

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



12th December 2025—Issue No: 14

NEXT WEEK

**Monday,
15th December**

Year 4 Leave for Burwell House Residential
RE Inspired Visit to Reception

**Tuesday,
16th December**

Year 1 and 2 Performance to Parents at 09:30 and 14:00

**Wednesday,
17th December**

Year 4 Return from Burwell House Residential
Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day
Last STEMBOTICS Session this term

**ATTENTION
PLEASE !!!**

Please be aware that ALL Clubs (EXCEPT STEMBOTICS) have now finished for the term!

**Thursday,
18th December**

Year 5 Carol Service (within school hours and pupils only)
Reception and Nursery Nativity, followed by SPLAT—13:30
Final Day to Return Christmas Decorations for Competition

**Friday,
19th December**

Last Day of Term—School Finishes at 15:20
NO After School Club Running

**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

LOST PROPERTY

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.**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



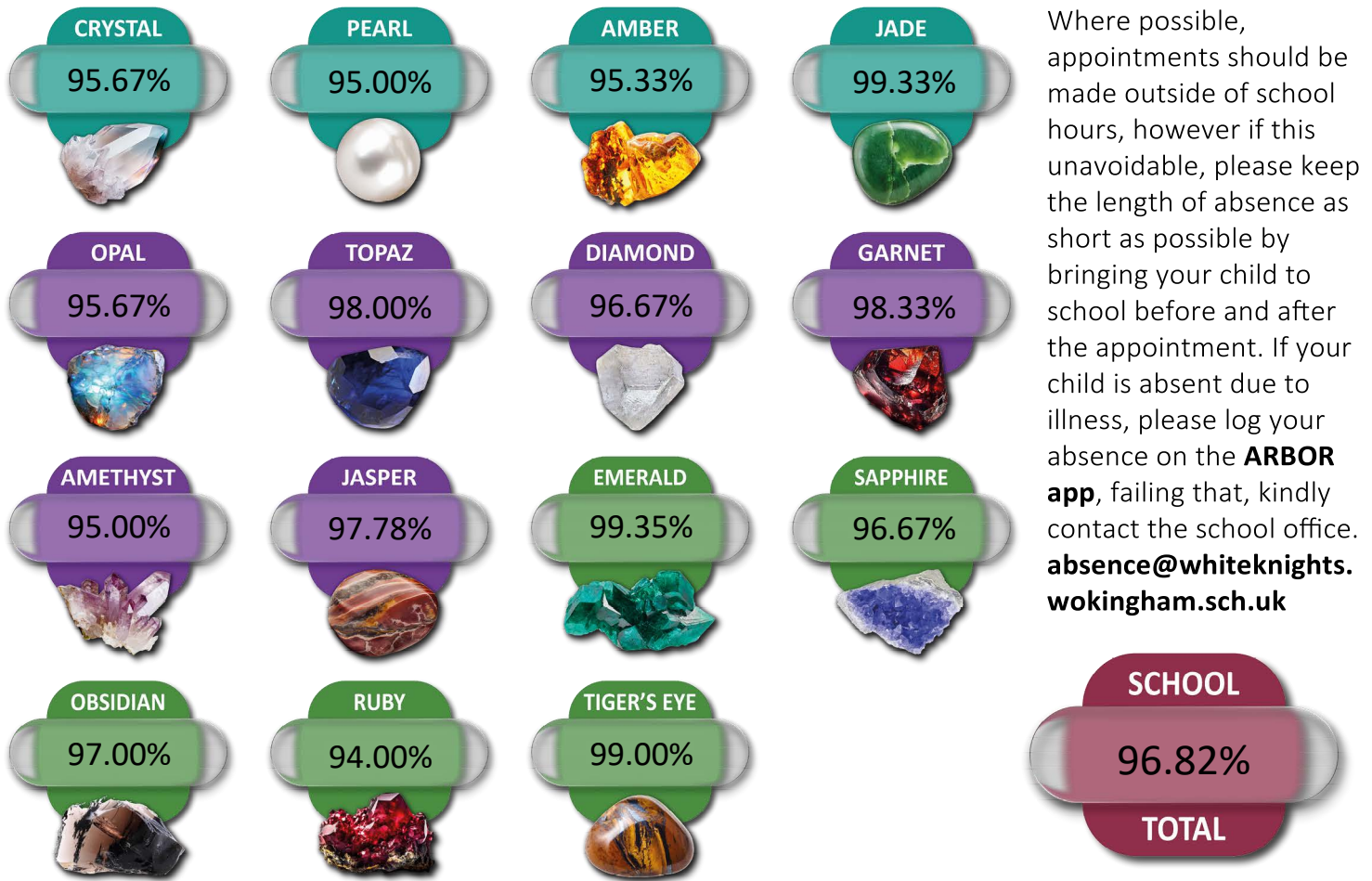
IN SCHOOL



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

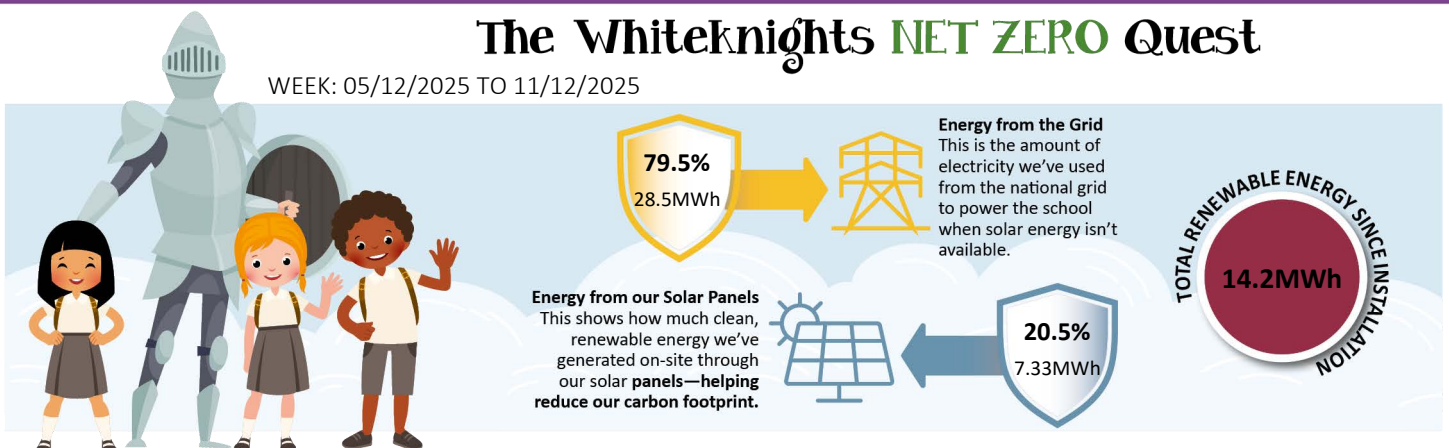


School activities



The Whitenights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 05/12/2025 TO 11/12/2025



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.

Term	Start Date	End Date	Half Term
Autumn	29/08/2026	18/11/2026	15/10/2026
Spring	19/01/2027	17/04/2027	16/03/2027
Summer	18/05/2027	17/07/2027	17/06/2027

SPRING MENU STARTING 5TH JANUARY 2026

Please click on picture for larger image

Day	Breakfast	Main Course	Dessert
Monday	Porridge with fruit	Chicken and vegetable curry	Vanilla ice cream
Tuesday	Toast with jam and milk	Beef and vegetable stew	Apple crumble
Wednesday	Scrambled eggs and toast	Salmon and vegetable stir fry	Yoghurt and fruit
Thursday	Porridge with fruit	Chicken and vegetable curry	Vanilla ice cream
Friday	Toast with jam and milk	Beef and vegetable stew	Apple crumble
Saturday	Scrambled eggs and toast	Salmon and vegetable stir fry	Yoghurt and fruit

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

The Governing Body of Shinfield St Mary's CE Junior School are consulting on their admission arrangements for the academic year 2027-28. Attached are the proposed admission arrangements for 2027-28. There are no significant changes proposed.



