

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



21st November 2025—Issue No: 11

NEXT WEEK

**Monday,
24th November**

**Tuesday,
25th November**

Bookings go live for Parent Evenings for 9th and 10th December

**Wednesday,
26th November**

**Thursday,
27th November**

Year 1 REInspired Visit

Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum

**Friday,
28th November**

1:30pm - Guided School tour for prospective families

Year 3 Garnet Class Visit to Lower Earley Library

**ON THE
MENU**

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

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread
Sweet Potato & Chickpea Falafel in Pitta Bread with Rice
Carrots & Peas
Apple Crumble & Custard

Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice
Onion Bhaji with Red Bean Dhal & Pilau Rice
Sweetcorn & Carrots
Vanilla Cake & Custard

Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Onion Gravy
Vegetable Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Onion Gravy
Glazed Carrots / Courgettes with Roast Tomatoes
Berry Swirl Sponge Cake & Custard

Beef Penne Pasta with Cheese
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



WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

Pupils must now be wearing their full winter uniform (shirts with collar and tie for KS2) Please also ensure black school shoes are worn, black trainers are not permitted.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



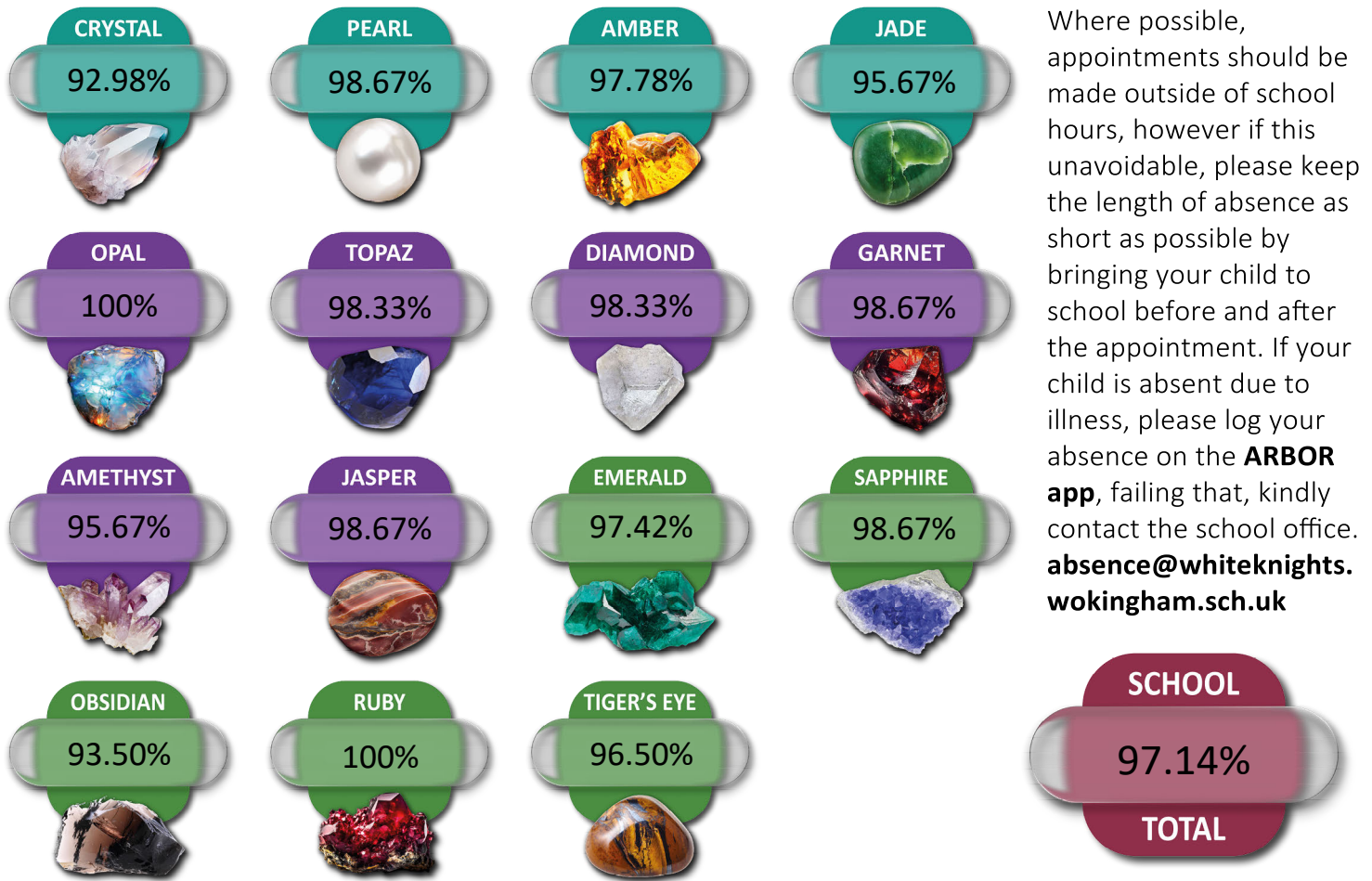
IN SCHOOL



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@whitenights.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

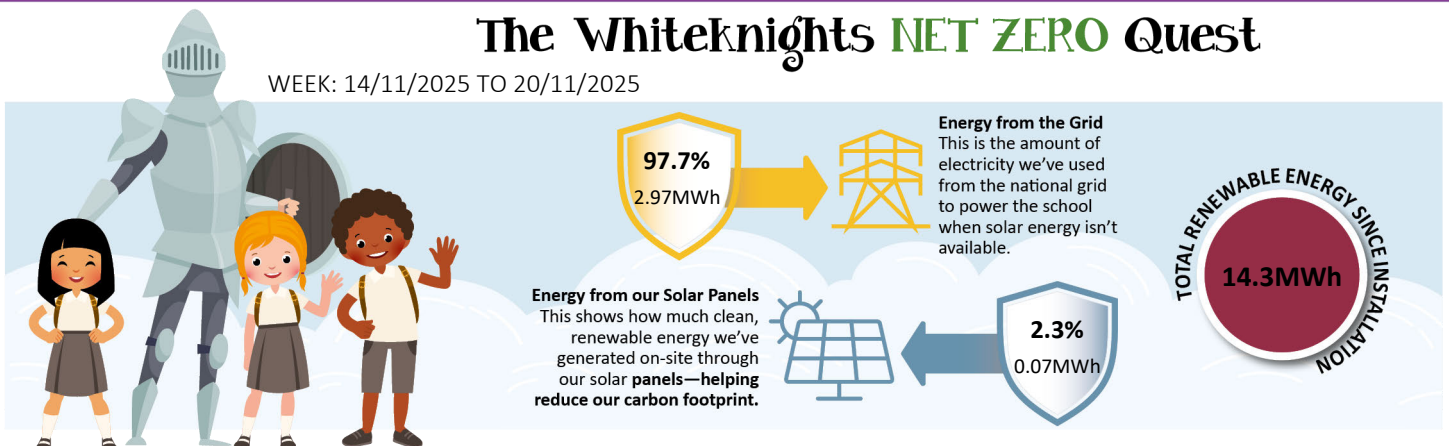


School activities



The Whitenights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 14/11/2025 TO 20/11/2025



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.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH — Wednesday 17th December.

This year, we are asking you to complete the form in the link below if you would like to order a school Christmas lunch for your child.

