

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



5th December 2025—Issue No: 13

NEXT WEEK

**Monday,
8th December**

Year 6 Geography Walk Around Local Area

Last French Club Session this Term

**Tuesday,
9th December**

1:30pm - Guided School tour for prospective families

3:40pm to 6pm—Parent's Evening

**Wednesday,
10th December**

Last Chess Club Session this Term

4.00pm to 6.30pm—Parents' s Evening

**Thursday,
11th December**

Last Tennis Club Session this Term

ATTENTION

PLEASE !!!

Please be aware that all Whiteknights Teacher-led clubs and Drama have now finished for the term!

**Friday,
12th December**

**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

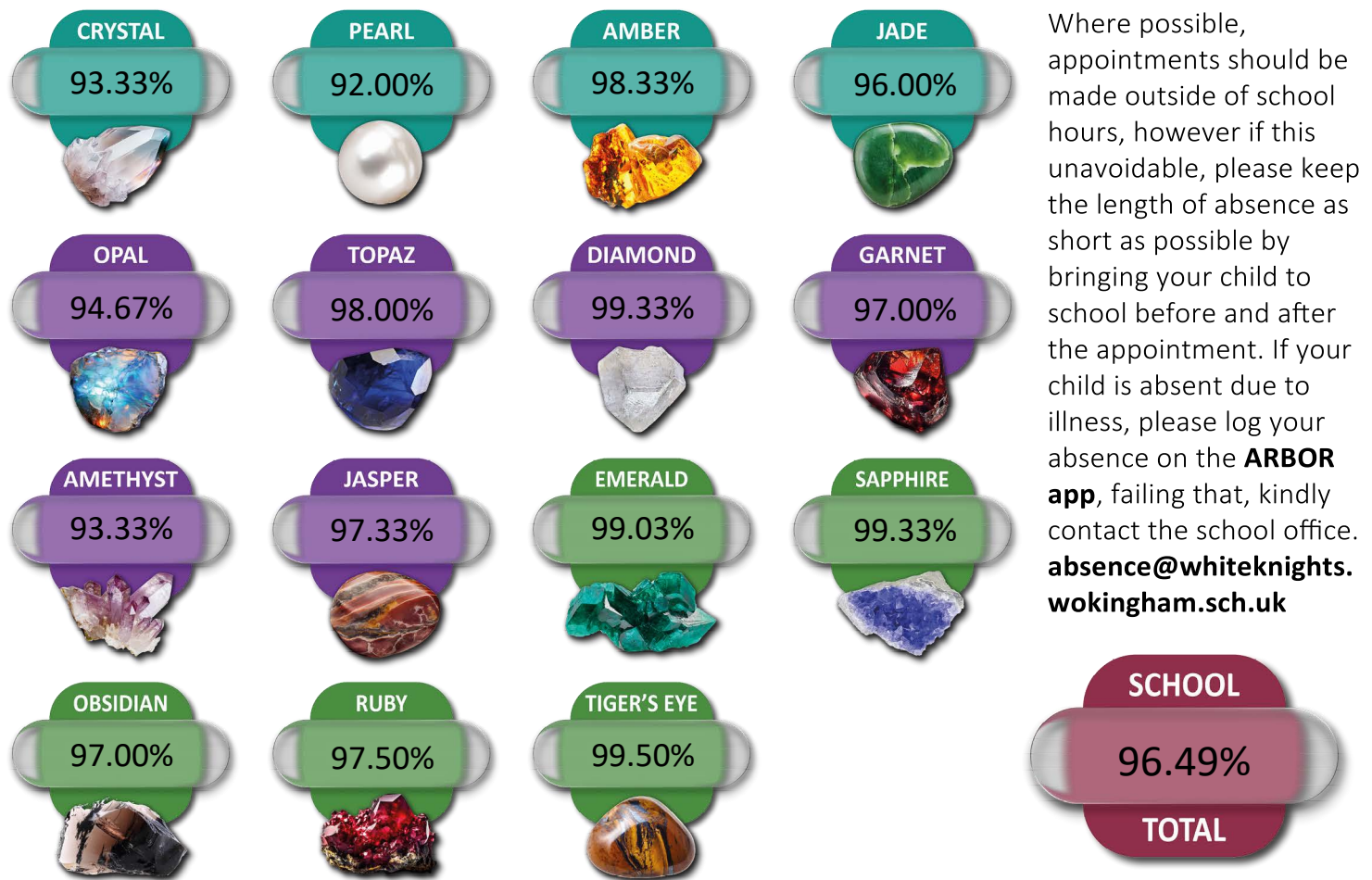


By embracing challenge, nurturing wonder and aspiring to new heights, we **"Grow in Greatness"**.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

