOTICES



HAVE YOU HEARD?

The WPCA and the School Eco Council are collaborating on a Christmas Jumper Sale this December!

In the spirit of sustainability and recycling, we're asking for donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers.

Please bring donations to the school office in a sealed bag.



SAVE THE DATE!

**RECEPTION
SOCIAL
4th December**



**YEAR 1 - YEAR 6
DISCO
5th December**



It's that time of year when we begin our Christmas fundraising—and one of the first initiatives on the agenda is **MyChildsArt**. MyChildsArt is a great way to turn your children's art into a special gift or keepsake—just in time for Christmas. Artwork forms have been sent home in children's book bags today. The closing date for submissions is **24th November**.

Please send all completed artwork back to school with your child so they can hand it to their class teacher.



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!