There will no jacket potato option for Christmas lunch. This is the only method for placing an order for Christmas Lunch, and all meals ordered via the Arbor app will be removed. We will add Christmas Lunch orders onto your account on Wednesday 17th December.

Please ensure you have £2.74 on your account on the day to pay for Christmas Lunch. Families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, or families in receipt of free school meals, will not require money in their Arbor account to pay for the meal. Please ensure you order your meal using the form below by **4pm on Friday 28th November**, to avoid disappointment.

MENU

Main

Roast Turkey, Chipolatas, Roasted New Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy

Vegetarian

Vegetable Wellington, Roasted New Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy

Dessert will include a choice of Christmas Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Butter Icing or Fresh Fruit Wedges

[CHRISTMAS LUNCH ORDER FORM](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2026 INTAKE

Applications for the Reception intake for 2026-2027 will open in November for both Wokingham Borough Council and Reading Borough Council. The closing date for all applications is **15th January 2026**. 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.

Wokingham Borough Council applicants: You will find all of the information in the link below:

[Guide to Primary and Junior School Admissions for Entry in September 2026 Applications](#)

Open: 13th November 2025

Closing Date: 15th January 2026

Reading Borough Council applicants: You will find all the information in the link below:

[Applying for Infant, Primary and Junior School Places Applications](#)

Open: 3rd November 2025

Closing Date: 15th January 2026

Please note: If you live in Reading Borough Council and intend to list Whiteknights Primary School as one of your preferred schools, you must click in the school list box and select 'Advance Search'. From the drop down menu, select 'Wokingham Borough Council' and then type in the full school name.

