

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



16th October 2026—Issue No: 7

NEXT WEEK

Monday, 19th Oct	Harvest Celebration
Tuesday, 20th Oct	Year 6 Electricity and Circuits Workshop (in school) Eco Council Meeting 15:30 – 16:30 at Whiteknights Primary School
Wednesday, 21st Oct	
Thursday, 22nd Oct	REInspired Visit to Year 2 Year 4 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall) Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament at Beechwood Primary School (Invited Pupils Only)
Friday, 23rd Oct	Non-Uniform Day (£1 voluntary donation) School finishes at 3.20pm for October half term break

**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



HARVEST CELEBRATION

Don't forget your donations for the Harvest Celebration! on Monday morning! Donations should be placed on the tables located outside the hall, under the covered area.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



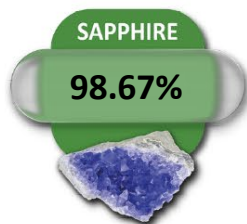
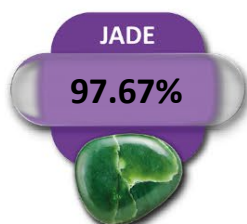
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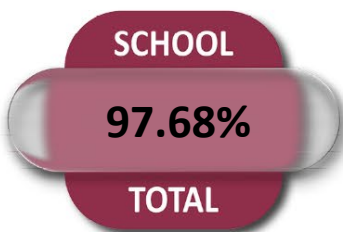
ON TIME



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.
Phone : 0118 987 2588



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

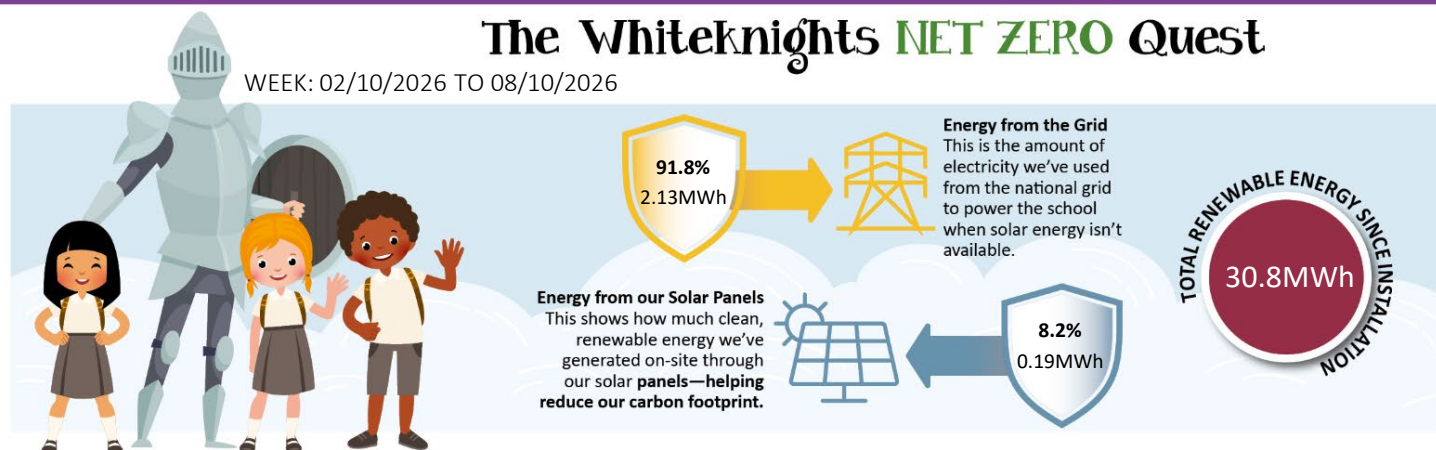


School activities



The Whiteknights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 02/10/2026 TO 08/10/2026



SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES & REMINDERS

IMPORTANT REMINDER: PE KITS

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of children forgetting their PE kits. Ringing home to arrange for missing kits to be dropped off takes up a considerable amount of time for our busy office team.

Please help us by ensuring your child has their full PE kit with them on their designated PE days.

To ensure our school day runs smoothly and to encourage student independence, we are introducing a new system starting **Monday 19th October**:

First occasion: The school office will ring home to request the missing kit.

Second occasion onwards: We will no longer ring home. If a pupil forgets their kit for a second time, they will unfortunately have to miss their PE lesson for that day.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping our pupils stay organized and ready to learn.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS: RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

A reminder that the Berkshire Immunisation Team will be in school after the October half term break, on the 5th November to administer Flu immunisations for pupils in Reception to Year 6.

