

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



12th September 2025—Issue No: 2

NEXT WEEK

Monday, 15th September		AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS STARTING THIS WEEK (all other clubs run as normal)	
Tuesday, 16th September			
Wednesday, 17th September	Year 1 Knights and Castles Workshop In School Hall (during school hours)		Drama-R-Y2
Thursday, 18th September			
Friday, 19th September			Drama—Y3-6

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
Margherita Pizza with Coleslaw & Potato Wedges Oriental Style Stir Fried Vegetables with Rice Herb Roasted Butternut Squash / Peas Parsnip & Apple Sponge Cake with Custard	Mild Chilli Beef with Soft Taco, Rice & Salsa Bean & Vegetable Chilli with Soft Taco, Rice & Salsa Broccoli / Carrots Oatmeal Cookie with Fruit Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast New Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Vegetable Loaf with Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy Garlic Green Beans / Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Herby New Potatoes Japanese Style Curry with Rice Thyme Roasted Carrots / Savoy Cabbage Jelly with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Butternut Squash Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas / Baked Beans Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard

ATTENTION

PLEASE NOTE: Our kitchen is now open and operating as normal. All meal orders placed through Arbor need to be placed 48 hours in advance.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



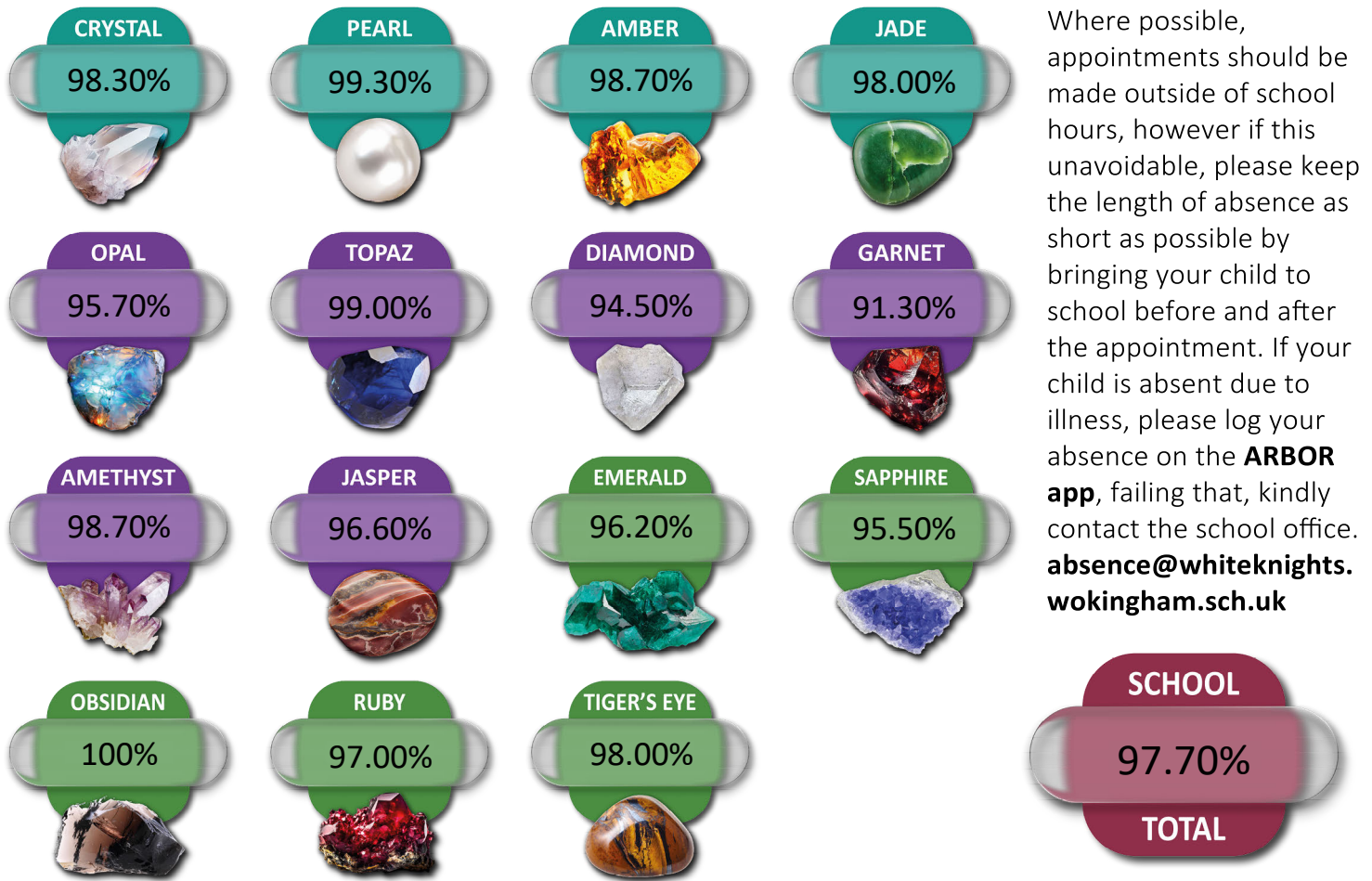
IN SCHOOL



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

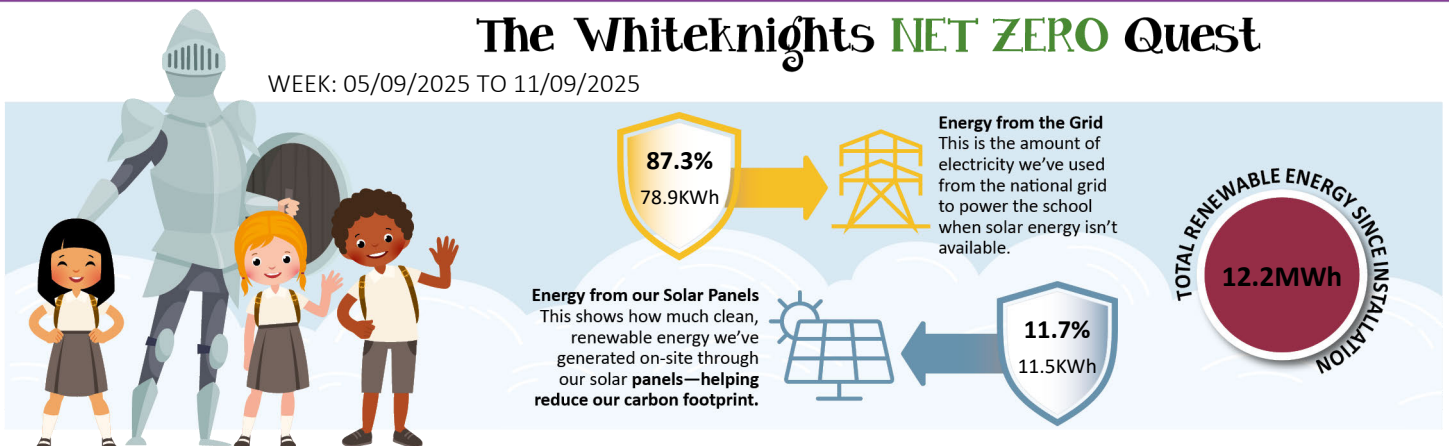


School activities



The Whitenights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 05/09/2025 TO 11/09/2025



ABSENCES NOW TO BE LOGGED VIA THE ARBOR APP:

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you are now able to log same-day absences using the Arbor app. To record an absence, click on the Quick Actions button (≡) at the bottom left hand corner in your app, and then click Attendance. From there, click the green Log Absence button. Please ensure you provide a reason for the absence, including any symptoms your child is experiencing. Once the absence is logged in Arbor, school will approve or reject the absence. Approved absences will appear in the Attendance tab of your Arbor App. School will follow up all absences that are rejected. For further information, please click on the link: [How to report absence on Arbor](#)

UPPER KS2 AND SMART DEVICES AT SCHOOL:

Mobile phones, and all smart devices with similar technology to mobile phones, will need to be handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day and will not be accessed again until the end of the day. It is our duty to create a safe and calm environment free from distraction so all pupils can receive the education they deserve. Please note that pupils bringing in a smart device will need to complete **Mobile Phone Agreement** which may be obtained from the school office or the [website](#).