National Offer Day is 16th April 2026. Emails and letters offering places will be sent out on this day. If you have questions, please feel free to ask Mrs Lynne Perry in the school office.

IMPORTANT

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLYING FOR PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION FORM

PUPIL PREMIUM

WHAT IS PUPIL PREMIUM?

The Government provides funds to schools to help children from families with lower income, or in challenging situations. This funding is called Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding; evidence suggests that this is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantaged pupils reaches the children who need it the most.

Schools decide how the Pupil Premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility. Schools are held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support children from disadvantaged families.

WPS - PUPIL PREMIUM STRATEGY 2025-2026

For 2025-2026, Whiteknights Primary School will receive **£115,440** to support disadvantaged pupils.

We spend our finances on initiatives which give pupils the best possible chance to make good progress at school. The money is supporting booster classes, before and after school clubs, school visits (including residential trips), swimming, holiday activities for vulnerable families and ensuring that *Learning Support Assistants (LSAs)* are on hand in every class to support learning. We review our strategy for using the pupil premium funding at the beginning of each academic year.

We encourage families to apply as this funding provides long-term benefits for the school and can support your child's education throughout their primary years.

NON UNIFORM ITEMS

Unfortunately we have seen an increase in bag adornments, keyrings, big bows and big hairbands. In line with our school uniform policy, we would like to remind parents and pupils that these items are not permitted.

Thank you for your continued cooperation!

UNIFORM POLICY

Information for parents and carers

NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Drop-in flu clinics

Immunisation Building,
Wokingham Hospital, RG41 2RE

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates:

- 3rd December 3-4pm
- 18th December 3-4pm

If you haven't completed a consent form, you can complete one at the clinic with one of the team.

Go to the address below to share your views and ideas

cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

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 further 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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RECEPTION CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

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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

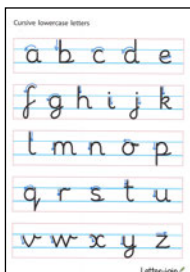


When:

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 pleased to advise that this trip will be going ahead. Please click link to view final letter:

[FINAL LETTER TO PARENTS](#)

MILL ON THE BRUE—PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Please click link to view the Mill on the Brue Presentation from Thursday meeting. Any questions at all, then please do speak to one of the year 6 teachers.

[MILL ON THE BRUE PRESENTATION](#)



YEAR 6 OBSIDIAN, RUBY & TIGER'S EYE

JUNK MODELLING

Please remember to bring in junk modelling resources to create festive lights during DT for Thursday, 27th November!



UPCOMING EVENTS



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
Tuesday, 2nd Dec	Year 6 Visit to Lower Earley Library
Wednesday, 3rd Dec	WPCA Christmas Jumper Sale
Thursday, 4th Dec	Year 6 Visit to Lower Earley Library
Sunday, 7th Dec	WPCA Panto Trip to the Hexagon Theatre (outside of school hours)
Monday, 8th Dec	Year 6 Geography Walk Around Local Area
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



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:-

YEAR 2 EXPLORE WORLD WAR ONE AND REMEMBRANCE

Last week, Year 2 began their new history unit on World War One and the importance of Remembrance. Pupils learnt why we wear poppies today and discussed how Great Britain remembers the armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.

They explored what life was like for soldiers during the First World War, including how they were recruited and the difficult conditions they faced in France and Belgium. The children also learnt how poppies came to grow on the battlefields and why the flower has become such a powerful symbol of remembrance. As part of the topic, they were introduced to their key person, Douglas Bader — a brave British pilot who overcame great challenges and went on to become a hero.

History

Remembrance

What we will learn:

1. Can I explore the poem 'In Flanders Field'?
2. Can I understand the significance of poppies?
3. Can I understand how soldiers were recruited for WW1?
4. Can I understand the life of men, women and children in the war?

Key Question:
Why must we continue to remember?

