

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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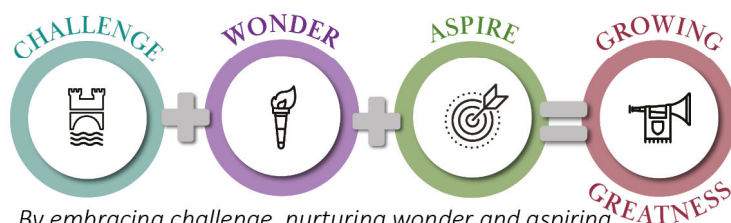
NEXT WEEK

Monday, 7th September	
Tuesday, 8th September	
Wednesday, 9th September	
Thursday, 10th September	10am—Guided School Tour to prospective families Year 4 Amethyst Class—swimming lessons commence
Friday, 11th September	

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
Oriental Style Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles Wholemeal Cheese & Spinach Quiche with Herby New Potatoes Broccoli / Peas Chocolate Crispy Cake	Chicken Pie with Potato Wedges Spring Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges Baked Beans / Peas Chocolate & Orange Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Onion Gravy Vegetable Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Onion Gravy Glazed Carrots / Peas Apple Crumble & Custard	Pepperoni Pizza with Garlic & Herb Pasta Side Margherita Pizza with Garlic & Herb Pasta Side Sweetcorn / Carrots Orange Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Halal Chicken Nuggets with Tomato Ketchup & Chips Quorn Nuggets with Tomato Ketchup & Chips Peas / Baked Beans Chocolate Chips Oat Cookie with Fruit Slices



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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