Please remember to submit a **YES** or **NO** consent form (via the [communications emailed to parents](#)), even if your child has already had a flu vaccine since September 2026. Families who have not submitted a form may receive reminders from the Immunisation Team, however **consent closes at 9am one full school day before the vaccination session.**

REMINDER



Harvest Celebration

MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2026

We are excited to celebrate our **Harvest Festival** this coming **Monday, 19th October**. As part of our tradition, we will be supporting **ReadiFood**, a local food bank, and would greatly appreciate your donations.

Please bring your donations on **Monday morning** and place them on the tables located outside the hall, under the covered area.

Food items:

Tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables (carrots, peas, sweetcorn, etc.), tinned fruit, cooking oil, tinned meat, pot noodles, long-life or UHT milk, 40s tea bags, basmati rice, rice pouches, cartons of juice, drinking squash, coffee.

Specialist food needs:

Dried noodles, dried lentils, dried couscous, plain flour.

Other items:

Sanitary items, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, shower gel.



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October Half Term Camp at Whiteknights School

Discover a new sport or game

Kids'll experience a winning combo of awesome games, competitions and matches across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Nerf • Capture the Flag
- Cricket • Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • Lego

Savings to suit every pocket

Save:

- 10% when you book the full week
- 10% for siblings

When is the fun happening?

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Flexibility to suit you

Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm (£30.00)

Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm (£40.00)



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Daisy's Dream

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December 2026



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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.

OCTOBER 2026	
Tues, 20 th October	Year 6 Electricity and Circuits Workshop (in school)
Tues, 20 th October	3.30pm – 4.30pm Eco Council Meeting at Whiteknights
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, 26 th October to Fri, 30 th October	OCTOBER HALF TERM
NOVEMBER 2026	
Mon, 2 nd November	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tue, 3 rd November	Pupils return to school for Autumn Term 2
Thu, 5 th November	Berkshire Immunisation Team to administer Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 6)
Thu, 5 th November	3pm – 4.30pm Eco Council Meeting at University of Reading
Thu, 5 th November	Year 5 Trip to Lower Earley Library – Sapphire Class
Fri, 6 th November	Year 5 Trip to Lower Earley Library – Emerald Class
Mon, 9 th November to Fri, 13 th November	Year 6 Residential trip to Mill on the Brue
Mon, 16 th November	1.30pm Guided School tour to prospective families
Wed, 18 th November	Year 6 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Thu, 19 th November	Year 5 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Mon, 23 rd November	YEAR 3 – Excursion to Butser Farm
Tue, 24 th November	Year 5 Excursion to Winchester Science Museum
Thu, 26 th November	EYFS PJ Party (TTBC)
Fri, 27 th November	School Disco (TTBC)
DECEMBER 2026	
Mon, 7 th December	Parents’ Eve in the school hall (3.40pm to 6pm)
Wed, 9 th December	1.30pm Guided School tour to prospective families Parents’ Eve in the school hall (3.40pm to 6.10pm)
Mon, 14 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance—dress rehearsal
Mon, 14 th December to Wed, 16 th December	Year 4 Residential trip to Burwell Manor House
Tue, 15 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance to parents in school hall—9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance to parents in school hall—2pm
Wed, 16 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thu, 17th December	EYFS Nativity Performance to parents in school hall — 1.30pm (includes a SPLAT session) 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
JANUARY 2027	
Mon, 4th January	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Tue, 5th January	Pupils return to school for Spring Term 1

CLASS NOTICES & REMINDERS

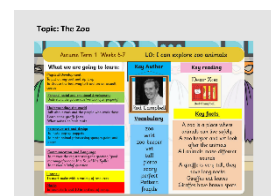


NURSERY LITTLE GEMS

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Please view the **Knowledge Organiser** for the topics we will be exploring in class. We encourage parents to extend their child's learning beyond the class.

[VIEW > NURSERY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER – THE ZOO: October 2026](#)



RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

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YEAR 1 AMBER & JADE

YEAR 1 MATHS HOMEWORK SCHEDULE

The class teacher will check Maths homework every Tuesday.

Homework due date	Pages to complete
21 st October	20-22



YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ

YEAR 2 MATHS HOMEWORK SCHEDULE

Maths home learning will be set on a Monday and will be due the following Monday:

Homework due date	Pages to complete
19 th October	16 – 19
3 rd November	20 – 22



YEAR 4 AMETHYST & JASPER

Year 4 amethyst class

Next week, children in Amethyst Class will begin their enrichment activities in the afternoons. A letter has been sent home detailing which group the children will be in and what they will need.