AMENDMENTS TO END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS:

If there are changes to end of day arrangements e.g. different adult picking up children, these need to be communicated to the school office by 14:30 at the very latest. We cannot guarantee that messages received after this time will reach the teacher.

KS2 LEAVING THE CLASSROOM UNACCOMPANIED:

With parental consent through ARBOR, our Year 3's will have the option to leave the classroom unaccompanied at the end of the school day. This may mean simply meeting their grown up by the school gate or a siblings classroom, walking just down the road to meet at the car or walking all the way home! You can view a [USEFUL GUIDE](#) on our website to help you make a decision about whether or not it is safe for your child to leave the classroom/school premises unaccompanied.

ARBOR BOOKINGS UPDATE:

Thank you for your patience as we roll out the new booking system for extended care, internal after-school clubs, and school meals through Arbor. We have experienced a few teething problems, and we are very grateful for your support and understanding during this transition.

For parents with existing Scopay balances, these have been transferred to your Arbor account today.

ARBOR BOOKINGS QUICK GUIDE:

We are now using Arbor for:

- Ordering and paying for school lunches
- Booking Extended Care (Breakfast Club & After School Club)
- Booking School-Run Clubs



As with ScoPay, you must have money in your Arbor account before making bookings. Families using Childcare Vouchers can continue as before.

QUICK GUIDE FOR ORDERS AND BOOKINGS:

School Lunches

- Meals must be ordered 48 hours in advance.
- Reception–Year 2 still receive free meals, but orders must still be made.
- The school office can no longer place same-day orders.

How to order a lunch:

1. Select Quick Actions
2. Choose Meals
3. Click on the day
4. Pick your meal from the dropdown menu

Extended Care

(Breakfast & After School Club)

- Sessions must be booked/ cancelled 48 hours in advance.
- Childcare Voucher payments remain available and will be reconciled monthly.

How to book:

1. In the parent portal, scroll to Activities
2. Click your child's name > Clubs
3. Select Breakfast Club or After School Club
4. Click Register for this Club
5. Choose your membership and sessions.

School-Run Clubs

- Payment is required in your Club account before booking.
- Childcare Vouchers accepted (balances reconciled monthly).

How to book:

1. Go to Activities > Clubs
2. Select the available club for your child
3. Click Register
4. Choose membership, dates, and sessions

LUNCH ORDERS GUIDE

EXTENDED CARE
BOOKING GUIDE

SCHOOL-RUN CLUBS
BOOKING GUIDE

SPLAT DATES:

We love welcoming parents into school for our SPLAT (Stay and Play All Together) sessions. These fun, hands-on activities give you the chance to join your child in the classroom and share their learning.

This year's SPLAT dates are listed to the right. While they may occasionally change, we'll always keep you updated in plenty of time.

Below are the scheduled SPLAT dates:

N: 18/12/2025; 10/02/2026; 11/05/2026
R: 18/12/2025; 12/02/2026; 17/06/2026
Y1: 13/11/2025; 18/03/2026; 06/05/2026
Y2: 02/10/2025; 05/02/2026; 26/06/2026
Y3: 21/10/2025; 04/03/2026; 03/06/2026
Y4: 07/10/2025; 14/01/2026; 12/06/2026
Y5: 21/11/2025; 27/02/2026; 16/06/2026
Y6: 21/11/2025; 27/02/2026; 16/06/2026

KNIGHTHOOD SCHEME (YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6):

The Knighthood Scheme will recommence on Monday 15th September. Your child will have their book returned to them so they can begin working on their tasks and activities. **This year, pupils are expected to complete a total of 18 tasks—three for each half term.** If your child has misplaced their Knighthood booklet, and still has not been able to locate it, a replacement can be ordered from the office for £5.