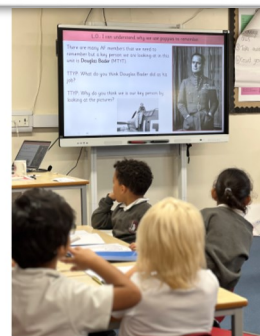
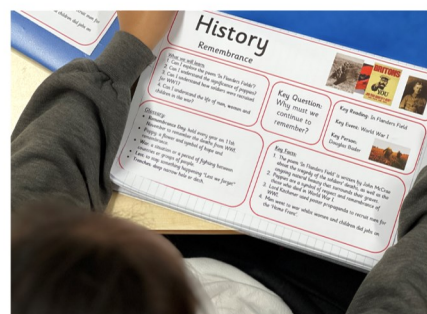
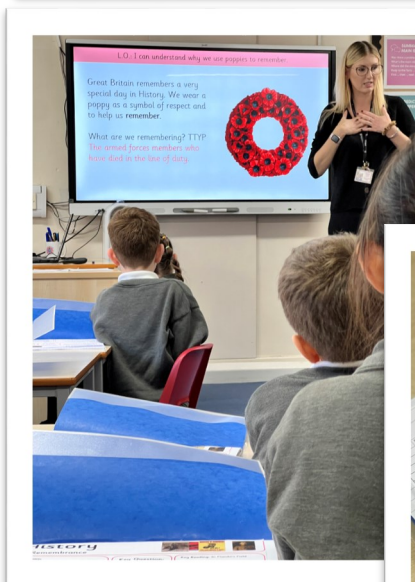
Key Reading: In Flanders Field
Key Event: World War I
Key Person: Douglas Bader

Glossary:

- **Remembrance Day:** held every year on 11th November to remember the deaths from WW1.
- **Poppies:** a flower and symbol of hope and remembrance.
- **War:** a situation or a period of fighting between countries or groups of people.
- **Less:** to stop something happening "Let's we forget"
- **Trenches:** deep narrow hole or ditch.

Key Facts:

1. The poem 'In Flanders Field' is written by John McCrae about the tragedy of the soldiers' deaths, as well as the ongoing natural beauty that surrounds their graves.
2. Poppies are a symbol of respect and remembrance of those who died in World War I.
3. Lord Kitchener used poster propaganda to recruit men for WW1.
4. Men went to war whilst women and children did jobs on the 'Home Front'.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise funds for **Children in Need** last week. With your generosity, we collected **£317.97** to support this important cause.

The children loved taking part and enjoyed sporting their best spotty attire on the day.