✓ EVERY CHILD
✓ IN SCHOOL

✓ ON TIME
✓ EVERY DAY



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

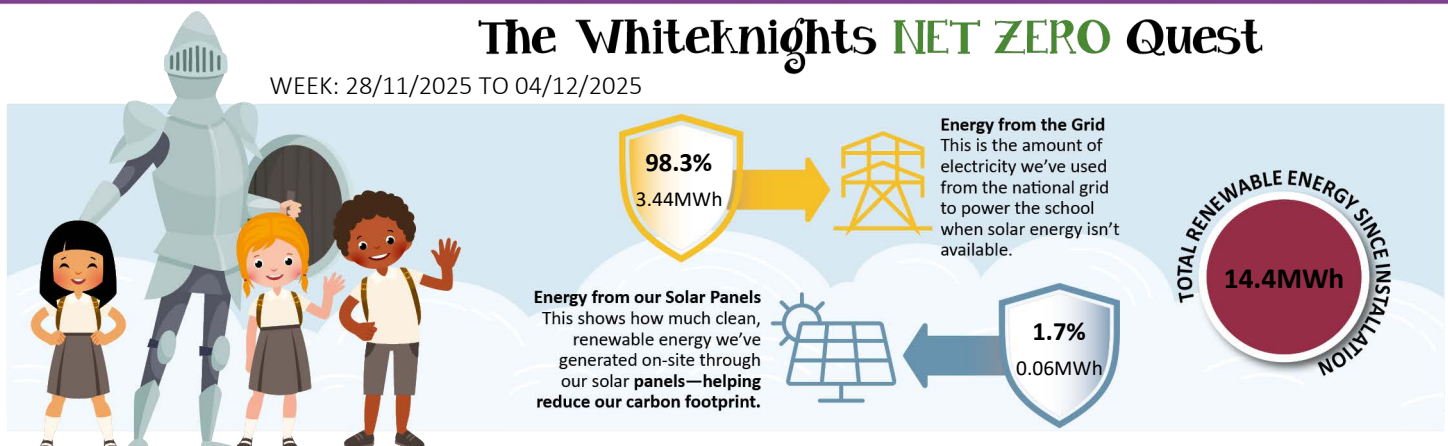


School activities



The Whitenights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 28/11/2025 TO 04/12/2025



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

BOOKING INFORMATION:

- Bookings have now closed on Arbor.
- If you have missed the opportunity to book an appointment, you will need to contact your child's class teacher directly.



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.

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.

TERM DATES FOR 2026-2027

We are pleased to announce that the dates for the next academic year has been finalised. These dates are available to view on the [website](#) and by clicking on the image to the right.



DONATIONS NEEDED: SPARE PANTS & KNICKERS

We are currently running low on spare pants and knickers (up to age 8) and would really appreciate any donations. Accidents do happen, and having extras in school helps us support our little ones. If your child has borrowed any items, please could these be washed and returned as soon as possible. Thank you!



LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to check the lost property box (outside the main office) to reclaim any missing items. Any unclaimed belongings remaining at 15:30 on the last day of term will be donated to our clothes bank.



PARKING OF BIKES AND SCOOTERS

A polite reminder to parents and pupils: when parking your bike or scooter, please place it towards the back of the racks. Bikes left near the entrance make it difficult for others to park.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SPRING TERM 2026

We offer a variety of exciting After School Clubs, run by both external providers and our dedicated staff. Below is a list of all the clubs on offer for Spring Term. More details to follow soon.