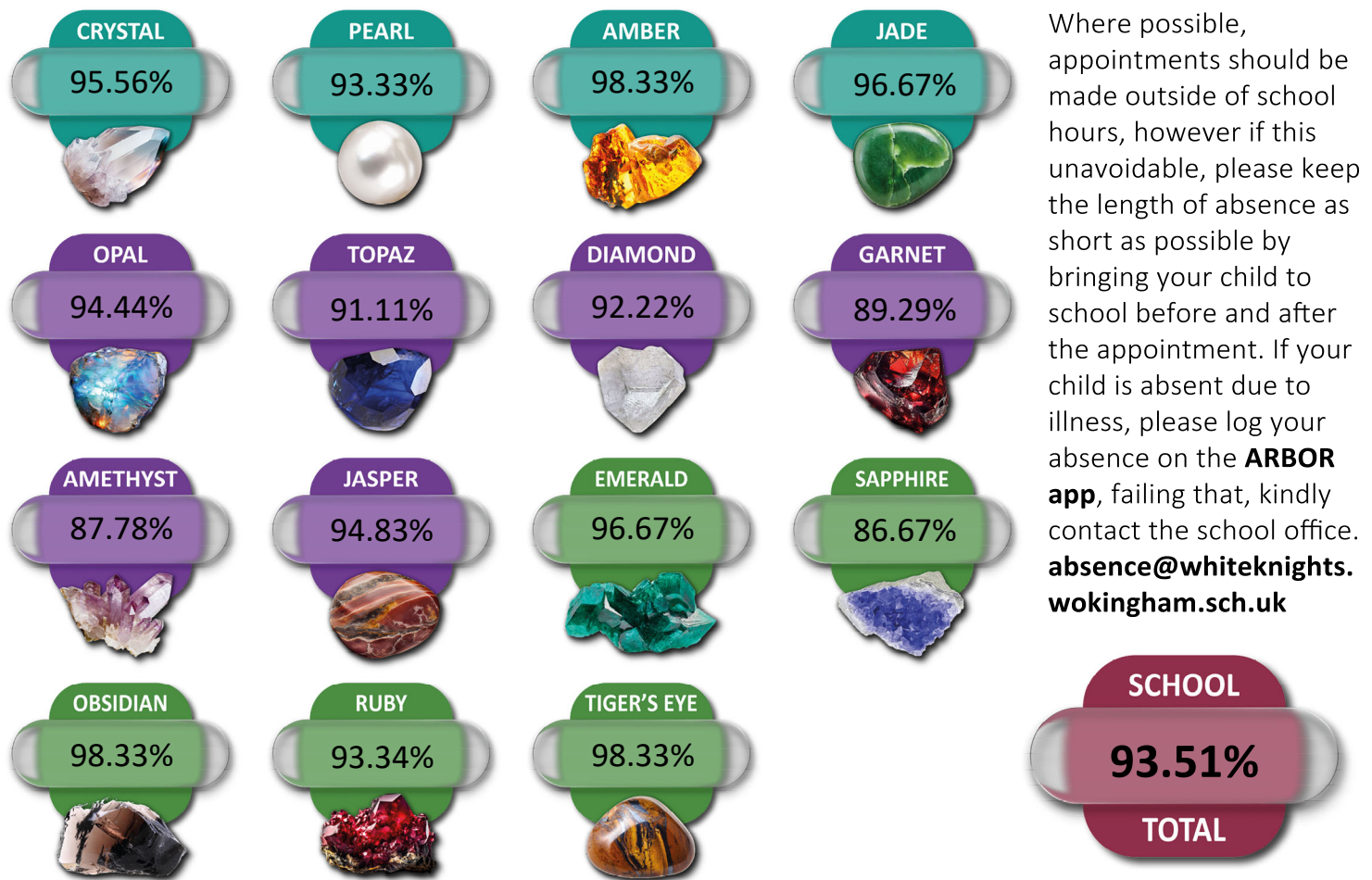
IN SCHOOL



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

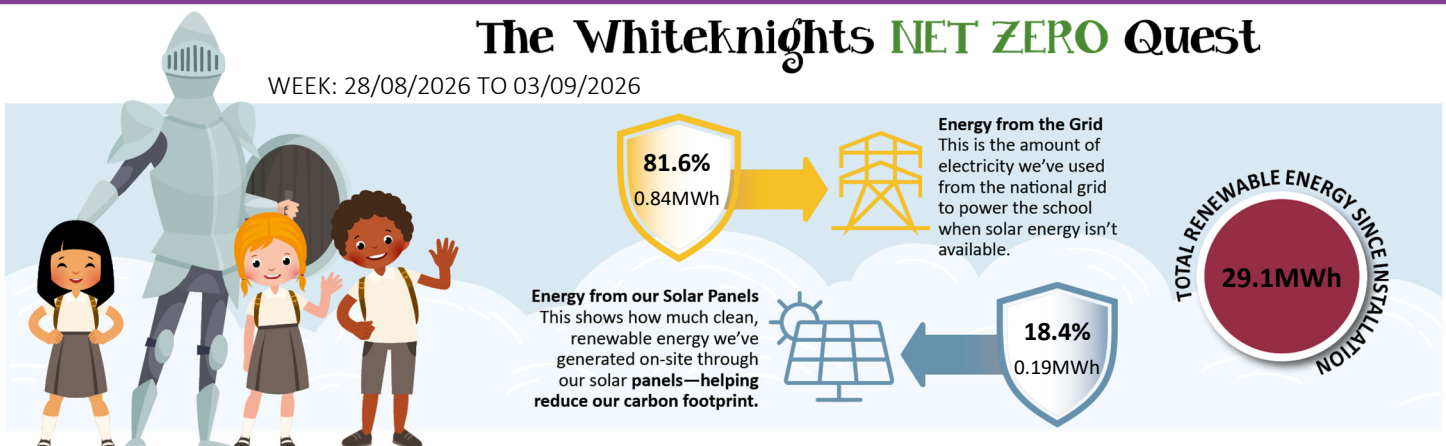


School activities



The Whitenights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 28/08/2026 TO 03/09/2026





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This page contains useful information and important diary dates for parents. It will be updated regularly as new dates and information become available, so please do keep an eye on it. Whenever dates are added or amended, we will highlight these changes to help ensure they are easily visible.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Thu, 10th September	Year 4 Swimming lessons commence—AMETHYST CLASS
Mon, 21st September	1 Rock Music Assembly
Wed, 30th September	10am Guided School tour to prospective families

OCTOBER 2026

Wed, 7th October	Year 3 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Tue, 13th October	Year 2 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Fri, 16th October	Individual Pupil School Photos
Thu, 22 October	Year 4 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Fri, 23 Oct	Non-Uniform Day (£1 voluntary donation) School finishes at 3.20pm for October half term break
Mon, 26th October to Fri, 30th October	OCTOBER HALF TERM