A dose of Health & Wellbeing

Your bitesize guide to a healthier lifestyle, from your School Nursing team

NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Primary School Edition (December 2025)

Hello and welcome

Season's Greetings from your School Nursing team!

This newsletter is full of useful information, hints and tips for keeping healthy.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL NURSING NEWSLETTER](#)

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.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLYING FOR PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

EYFS PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION FORM

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IMPORTANT

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 the full list of clubs available for the Spring Term. **Please click on the links to make bookings.**

Please note: Bookings via Arbor open today and will **close two weeks after each club's start date**. No bookings will be accepted after the two week cut-off. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please secure your place early to avoid disappointment.

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking
Choir	Monday	Yrs 3 - 6	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026	Arbor
11+	Monday	Yrs 4- 5	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026	Arbor
Little Historians	Monday	Yrs 1 - 3	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026	Arbor
Outdoor adventures	Monday	R - Yr2	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026	Sports4kids
Creative Art	Monday	R - Yr2	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026	Arbor
Story book craft	Monday	R- Yr2	12/01/2026 - 16/03/2026	Arbor

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking
Debate	Tuesday	Yrs 4- 6	13/01/2026 - 17/03/2026	Arbor
Football	Tuesday	R - Y2	13/01/2026 - 17/03/2026	Sports4kids
French	Tuesday	Yrs 1 -2	13/01/2026 - 17/03/2026	French Club Letter
Dough Disco	Tuesday	R - Yr2	13/01/2026 - 17/03/2026	Arbor
Computing	Tuesday	Yrs 3-5	13/01/2026 - 17/03/2026	Arbor

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking
Drama	Wednesday	R- Yr 2	07/01/2026 - 11/03/2026	Drama Club Letter
Chess	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - 6	07/01/2026 - 18/03/2026	Arbor
Basketball	Wednesday	Y3 - Y6	14/01/2026 - 18/03/2026	Sports4kids
STEMbotics	Wednesday	Yrs 2 -6	07/01/2026 - 25/03/2026	STEMbotics Booking
Girls Football	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - Y6	14/01/2026 - 18/03/2026	Arbor

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking
Tennis	Thursday	Yrs 1 - 2	15/01/2026 - 19/03/2025	Tennis Booking
Football	Thursday	Y3 - Y6	15/01/2026 - 19/03/2026	Sports4kids
Arts and Crafts	Thursday	Yrs 2 -6	15/01/2026 - 19/03/2026	Arbor
Colouring	Thursday	R - Yr 1	15/01/2026 - 19/03/2026	Arbor

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking
Drama	Friday	Yrs 3 - 6	09/01/2026 - 13/03/2026	Drama Club Letter
Multi Skills	Friday	R - Yr 2	16/01/2026 - 20/03/2026	Sports4kids



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



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.



MATT REID PROCOACHING—TENNIS CLUB

THURSDAYS: 3.30PM TO 4.30PM

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

LEVEL: BEGINNER

PRICE: £63 FOR 9 SESSIONS

A fun filled session for all levels. Learning and developing sending and receiving and racket control, in a game based way. All equipment provided.

15/01/26, 22/01/26, 29/01/26, 05/02/26, 12/02/26, 26/02/26, 05/03/26, 12/03/26 and 19/03/26

CLICK FOR BOOKINGS

SPORT4KIDS

S4K After School Club is an extension of the school day, aimed at supporting working parents, but also giving children the chance to enjoy physical and mental well-being activities. Every day is different giving variety to your child across the week. The sessions are run by our passionate S4K coaches - teaching a mix of sports and fun physical games and craft and alternative activities designed to help children relax and unwind. Each child is also provided with a nutritional snack choice at our breakfast and after school clubs.