Please see the copy of the timetable.

<u>Amethyst Class</u>			
Week commencing	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
19/10/2026	Science lab	Sports Club	Outdoor & Nutritional learning
02/11/2026	Outdoor & Nutritional learning	Science Lab	Sports Club
09/11/2026	Sports Club	Outdoor & Nutritional learning	Science Lab

BURWELL HOUSE INFORMATION EVENING

An information session for parents (and children) will be held after school on Thursday 5th November 2026. 15:30 start in Amethyst classroom.



YEAR 5 EMERALD & SAPPHIRE

YEAR 5 WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE TRIP

Just a reminder that the voluntary contributions need to be paid by 30th October 2026. [LETTER TO PARENTS](#)

YEAR 5 HOMEWORK PROJECT

Your homework project for this term will be to research a natural disaster, other than earthquakes and volcanoes that we learn about in school.

For example, you could choose to explore:

- landslides
- tsunamis
- sinkholes
- hurricanes
- typhoons
- heat waves
- Infestations

Your project should detail how these phenomena occur, including maps, labelled diagrams and any other illustrations you consider helpful.

It should also include at least one case study. You should report on the destruction caused and the further consequences this destruction had on the local area. (For example, at school, we learned that during the 1906 San Francisco earthquake service pipes were damaged. When leaking gas caused fires, the authorities had insufficient water to extinguish them.) Captioned photos or drawings will support your work here.

You are strongly encouraged to complete your research on child-friendly websites but please DO NOT be tempted to copy and paste their text or to use AI to write your project. Teachers can always tell when it's not your work!

It is entirely your choice how you want to present your project. Google Slides and photos can be submitted on Google Classroom but we invite you use your creativity! You could make a poster, write a song, build a working model... whatever takes your fancy!

This is a compulsory element of your homework, meaning that we expect everyone to have a go. The deadline is Friday 6th November and the amount of work you do should reflect this longer timeframe.



YEAR 6 OBSIDIAN, RUBY & TIGER'S EYE

YEAR 6 – CLOSING DATE FOR APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IS 31ST OCTOBER 2026

Please see links to apply:

Reading Borough Council

<https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/secondary-admissions/>

Wokingham Borough Council

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-and-applying-secondary-school-age-11>



CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

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:-

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP TEAM ANNOUNCED

We are proud to announce our 2026–2027 Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team. We look forward to seeing them take on their roles with pride and embody our values of Challenge, Wonder and Aspire.

Prefects	Sports Leaders	Computing	Librarians	House Captains	Eco Council
David (Head Boy) Amitiel Nina Concetta Evangeline Panvit Rishika Behrouz Freya (Head Girl) Sukriti Aashvi Aymun Zixi Margarita	Archie Luke Jacob Bella Tom Roscoe Alex Adam Declan Luca Korey Skylar Jethro	Belva Asa Abitoj Ethan Drake Mario Adam B	Serena Meda Sofia Malachi Nitya Alice Hamna Izzy Kiyah Freddie Laaibah Jack	MELION: Hanley Theo GALAHAD: Yousaf Luka BEDEVERE: Joseph Finn LANCELOT: Eveleen Simra	Amal Nayson



YEAR 1 KNIGHTS AND CASTLES

Year 1 have been bringing in their projects for our Knights and Castles topic. We have some fantastic castles with moving drawbridges made out of cardboard or LEGO. We also have some brilliant shields and fact files informing people about when they saw a castle and a little bit of information about it. Well done Year 1!



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YEAR 2 THE SEASIDE!

The children have created some fantastic projects all about Seasides! From beautiful pictures and impressive models to detailed recounts of their visits with photographs. You can really see the time, effort and care that has gone into each project. It is lovely to see the children using their incredible imagination and learning to bring their ideas to life. We are so proud of their creativity and the wonderful work they have produced!



WPCA NOTICES

Whiteknights Parent Community – Group chat invite

Follow the link below to get added into year group specific chats:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JLpBmNHDF9HAXZIHHE5rr>

Whiteknights WPCA Events link

Follow the link below to view events/trips/activities:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wpca/>

THE HEXAGON, READING

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER @ 5pm

ALADDIN

JUSTIN FLETCHER

PAUL MORSE SAMANTHA DORRANCE

ADAM PETTIGREW JG DANIELS-WHITE HELENA FERREIRA



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