

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 24th November 2023 No.: Issue #11

## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 27 NOVEMBER	TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 01 DECEMBER
	Year 4 Parent Information Evening for Burwell House Trip 3:45pm—4:15pm	Guided School Tours for new prospective parents 9.15am		Lara School of Drama Performance Year's 3–6. 3:30pm—4:30pm in school hall. Last drama session this term.
		Lara School of Drama Performance Year 1 and 2 3:30pm—4:30pm in school hall Last drama session this term		
	<b>KEY:</b>	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC</b>	<b>OTHER</b>

[+CLICK TO VIEW ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE](#)

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 95.4%

REC—Crystal	97.0%	Y4—Amethyst	98.0%
REC—Pearl	95.0%	Y4—Jasper	95.3%
Y1—Amber	96.5%	Y5—Emerald	96.0%
Y1—Jade	96.7%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	92.0%	Y5—Sapphire	98.0%
Y2—Topaz	94.7%	Y6—Obsidian	87.0%
Y3—Diamond	100%	Y6—Ruby	95.0%
Y3—Garnet	100%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	93.0%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday, 4th December	Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch 12:00pm
Tuesday, 5th December	Parent Meetings 4:30pm—7:30pm
Wed, 6th December	Parent Meetings 3:30pm—6:00pm
Thursday, 7th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity & SPLAT 1:45pm
Thursday, 7th December	Year 3 Garnet Class Library visit
Friday, 8th December	Non-uniform day—£1 donation
Friday, 8th December	School Disco Disco 1—Y1, Y2 & Y3 (4:30pm-5:30pm) Disco 2—Y4, Y5 & Y6 (6pm-7:30pm)
Sunday, 10th December—Thursday, 14th December	Year 6 Residential Trip to Rhos-y-Gwaliau
Monday, 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday, 12th December	Closing date for Christmas Decorations competition
Tuesday, 12th December	KS1 Performance to parents 9:30am and 2:30pm
Wed, 13th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas Fayre (pupils only)
Friday, 15th December	Last day of term. Early finish at 1:00pm
Tuesday, 9th January 2024	Year 4 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Friday, 26th January 2024	Year 1 SPLAT
Wednesday, 31st January 2024	Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo (within school hours)
Wednesday, 28th February 2024	Year 3 ECO Drama Workshop (within school hours) Details to follow next week.
Wednesday, 13th March 2024	Year 3 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Tuesday, 19th March 2024	Year 2 SPLAT.
Wednesday, 22nd May 2024	Year 3 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Tuesday, 2nd July 2024	Year 4 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- **MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY:** We are still looking for a Midday Assistant to join our wonderful lunchtime team.

[Work With Us - Whiteknights Primary School](#)

- **CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU:**



Please note that jacket potatoes will **not** be available.

Should a child have a jacket potato option selected, we will order and serve them a vegetarian meal.

Orders need to be completed by;

**4<sup>th</sup> December 12:00pm.**

- **NEW SPANISH CLUB TO START JANUARY 2024:** We are excited to announce the start of a Spanish Club in January 2024. Please click on the picture for further information and details of how to book.



- **LEGO CLUB OPENS UP TO YEAR 2 AND 3:** Please be aware that from January 2024, Lego Club on Tuesdays will open up to Years 2 and 3. Please book through link on first page.
- **PARENT CONSULTATIONS:** Our Parent Consultations will take place this term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. All bookings will be via the Arbor app and the appointments will be available to book from 6pm today, 24<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any issues when making your bookings, please contact the school office.
- **HEADLICE:** Please be aware we have had several cases of head lice reported to us recently. Please follow the NHS Guidance for information and treatment

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)



WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
READING GATEWAY CHURCH PRESENTS:

**FREE PARENT AND GUARDIAN COFFEE MORNINGS**

**WEDNESDAY** / 8.30<sup>am</sup> to 10<sup>am</sup>  
**MORNINGS** / 22/11, 6/12<sup>and</sup> 20/12

Discover the heart of Whiteknights Parents Coffee Mornings—a vibrant initiative aimed at fostering a supportive school community.

Hosted at the St. Barnabas Hall, generously offered by Reading Gateway Church, these gatherings provide parents with a welcoming space to connect, share conversations and cultivate new friendships over tea, coffee and biscuits. At each event we aim to feature a diverse lineup of local businesses, ranging from children's book sellers to artists, jewelry makers, party planners and more. In addition, we have scheduled speakers who delve into topics like potty training, weaning, sleep and behaviour. Starting from after school drop-off until 10 am, these sessions offer a convenient and enjoyable alternative to heading straight home.

Join us for a complimentary tea or coffee, complete with toast and jam for the little ones - we've got toys to keep them engaged to ensure a relaxed and social start to the day.

**Let's build a stronger, more connected community together!**



**WHY NOT JOIN OUR  
COFFEE MORNINGS?**

Reading Gateway Church @ St Barnabas Hall, Elm Road, Reading RG6 5TS



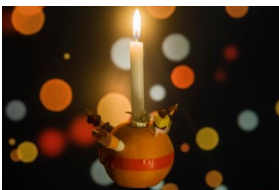
# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- **Nursery & Reception Nativity & SPLAT:** Thursday 7th December at 1:45pm

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **Nursery & Reception Nativity & SPLAT:** Thursday 7th December at 1:45pm
- [Reception Christmas Knowledge Organiser](#)
- [Autumn Topic Overview](#)
- **PE SESSIONS:** We now have a set PE session in Reception on a Thursday afternoon. Therefore, we will only require the children to bring their PE kit in school on a Thursday unless they attend an after-school sports club. However, please ensure your child has a full set of spare clothes in a carrier bag on their peg for the rest of the week.
- **CHRISTINGLE:** Reception are making Christingles on Friday 1st December. Please can your child bring in a large orange for this.



## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **KS1 PERFORMANCE TO PARENTS:** Thursday 7th December at 9:30am and 2:30pm
- **YEAR 2 TRIP TO MARWELL ZOO:** We require 3 parent volunteers to accompany us on this trip (within school hours) Could you please in the first instance chat with your child's class teacher if willing to help.

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 4 BOTTLES NEEDED:** Just a reminder that each child needs to bring in a 500ml drinks bottle to make their Bird Feeders this week.
- **YEAR 4 BURWELL HOUSE:** On Tuesday, EV2 Permission and Dietary Requirements forms were emailed out for completion. Can these be returned to the school office as a matter of urgency.

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.



# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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## SAYING OF THE WEEK

This week we are celebrating people who:  
Try to solve problems.



## MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK

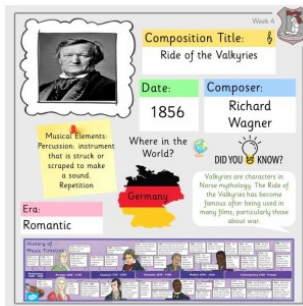


Congratulations to this week's  
Winner, Oliver, for  
building an amazing igloo.

Well done!



## COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



We have enjoyed learning about a new composer called Richard Wagner.

One of his pieces, Ride of the Valkyries, was originally part of a musical drama and has since been used in many films.

## LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Reception children at our school exhibited remarkable respect during the recent Remembrance Service, making us exceptionally proud. [+ Respectful Remembrance: A Proud Moment with Reception](#)
- Embarking on a thrilling journey of scientific exploration, our Year 5 pupils recently ventured to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium, where a world of wonders awaited. [+ Exploring the Cosmos: A Stellar Day at Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium](#)
- AUTHOR VISIT: Our school was delighted to host the remarkable author, Babs Biden-Cantrell, whose recent visit to our KS1 pupils proved to be nothing short of enchanting. [+ Gull-tastic Tales: KS1 visited by Babs Viden-Cantrell](#)

## USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)



# CHRISTMAS DISCO 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

## DISCO 1

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3  
4.30pm to 5.30pm

Tickets sold via SCOPay  
£3 - entrance only  
£4 - entrance &  
photobooth

## DISCO 2

Year 4 to Year 6  
6pm to 7.30pm

Tickets sold via SCOPay  
£4 - entrance only  
£5 - entrance &  
photobooth

Refreshments and novelties on sale - where possible, kindly bring money in small denominations.

\*Parent volunteers needed on the evening  
Get in touch with your year group representative or via  
[whiteknightspca@gmail.com](mailto:whiteknightspca@gmail.com)

**SCOPAY TICKET SALES CLOSE -  
NOON 7<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

**NOTE: DISCO 1—Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 | DISCO 2—Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6**

## DISO RULES:

### GOLDEN RULES

Follow the school's Golden Rules.

### NO MOBILE PHONES

No mobile or other electronic devices will be permitted at the discos.

### HALL TIDINESS / TRASH

Dispose of any trash in the designated bin bags.  
Work together to keep the disco area clean and enjoyable for everyone.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in consequences, including the possibility of not being able to enjoy discos in the future. Let's create a fun and respectful atmosphere for everyone to enjoy!



# CHRISTMAS Sale

**DECORATIONS ON SALE AT LUNCH TIME**

**£1.00/DECORATION**

\*Buy as many as you like

\*Decorate brightly

\*Write your name and class on the back

\*Return as soon as possible, but no later than 12 December

\*Winners announced 15 December

**SALE STARTS MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER!**



**PRIZES: 1ST AND 2ND PRIZE FOR EAR YEAR GROUP—OPEN TO PUPILS FROM NURSERY TO YEAR 6**



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**Whiteknights primary school**



Christmas

Order by:  
Thursday 14th December 2023

Your child has uploaded a Christmas drawing to our website!

**VIEW NOW**

by logging into the parent order portal at [www.mychildsart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order)

Order portals open NOW until the 31st December

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY**

Use code **Whiteknights** during checkout for 10% off your order!

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this leaflet. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed.



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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Order unique personalised gifts and keepsakes for Christmas **designed by YOUR child**

Over 20 exciting products to choose from!

Prices start from just **£2.69** +P&P

20% of all product sales goes directly to your child's school or group.

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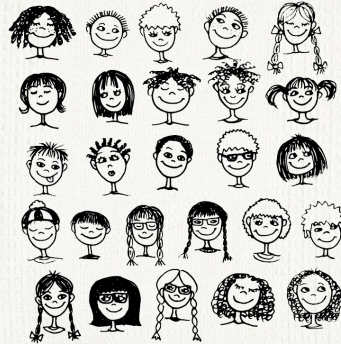
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NURSERY,  
RECEPTION,  
YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2  
CLASS OF 2024



ORDER YOUR  
PRINTED  
TEA TOWELS AND  
COASTERS JUST IN  
TIME FOR  
CHRISTMAS!

#PreciousMemories

ORDERS OPEN VIA SCOPAY  
ORDERS CLOSE 4PM - 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS  
ABOUT ORDERS TO THE WPCA

£5.00 PER TEA TOWEL  
£3.00 PER COASTER

# NON-UNIFORM DAY

08.12.2023

£1 DONATION