WHITEKNIGHTS JOB VACANCY LUNCHTIME ASSISTANT:

About this role-

As a Lunchtime Supervisor, you'll help create a safe, happy, and inclusive environment for our pupils.

Duties include-

- Assisting with setting up and tidying away lunch areas.
- Supervising children in the dining hall and playground.
- Encouraging good behavior.
- Helping to resolve minor conflicts and ensuring children are safe and well.

To read more about this vacancy and to submit an application, please visit our [website](#).

BRINGING IN BIRTHDAY TREATS FOR THE CLASS TO SHARE:

When bringing in treats to share with pupils for your child's birthday, please be mindful of allergies and ensure they are vegan-friendly. Suitable options include Skittles, Starburst, Rowntree Jelly Tots, Fruit Pastilles, Millions.

END OF TERM TIME CHANGE:

In line with BPET expectations, we have amended the end-of-term finish times. Previously, the school day ended at 1:00pm; this will now be 3:20pm, the same as a normal school day. **Please note that, as before, there will be no after-school clubs or extended care on the last day of term.**

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS - AUTUMN TERM 2025:

Please see a complete list of extra curricular clubs below and activities for the Autumn term. Click on the relevant link to view more information/bookings. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Note: that Whiteknights led clubs will NOT run on the first and last weeks of the term. Sport4kids club dates only run up to October Half Term. Clubs will then change, and you have to re-book for the following half term.

To view the clubs on offer please view the list found on our [website](#).



ARBOR—CONSENT FOR USE OF IMAGES (PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEOS, AND DIGITAL IMAGES) OF YOUR CHILD

As mentioned last week, as part of BPET we have updated our consent forms for taking images of pupils. **We love celebrating the achievements of our children, and this often means capturing them in photographs (occasionally video) to share with our wider community.**

Images can be displayed on the school or BPET's websites, social media, in (e)newsletters and printed publications, on the school's learning platforms, in physical displays and press. Images are not routinely published and **renewed consent will be sought if a press opportunity arises.**

To comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we need your consent to take images of your child and use them in the ways described below:

1. School and BPET

Permission for your child's image or video to be used in the school's/BPET's newsletters, website, learning platforms and school display boards. Occasionally these may include social media (for example: while on a school trip or residential visit).

2. Local press

Permission for your child's image or video to be used in occasional press releases for local press. Renewed consent will be sought if the press opportunity requires naming your child (for example: if your child wins a prize, raises money for a cause).

Consent preferences can now be managed through the Arbor App. Please note that all families—both new and existing—must complete these updated permissions, as any previous image consents are no longer valid.

Thank you to those families who have already submitted their consents via the Arbor App. We are delighted that nearly half of our families have already taken action.

TOPIC OVERVIEWS AND HALF-TERMLY LETTERS

Each half term we provide a topic overview and a cover letter outlining what your child will be learning in class. These documents also include important reminders and details about PE, home learning, outdoor and nutritional learning, and upcoming excursions. They are shared through our newsletter, with direct links to the documents, and can also be found 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.

[CLICK TO VIEW](#)

AUTUMN 1 TOPIC OVERVIEWS & PARENT LETTERS



RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

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



YEAR 1 AMBER & JADE

In Year 1, we are going to start giving out some Maths homework for the children to complete each week. This will be a few questions a week which links to the learning the children have been working hard on in lessons. The table below shows when the homework has to be due and which pages need to be completed. 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
16 th September	4-6
23 rd September	7-9
30 th September	10-12
7 th October	13-15
14 th October	16-18
21 st October	20-22



YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ

Each week, your child will be expected to complete a couple of pages from their maths homework book, which links directly to the White Rose Learning they are doing in class. This will be very similar to the routine they followed in Year 1, helping to reinforce key concepts at home. Timetables showing which pages need to be completed will be shown on the classroom doors and in the newsletter as shown here to the right. The first maths homework will be set on Monday, 15th September.