Clubs include: Football, Basketball, Multi Skills, and Outdoor Adventures

CLICK FOR BOOKINGS



JANUARY ONWARDS
CLICK HERE



LIBRARY BUNTING COMPETITION & WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

WE'RE INVITING ALL PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN OUR
FESTIVE BUNTING COMPETITION AND WINTER
READING CHALLENGE!

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

LIBRARY BUNTING COMPETITION

HELP US CREATE A BRILLIANT
DISPLAY ACROSS OUR LIBRARY!

1. DOWNLOAD AND PRINT
THE TEMPLATE
2. DRAW OR WRITE
SOMETHING ABOUT
YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK
OR POEM.
3. MAKE IT BRIGHT
AND COLOURFUL

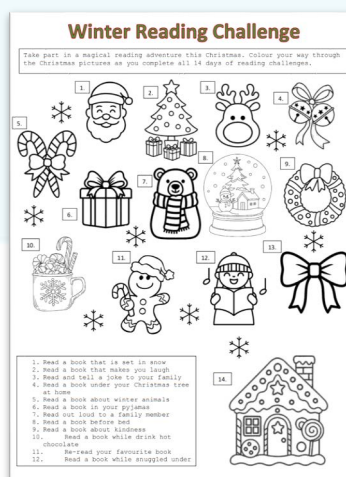
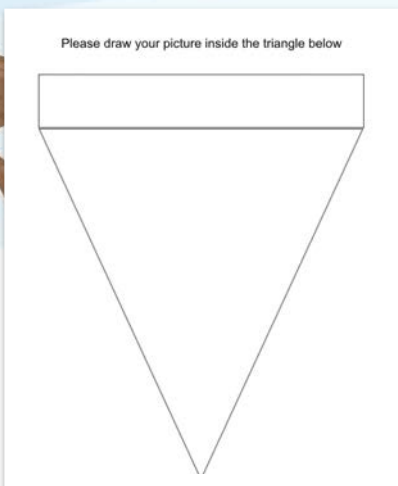
IF CHOSEN, YOUR CREATION WILL
BE MADE INTO BEAUTIFUL,
COLOURFUL BUNTING FOR ALL TO SEE
IN THE LIBRARY!

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME
AND CLASS ON THE BACK OF YOUR
DESIGN.

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

TAKE PART IN A MAGICAL
READING ADVENTURE THIS
CHRISTMAS.

1. DOWNLOAD AND PRINT THE
TEMPLATE
2. COLOUR YOUR WAY THROUGH
THE CHRISTMAS PICTURES AS
YOU COMPLETE ALL 14
DAYS OF READING
CHALLENGES.




**CLICK TO
DOWNLOAD**

Please pop into the office
should you require a print
out of the bunting or the
challenge.

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

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



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

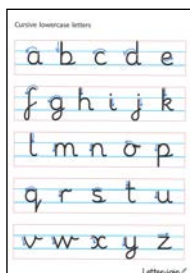


YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ

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



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 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



CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

WPS SHOWCASE: SCHOOL LIFE, NEWS AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Reception had their first experience of democracy last week. Each child had the opportunity to vote for whether the role play area should become a hospital or a post office. They waited in line to say their name and to receive their voting name card. After the previous child had cast their vote, they went into the voting booth to put their name card in the ballot box for their choice. The winner was the hospital. It was a great experience; teaching the children the importance of ensuring your voice is heard.



WPCA NOTICES



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.

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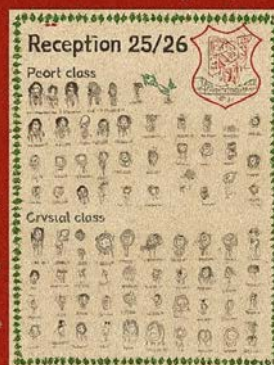
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Whiteknights Primary School



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