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates
Choir	Monday	Yrs 3 - 6	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026
11 +	Monday	Yrs 4- 5	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026
Little Historians	Monday	Yrs 1 - 3	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026
Outdoor adventures	Monday	R - Yr2	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026
Creative Art	Monday	R - Yr2	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026
Story book craft	Monday	R- Yr2	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates
Debate	Tuesday	Yrs 4- 6	20/01/2026 - 17/03/2026 NOT running 10/03/26
Football	Tuesday	R - Y2	13/01/2026 - 17/03/2026
French	Tuesday	Yrs 1 -2	13/01/2026 - 17/03/2026
Dough Disco	Tuesday	R - Yr2	20/01/2026 - 17/03/2026 NOT running 10/03/26
Computing	Tuesday	Yrs 3-5	20/01/2026 - 17/03/2026 NOT running 10/03/26

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates
Drama	Wednesday	R- Yr 2	07/01/2026 - 11/03/2026
Chess	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - 6	07/01/2026 - 18/03/2026
Basketball	Wednesday	Y3 - Y6	14/01/2026 - 18/03/2026
STEMbotics	Wednesday	Yrs 2 -6	07/01/2026 - 25/03/2026
Girls Football	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - Y6	14/01/2026 - 18/03/2026

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates
Tennis	Thursday	Yrs 1 - 2	15/01/2026 - 19/03/2026
Football	Thursday	Y3 - Y6	15/01/2026 - 19/03/2026
Arts and Crafts	Thursday	Yrs 2 -6	15/01/2026 - 19/03/2026
Colouring	Thursday	R	15/01/2026 - 19/03/2026

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates
Drama	Friday	Yrs 3 - 6	09/01/2026 - 13/03/2026
Multi Skills	Friday	R - Yr 2	16/01/2026 - 20/03/2026



YOUNG
ENGINEERS

YOUNG ENGINEERS READING

STEM Learning Through motorised LEGO® models and Coding!

Whiteknights STEMBOTICS Club

Wednesdays 3:30–5:00pm

7th January – 25th March

For Year 2 – Year 6



BRICKS CHALLENGE

Join us for a hands-on STEM adventure where children learn real engineering principles through exciting motorised LEGO® models.

Next term we'll be exploring speed-increasing and speed-decreasing gears through models such as:

- Electric Screwdriver
- Windmill
- Rescue Winch
- Lawn Mower



DUE TO SPACE AND KIT AVAILABILITY, PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED.

Parents of children currently attending club: Please check your email for your child's priority renewal link.



**REMAINING SPACES WILL BE
RELEASED ON WEDNESDAY
3RD DECEMBER AT 7:00PM**

BOOK AT:



<https://reading.young-engineers.co.uk/location-and-program/>
Spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

There are an increasing number of children who cycle to school. The following websites contain useful information on how to keep them safe!

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/blogs/our-top-tips-for-cycling-to-school/>

<https://www.brake.org.uk/how-we-help/raising-awareness/our-current-projects/news-and-blogs/cycling-to-school-safely>

<https://blog.halfords.com/cycling-to-school-6-tips-to-make-it-safer/>

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IMPORTANT

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Police CyberCheck: Strengthen Your Cybersecurity Today

Why It Matters

Fraud and cybercrime are now the most common crimes in the UK. Criminals often hack email and social media accounts to take over your online life. Once inside, they can:

- Reset passwords for banking, shopping, and payment apps.
- Steal money or make purchases in your name.
- Use your social media to target friends and family.

The Solution

Police CyberCheck is a free, mobile-friendly tool created by the South East Cyber Crime Unit. It gives you step-by-step actions to improve your cybersecurity in priority order.

What You'll Get

- Clear guidance split into three levels: Foundation, Improver, Enhanced.
- Action cards with links for popular platforms and apps.
- No sign-up required – optional progress saving via email (we never store your address).

Why Use Police CyberCheck?

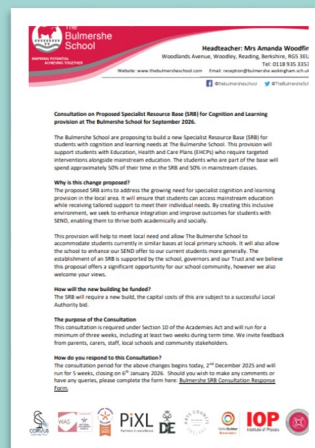
- ✓ Free and official Police resource
- ✓ Mobile-friendly and easy to follow
- ✓ No installation or technical jargon