NOVEMBER 2026

Mon, 2nd November	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tue, 3rd November	Pupils return to school for Autumn Term 2
Thu, 5th November	Berkshire Immunisation Team to administer Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 6)
Mon, 9th November to Fri, 13th November	Year 6 Residential trip to Mill on the Brue
Mon, 16th November	1.30pm Guided School tour to prospective families

DECEMBER 2026

Mon, 7th December	Parents' Eve in the school hall (3.40pm to 6pm)
Wed, 9th December	1.30pm Guided School tour to prospective families Parents' Eve in the school hall (3.40pm to 6.10pm)
Mon, 14th December	KS1 Christmas Performance—dress rehearsal
Mon, 14th December to Wed, 16th December	Year 4 Residential trip to Burwell Manor House
Tue, 15th December	KS1 Christmas Performance to parents in school hall—9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance to parents in school hall—2pm
Wed, 16th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thu, 17th December	EYFS Nativity Performance to parents in school hall —1.30pm Year 5 Carols Service @ St Barnabas (pupils only)
Fri, 18th December	Celebration Assembly 1.45pm School finishes at 3.20pm for Christmas Break
Mon, 21st December to Thu, 31st December	Christmas Break

Mon, 4th January	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Tue, 5th January	Pupils return to school for Spring Term 1

SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES & REMINDERS

HOW TO: LOG YOUR CHILD'S VIA THE ARBOR APP:

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you are 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](#)

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Meal orders can be placed through our parent pay portal, [Arbor](#). **Meals cost £2.75**. If you wish your child to have a hot meal, you must order this at the latest the 48 hours before - although you can order up to a month in advance.

If you are entitled to free school meals, you are still required to order a meal. **If you do not order a dinner you must provide your child with a packed lunch.** You must ensure you have sufficient funds in your Arbor account to make any payments. **The school will not be able to provide a lunch for your child if you have not ordered a dinner or provided a packed lunch.**

Our lunch menus operate on a three-week rotation, offering a choice of vegetarian and meat options throughout the week. In addition, the following options are available daily: freshly baked bread, jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, a selection of salads, fresh fruit, and yoghurt.

Each week, we will publish the meal choices in the newsletter.

The menu is also available on the website under the Parent section, where you will also find a [PARENT GUIDE](#) on how to order via the ARBOR app.

The current menu can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

SNACKS YEAR 3—6:

Please provide a break time snack for your child. Free school fruit is only available for children up to Year 2. Please ensure the snacks you provide are healthy and nutritious e.g. fruit, veg sticks, cheese, crackers etc.

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 2.30pm at the very latest. We cannot guarantee that messages received after this time will reach the teacher.

NON PRESCRIBED MEDICATION IN SCHOOL:

For emergencies only situations, the school office may administer non-prescription medication provided that verbal consent (this includes Arbor consents) has been obtained in advance. The medications we hold in school are: *ibuprofen; paracetamol; oral antihistamine solution (for children); 50+ sun cream.*

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](#).

LABELING OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS:

We encourage all parents to ensure that their child's personal belongings, including clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles, are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it much easier for us to return misplaced items to their rightful owners. Any lost items that are not labelled will be placed in the Lost Property box outside the Admin Office.

2026-2027 AUTUMN TERM

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

ON OFFER

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 Autumn Term. **Please click on the links to make bookings. Bookings via Arbor will close on Monday, 7th September.**

No bookings will be accepted after this date. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please secure your place early to avoid disappointment.

Please note: Basketball Club has now been extended to include Year 2 to Year 6

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking
KS2 Sketching	Monday	Yr3 - Yr6	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Colouring	Monday	Yr 1 - Yr 2	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2027	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Choir	Monday	Yr 3 - Y6	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Junior Tennis	Monday	Yr 3 - Y6	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking
Infants Dodgeball	Monday	R - Yr2	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking link
Infants Football	Tuesday	R - Y2	08/09/2026 - 08/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking
Debate	Tuesday	Yr 5 - Yr 6	08/09/2026 - 08/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
French	Tuesday	Yrs 1 - 3	15/09/2026 - 08/12/2026	SEE NEXT PAGE