Year 2	
Homework due date	Pages to complete
22nd September	4 – 6
29 th September	7 – 9
6 th October	10 – 12
13 th October	13 – 15
20 th October	17 – 19
3 rd November	20 - 22



YEAR 3 DIAMOND & GARNET



YEAR 4 AMETHYST & JASPER

HOMEWORK (YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4):

Your child will have brought home a new home-learning diary with a book that matches their up-to-date Accelerated Reader level. The first set of spellings have been handed this week and our first spelling test will be this coming Wednesday—17th September.

Maths homework has also been set on Century this week, please ensure that it is completed on time.



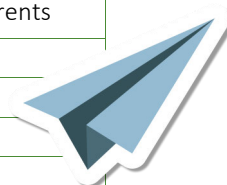
UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, 17th Sept	Year 1 Knights and Castles Workshop in School Hall
Thursday, 25th Sept	2:30pm - RWI Parent Workshop
Tuesday, 30th Sept	Flu Immunisations—Reception—Year 6
Wednesday, 1st Oct	9:45am - Guided School tour for prospective families
Thursday, 2nd Oct	2pm - Year 2 SPLAT in the School Hall
Tuesday, 7th Oct	2pm - Year 4 SPLAT in the School Hall
Thursday, 9th Oct	Year 2 REInspired Visit
Friday, 10th Oct	Yuan Tang (MP) Visiting Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 14th Oct	WPCA - Happy's Circus Visit (Doors Open 5pm to Start at 5:30pm)
Tuesday, 21st Oct	2pm - Year 3 SPLAT in the School Hall
Friday, 24th Oct	Last Day of Term—School Finishes at 3:20pm
Monday, 3rd Nov	INSET Day—School Closed for Pupils
Tuesday, 4th Nov	Staff and Pupils Return to School
Thursday, 6th Nov	9:45am - Guided School tour for prospective families
Friday, 7th Nov	Remembrance Parade
Monday, 10th Nov	Year 6 Leave for Residential Trip to Mill on the Brue
Thursday, 13th Nov	2pm - Year 1 SPLAT in the School Hall
Friday, 14th Nov	Year 4 REInspired Visit
	Year 6 Return from Mill on the Brue Residential Trip
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



Friday, 28th Nov	1:30pm - Guided School tour for prospective families
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 SPLAT in School Hall
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



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:-

SCHOOL ENHANCEMENTS OVER THE SUMMER

As always, while the school was closed over the summer holidays, Mr Rapson and a team of contractors were hard at work on a range of projects—both large and small—to ensure we continue to improve and maintain our school environment.

Our biggest project has been the new kitchen, which we are delighted to announce is now fully operational. We would like to thank our community for their patience during the renovation, which took a considerable amount of time. We believe this state-of-the-art facility will not only benefit our caterers and, most importantly, our children, but will also help the school to save energy.