Start Now: Visit <https://cybercheck.southeastcyber.police.uk/ref/7>

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

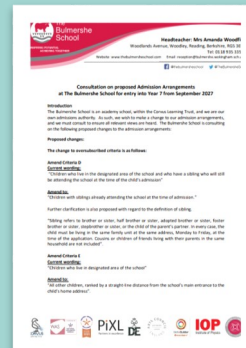
BULMERSHE SCHOOL CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSAL TO BUILD A NEW SPECIALIST RESOURCES BASE ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Please click on the letter below to read in more detail:



CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS AT THE BULMERSHE SCHOOL FOR ENTRY INTO YEAR 7 FROM SEPTEMBER 2027

The Bulmershe School is an academy within the Corvus Learning Trust, and they are their own admissions authority. As such, they wish to make a change in their admissions arrangements, and they must consult to ensure all relevant views are heard. Please click on the image to view the proposed changes:



THE ORCHARD LEARNING ALLIANCE CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THEIR ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027-2028 FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

Click on the school to see further details

[Hawedon Primary School](#)
[Highwood Primary School](#)
[Hillside Primary School](#)
[Lambs Lane Primary School](#)
[Radstock Primary School](#)
[South Lake Primary School](#)
[Willow Bank Infant School](#)
[Willow Bank Junior School](#)
[Waingels School](#)

CLASS NOTICES



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.



IMPORTANT

RECEPTION AND NURSERY NATIVITY AND SPLAT

Just a reminder about the Nativity followed by the SPLAT session on Thursday, 18th December at 13:30



RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

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ORANGE REQUIRED FOR CHRISTINGLE

As part of our learning about Christmas the children will all be making a Christingle. Please can you provide your child with an orange to use to make their Christingle. Can these be brought into school on Monday 15th December.

SPLAT 18 DECEMBER

We look forward to welcoming you into school for our first SPLAT session on Thursday 18th December. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about what your child/ren has/have been learning this term. There will also be time to play alongside your child/children in the classrooms and outside areas. To begin our SPLAT, we will be performing our EYFS Christmas production to parents. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.



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

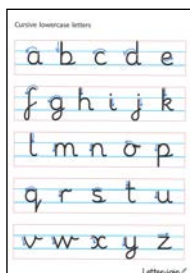


YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ

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



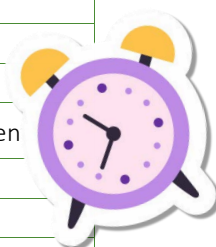
CURSIVE HANDWRITING

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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 Paren
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 Nativity Performance followed by 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

WPS SHOWCASE: SCHOOL LIFE, NEWS AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

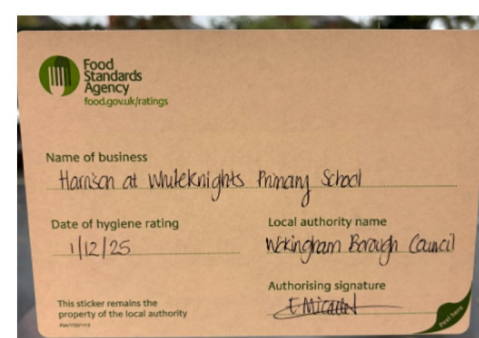
Discover the latest school news, including classroom highlights, sporting events, school trips and more.

KITCHEN AWARDED 5-STAR FOOD HYGIENE RATING

We are delighted to share that, following a recent visit from the Local Authority in partnership with the **Food Standards Agency (FSA)**, our school kitchen has achieved the highest possible 5-star Food Hygiene Rating.

Inspectors assess kitchens using the national Food Hygiene Rating Scheme, which scores settings from 0 (urgent improvement needed) to 5 (very good). Ratings reflect overall compliance with food law and are based on three key areas: **hygienic food handling, cleanliness and condition of facilities, and food safety management.**

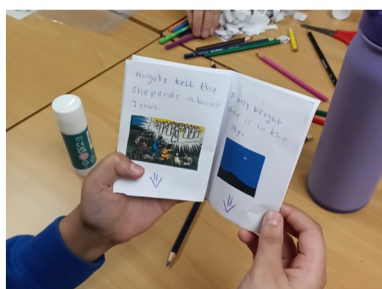
We are really proud of our new kitchen and the high-quality catering we are able to provide for our pupils.



CELEBRATING
WHITEKNIGHTS

YEAR 4 RE-INSPIRED VISIT IN SCHOOL

This half term, Year 4 have been looking at the Christian Nativity story. During lessons, we have focussed on the question: *“What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?”* As part of our curriculum enrichment we also had the privilege of the team from Reading Gateway Church visiting school for a fun and engaging workshop looking at the Nativity.