WPCA NOTICES

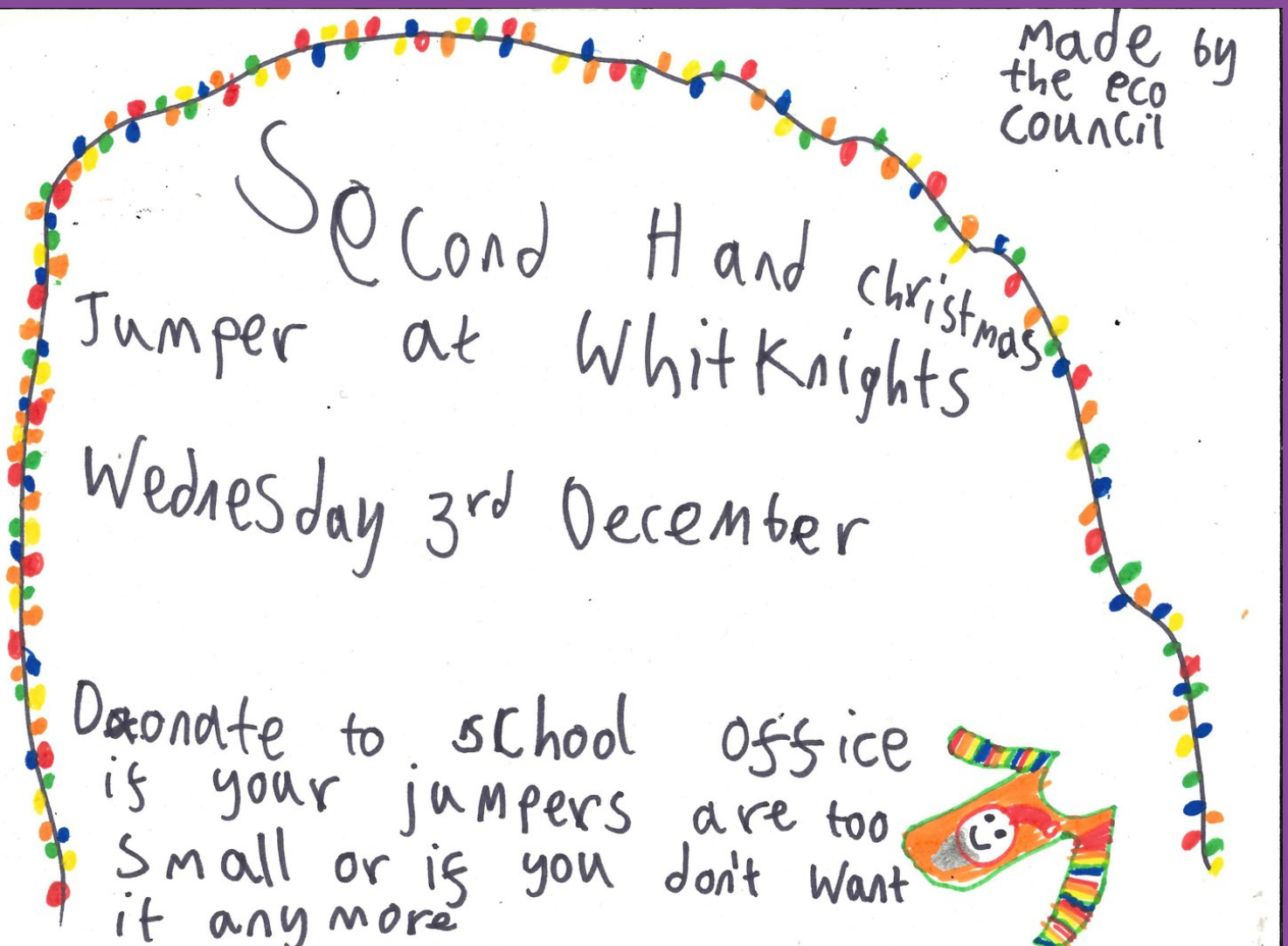


HAVE YOU HEARD?

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.





**WPCA EVENTS
BOOKING PAGE
LINK**



THU 4TH DEC

THURSDAY, 4th DECEMBER - 3.30pm to 5pm
£4/ticket (includes pizza and a drink)

**BRING ALONG YOUR ONESIE AND YOUR
FAVOURITE TEDDY!**

**THE SOCIAL WILL BE HOSTED IN THE RECEPTION
CLASSROOMS, SO CHILDREN WILL REMAIN THERE FROM
THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY UNTIL COLLECTION
AT 5PM.**

**THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY,
INCLUDING A SHORT FILM AND SOME DANCING WITH
THEIR FRIENDS.**



TO BUY TICKETS—SCAN THE QR OR FOLLOW THE LINK



**Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
5pm to 6pm**

£3.50 - entrance only
£4.50 - entrance & photobooth

**Year 4 to Year 6
6.30pm to 8pm**

£4.50 - entrance only
£5.50 - entrance & photobooth

ARE YOU READY FOR THE DISCO ?

Refreshments and novelties on sale - where possible, kindly bring money in small denominations.

TICKET SALES CLOSE - 3pm 4TH DEC

DISCO RULES:

GOLDEN RULES

Follow the school's Golden Rules.

NO MOBILE PHONES

No mobile or other electronic devices will be permitted at the discos.

HALL TIDINESS / TRASH

Dispose of any trash in the designated bin bags.

Work together to keep the disco area clean and enjoyable for everyone.

Let's create a fun and respectful atmosphere for everyone to enjoy!

**WPCA EVENTS
BOOKING PAGE
LINK**



FRI 5TH DEC

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.

ARTWORK SHEET TO BE RETURNED

Artwork Sheet

School Name: _____

Child's First Name: _____

Child's Last Name: _____

Art Teacher / group leader to write in the child's name in BLOCK CAPITALS

Portrait Orientation: ☒ Portrait ☐ Landscape

USE **DON'T USE**

Felt Tip Pens Bright Colours Paint

Light Colours Metallic Pens Glitter

KEEP YOUR ARTWORK INSIDE THE WHITE BOX

Please return this design and all others to MyChildsArt by the return date shown on your letter. MyChildsArt Ltd is a not-for-profit company registered in England. (Company No. 0811 0001)



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!