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking link
Drama	Wednesday	R- Yr 2	16/09/2026 - 25/11/2026	DRAMA LETTER
Chess	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - 6	16/09/2026 - 25/11/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Junior Basketball	Wednesday	Y2 - Y6	09/09/2026 - 09/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking
Girls Football	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - Y6	09/09/2026 - 09/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking link
Little Amigos	Thursday	Yr 1 - Yr3	10/09/2026 - 10/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Knighthood	Thursday	Yr 1 - Yr3	10/09/2026 - 10/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Junior Football	Thursday	Y3 - Y6	10/09/2026 - 10/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking link
Drama	Friday	Yrs 3 - 6	18/09/2026 - 27/11/2026	DRAMA LETTER
Junior Dodgeball	Friday	Yrs 3 - 6	11/09/2026 - 11/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking
Infants Multi Skills	Friday	R - Yr 2	11/09/2026 - 11/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking

BOOKINGS FOR FRENCH CLUB IN AUTUMN TERM NOW OPEN!

If you are interested securing your child's place in the French club for Autumn term, please follow the instructions below.



BONJOUR! JOIN YOUR FRENCH CLUB AND HAVE LOADS OF FUN AT WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY

BONJOUR! My name is Madame Thonon and I run the French club at Whiteknights Primary School. We have a fantastic programme to help children learning French through fun and educational activities. My goal is to make learning French fun through games, songs, stories, role-plays – with our programme designed specifically for primary aged pupils. I want all my pupils to have the opportunity to excel at French and I offer the children a solid grounding of basic grammar and vocabulary, a specialist experience in French language and a native speaker accent, in a COVID19 compliant environment.

SO, NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

The benefits of learning a language in early years are numerous. Here is a brief summary:

- Do better at school, in all areas of the curriculum
- Show superior problem-solving skills
- Increased self-esteem and confidence
- It gives your brain a good workout and keeps it younger for longer!
- Develop easily a native-like accent when young
- Better chances at college applications and bigger career choices
- Greater understanding of the world
- Understand your mother language better

Classes are small and will run for Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3's on Tuesdays after school until 4.30pm. Classes are offered at £8.50 per lesson and fees are payable before the start of the term. Children additionally purchase a book, CD and app package at a one-off cost of £23.00 which lasts at least one academic year. First class: Tues 15th September, last class: Tues 8th December.

If you are interested in your child joining our French club, please email me your child's details (see at the bottom of this letter) promptly to book your place. I will then contact you personally to arrange for registration. All places will be allocated on a first-come basis, with confirmations sent out as soon as possible on receipt of your payment and registration forms.

If you have any queries about the classes, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

Laurence Thonon
La Jolie Ronde Licensee
Phone: 0777 265 83 87
Email: laurencethonon@yahoo.com



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-----PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING DETAILS BY EMAIL TO REGISTER-----

I would like to register my child/ren for the La Jolie Ronde French club at Whiteknights Primary School

Name of child/ren.....DOB.....
School Yr Class name
Tel. No:..... Mobile:.....
Name of parent/guardian:
Email :.....
Address.....
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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! Below is a useful guide to help you make a decision about whether or not it is safe for your child to leave the classroom/school premises unaccompanied.

WALKING HOME UNACCOMPANIED GUIDE

In order to ensure children’s safety, only children in Key Stage 2 are allowed to walk home on their own. Children in Key Stage 1 need to be collected by an adult (it is not appropriate for an older sibling in KS2 to walk them home).

This does not mean that all children in KS2 are ready to walk home on their own. Parents need to consider their child’s age, maturity and independence, as well as their distance from the school and the safety of the route before making a decision about whether or not it is safe for each child to walk home unaccompanied by an adult.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR ASSESSING YOUR CHILD’S READINESS

How do you know if your child is ready to walk or ride his/her bike to and from school? By discussing possible scenarios with him/her. Ideally, your child should know the following twelve points before she/he is ever alone in public. Talk about each one of the twelve points listed below from Gavin de Becker’s book, *Protecting the Gift* to help establish their readiness or areas to support them with:



- 1 Does your child know how to honour his feelings? If someone makes him uncomfortable, that’s an important signal.
- 2 Are you as the parent strong enough to hear about any experience your child has had, no matter how unpleasant?
- 3 Does your child know it’s okay to rebuff and defy adults?
- 4 Does your child know it’s okay to be assertive?
- 5 Does your child know how to ask for assistance or help?
- 6 Does your child know how to choose who to ask?
- 7 Does your child know how to describe the situation he finds himself in?
- 8 Does your child know it’s okay to strike, even to injure, someone if he believes he is in danger, and that you’ll support any action he takes as a result of feeling uncomfortable or afraid?
- 9 Does your child know it’s okay to make noise, to scream, to yell, to run?
- 10 Does your child know that if someone ever tries to force him to go somewhere, what he screams should include, “This is not my father/ mother”?
Onlookers seeing a child scream or even struggle are likely to assume the adult is a parent.
- 11 Does your child know that if someone says, “Don’t yell”, the thing to do is yell? The corollary is if someone says, “Don’t tell”, the thing to do is tell.
- 12 Does your child know to fully resist ever going anywhere out of public view with someone he doesn’t know, and particularly to resist going anywhere with someone who tries to persuade him?

Our School Facilities Are Available to Hire!

Perfect for clubs, classes, events, and community groups.

Evenings | Weekends | School Holidays



Sports Hall for events, classes



Classrooms & Meeting Spaces



Outdoor Playground, Field and Sports Areas

View availability & book online: visit our
WEBSITE - Space Hire

JOIN OUR ECO COUNCIL!



Do you care about the environment?



Want to help our school become greener, cleaner & more sustainable?



★ Then YOU Could Be An Eco Councillor! ★



WHAT ECO COUNCILLORS DO:

- Work alongside the School Council (with a focus on sustainability)
- Increase biodiversity on the school site
- Take part in exciting initiatives through Go Net Zero
- Work closely with the University of Reading
- Plan and make real change within the school
- Oversee responsibilities such as: litter picking, recycling bins & food waste bins



WHO CAN JOIN?

Two Eco Councillors will be chosen from each year group (Y1 – Y6)!



We are looking for pupils who are passionate about protecting the planet for their future.



HOW TO APPLY:

Write a letter, a speech or record a video explaining:

- 1 Why it is important to have an Eco Council at school
- 2 A change (or changes) you plan to make if elected



Videos:
Send to

admin@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk



Letters / Speeches:
Hand directly to your teacher



DEADLINE: MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Together, let's make our school a greener place!



WPCA NOTICES

TWICE AS NICE UNIFORM SHOP

SELLING PRELOVED,
BRANDED UNIFORM ITEMS
SUCH AS: JUMPERS;
CARDIGANS AND P.E. TOPS

For further information, and in stock items,
please click link below:

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ARE YOU ORGANISED AND RELIABLE?

Help manage our
event planning
and fund
allocations
effectively!



COMFORTABLE WITH BASIC MATHS AND SPREADSHEETS?

Keep our records
tidy and
transparent
(no accountancy
qualification required)



TRUSTWORTHY AND CONFIDENTIAL?

We value
discretion in all
our financial
dealings.

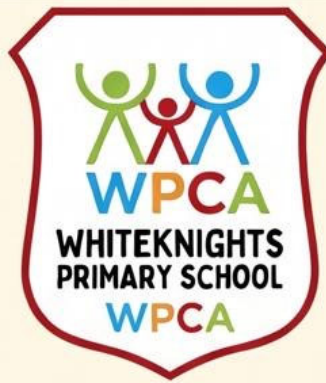
YOUR SKILLS CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

The WPCA supports special projects, trips,
and resources for our children.

HOW TO APPLY

**If you're interested, reach out
to Stacey, Sophie, Ros or Ali!**

Email us at: Whiteknightspca@gmail.com



WANTED: WPCA VOLUNTEER SECRETARY

JOIN OUR FANTASTIC TEAM
& HELP OUR SCHOOL!



MEETING MANAGEMENT -

Planning meetings, prepares and circulates agendas



TAKING MINUTES - records key points, decisions and actions during meetings and circulates to committee



COMMUNICATION - Handles email correspondence



AGM ADMINISTRATION - Assists in organising and supports helping to prepare annual reports

WHAT WE LOOK FOR:



Keen to support our school community



Basic finance and number skills



A small amount of your time

GET IN TOUCH & HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WhiteknightsPCA@gmail.com

Deadline to apply: Friday 18th September 2026