YEAR 5 EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF SPACE

This term, Year 5 have been learning all about the solar system — from what it is made of, to how scientists discovered that the Earth is round, and why we experience night and day. Pupils also extended their learning at home by creating their own models of the solar system. The submissions were outstanding and showed real creativity and ingenuity.

A highlight of the term was our visit to the **Winchester Science Centre and Museum**. The children enjoyed a fun and engaging day enriching their understanding of Space, taking part in rocket-making workshops, exploring the space exhibition, and visiting the planetarium.

To see more photos of our home-learning projects and the Winchester trip, please visit our school [website](#).



PUPIL SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Monroe, in Reception, had a fantastic weekend at the **2025 Electric Motorbike Racing Championship**, finishing **5th overall in a field of more than 100 riders**. She took part in six events across the weekend, contributing to the ten rounds that make up this year's championship. Her focus and steady performance throughout the season earned her a well-deserved top-five place and drew interest from several major teams. Monroe is already looking ahead to the 2026 racing calendar, aiming to build on this year's success and continue her rise in UK motorsport. Well done Monroe, we look forward to hearing about how you progress next year!



WPCA NOTICES



CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who donated a Christmas jumper to last Wednesday's sale. It went really well, despite the last-minute change of location due to a sudden downpour!

21 jumpers were sold raising £60.00 for the WPCA!

A big thank you to those who bought a jumper, and a shout out to the Eco Council for their amazing signage encouraging everyone to take part in this sale. Thank you!

Did you miss out on the sale? There are still some jumpers on sale. Don't delay, visit the school office to buy your pre-loved jumper while stocks last.



CLICK on the image to read the letter of thanks to the Whiteknights Eco Council



CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION!

£1.00 Per decoration!
(On sale now)

Wooden Christmas decorations - £1.00 each (no limit on quantity)

Purchase from the office or at Break-time

Prizes will be given for 1st and 2nd place for each year group

Return by **Thursday 18th of December AM** to be in the running!

Remember to add your name and class to the back of the decoration





Working with
Whiteknights Primary School

**Your child has uploaded a
mini masterpiece to our website!**

VIEW NOW

by logging into the parent order portal at
www.mychildsart.co.uk/order



Order portals open NOW until the

31/12/2025

**EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT**

**valid for a limited time
only so don't delay!**

Use code **Whiteknights1X25**

during checkout for 10% off your order!

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed. Valid for a limited time from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this leaflet. For specific end date, please contact your child's school/group.



Username

Access Code

NB: Username and Access Code are case and space sensitive,
so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.



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*We're thrilled to announce an
Xbox Game Online Auction!*

**All games are brand new and sealed!
including popular games like LEGO, Star Wars,
Hot Wheels & Many more!**



Auction opens:
Friday 5th December at 4pm
Auction closes:
Friday 12th December at 8pm

**Every bid helps raise vital funds for the WPCA so you
can game and give back!**

Winners will be notified with details after the auction ends.

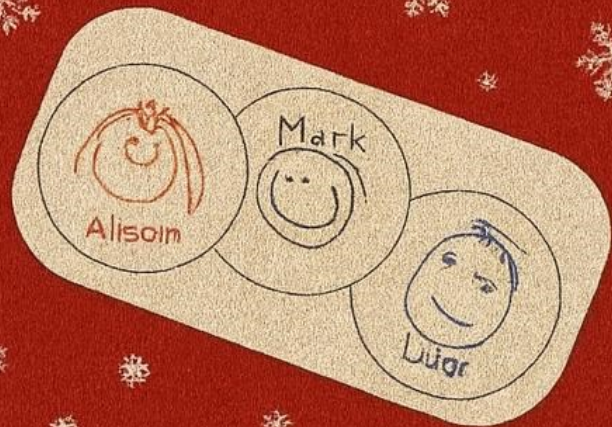
Let the bidding begin—and good luck!

Full list available at:

**[https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wPCA/?
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Whiteknights Primary School



Celebrate the holiday season with our delightful tea towels and coasters!

Perfect Gifts for Christmas!



Showcasing charming self-portraits drawn by each year group!

Tea towels - £5

Coasters - £3.50

Available Via

www.pta-events.co.uk/wPCA