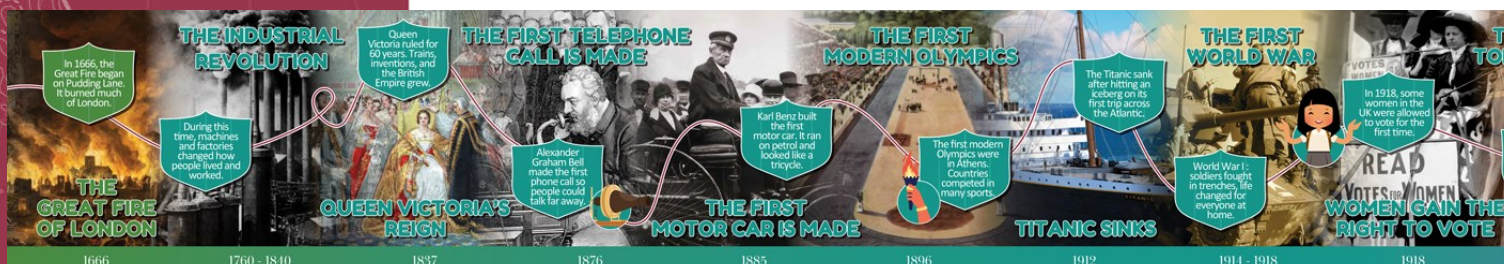
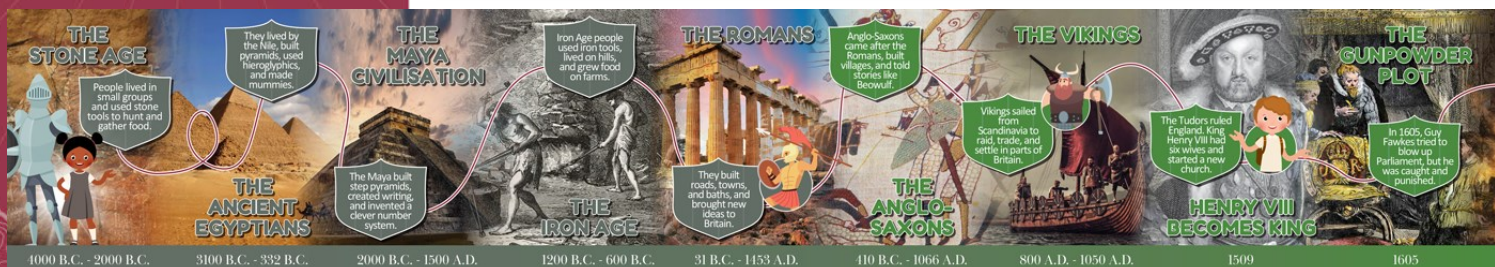
We have also refreshed the school office foyer with a new wall wrap featuring our school values and installed a history timeline in the hall. This visual display celebrates all the topics taught from Reception through to Year 6 and will help extend learning beyond the classroom.

In addition, as part of our NetZero Accelerator Programme Pathfinder, most of the school's existing lights—indoors and outdoors—have now been replaced with energy-efficient LED lamps, supporting further energy savings. And of course, no summer would be complete without the regular deep clean and a fresh coat of paint where needed!



CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS





PUPIL SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



MILES STRIKES GOLD IN JUDO

Miles, in Year 4, has been learning judo since the age of 5 with the South Reading Club. At the start of the summer, he achieved an incredible milestone by being graded as a Juvenile Black Belt—the highest award possible for his age, and the first one the club has given in 10 years! His parents have added that they are very proud of Miles and the dedication and discipline he shows in his judo training. Well done Miles!

AMARA'S SUMMER OF READING

Amara, in Year 2, took part in the local Library's Summer Reading Challenge, run in collaboration with The Reading Agency. She worked hard over the holidays to complete her reading and was awarded a certificate for her efforts. Well done, Amara—we love seeing our pupils enjoying books both in and out of school!



WPCA NOTICES



JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL AGM - 1 OCT 8PM



INVITATION TO WPCA AGM

The WPCA would like to invite you to join our Annual General Meeting (AGM) taking place on

Wednesday, 1st October at 8pm

This will be a virtual meeting and a link will be shared nearer the time.

In the meeting we will be voting for the committee members for this academic year

(Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Project Leads).

We will reflect back over the last year to review our successes and lessons learnt, and we will share details about our finances and discuss plans for this year.

We would love to see you there. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

EMAIL: whiteknightsPCA@gmail.com

HAPPY'S CIRCUS IS COMING BACK TO WHITEKNIGHT'S PRIMARY!



Kids under 2yoa – free entrance
(to sit on parent's lap)

FAMILY EVENT – KIDS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Doors opens at 5pm show starts at 5.30pm

Food on sale and stalls to enjoy

Tickets to be booked in advance –
scan the QR or visit:

www.pta-events.co.uk/wpca/

**£15/
ticket**

LIMITED QUANTITIES





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