

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 1st December 2023

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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 04 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 05 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 06 DECEMBER	THURSDAY 07 DECEMBER	FRIDAY 08 DECEMBER
Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch 12:00pm	Parent Meetings 4:30pm—7:00pm	Parent Meetings 3:30pm—6:00pm	Nursery & Reception Nativity & SPLAT 1:45pm	Non-uniform day—£1 donation
			Year 3 Garnet Class Library visit	School Disco Disco 1—Y1, Y2 & Y3 (4:30pm-5:30pm) Disco 2—Y4, Y5 & Y6 (6pm-7:30pm)

KEY: WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC OTHER

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.0%

REC—Crystal	93.7%	Y4—Amethyst	98.0%
REC—Pearl	97.0%	Y4—Jasper	97.7%
Y1—Amber	93.1%	Y5—Emerald	98.0%
Y1—Jade	97.3%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	91.0%	Y5—Sapphire	98.7%
Y2—Topaz	98.3%	Y6—Obsidian	96.0%
Y3—Diamond	96.2%	Y6—Ruby	94.0%
Y3—Garnet	100%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	97.0%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday, 10th December—Thursday, 14th December	Year 6 Residential Trip to Rhos-y-Gwaliau
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 Jumper Day
Friday, 15th December	Last day of term. Early finish at 1:00pm
Monday, 8th January 2024	School Tour Prospective New Parents—1:30pm
Tuesday, 9th January 2024	Year 4 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Friday, 26th January 2024	Year 1 SPLAT
Tuesday, 30th January 2024	Choir to sing with 'Young Voices' at the O2, London
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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH INFORMATION:



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;

4th December 12:00pm.

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- NON PRESCRIBED MEDICATION IN SCHOOL:**
 For emergencies only, the school office may now administer non-prescription medication provided that written consent (this includes Arbor consents) has been obtained in advance.



The medications we hold in school are:

Calpol Infant 2+ month
 Calpol SixPlus 6+ years
 Nurofen for Children 3 months—12 years
 Piriton 1+ years
 Nivea Kids Sensitive 50+ Sun Cream.

- KS1 SPIDER WEB:** The tarmac has deteriorated under the KS1 Spider Web and will be out of action until repaired. We have cordoned the area off, but please ensure your child/children do not attempt to enter.

- CHRISTMAS DECORATION:** We now have our Christmas Tree up in the reception area, but it's looking rather bare! Just a gentle reminder for children to bring back their named wooden decorations and hang on the tree.



- NEW SPANISH CLUB TO START JANUARY 2024:** We are excited to announce the start of a Spanish Club in January 2024. They teach through music and games. Each week they embark on a magical journey, where the children meet animal characters, play instruments, reach for the stars on a trip to the moon, swim with the fish in the sea, and dance among the colours of the rainbow. They learn to greet each other in the second language, count, name days of the week, colours, months of the year and much more - all while having an amazing, action-packed, bilingual singing adventure.



Spaces are limited! You can book below:

[Single Selection Class List \(thinksmartsoftwareuk.com\)](https://thinksmartsoftwareuk.com)

- 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 5th December and Wednesday 6th December. All bookings are to be made through the Arbor app and appointments are available to book now. If you have any issues when making your bookings, please contact the school office.
- LOCAL SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CONSULTATIONS:** Please check the schools websites for notices regarding consultation of the admissions policies:

[Denefield School, Tilehurst](#)
[Rivermead Primary School](#)
[River Academy](#)

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

- AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS STARTING JANUARY 2024:** In addition to our external provider clubs (please see link on first page) , the following Teacher led clubs will start in January 2024. Please book through Scopay to secure your place. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Activity	Day	Year group	Classroom	Leader	Start Date
Funky Fingers & Feet	Monday	Reception	Pearl	Mrs Gibby & Mrs Lewis	Monday 8th January
Board Games & Jigsaws	Monday	3, 4, 5, 6	Tigers Eye	Miss Couch & Mrs Neville	
Lego Group	Monday	4, 5, 6	Garnet	Miss Beasley & Mrs Swift	

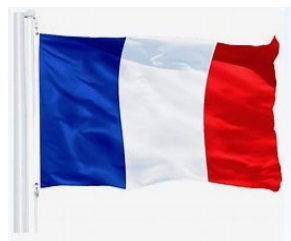
Activity	Day	Year Group	Classroom	Leader	Start Date
Drawing & Sketching	Tuesday	5&6	Emerald	Miss Barlow & Miss Gater	Tuesday 9th January
Maths Games Club	Tuesday	3 &4	Jasper	Mrs Brown & Mr Lane	

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All things Disney	Thursday	1 & 2	Jade	Miss Mulford & Mrs Coe	Thursday 4th January

* All things Disney will encompass many different activities, including:

- Book and film reviews
- Creating sequels and prequels
- Designing alternative book covers
- Character exploration
- Poster adverts
- Themed quizzes
- Drama activities
- Singing and dancing
- Word searches
- Fancy dress at end of each half-term

- FRENCH CLUB:** French Club return for Spring 2024. Please view letter and booking form by clicking on the picture below:



GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- **Nursery & Reception Nativity & SPLAT:** Thursday 7th December at 1:45pm
- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

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

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **KS1 PERFORMANCE TO PARENTS:** Tuesday 12th 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 BURWELL HOUSE:** 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:
Use kind words.



MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK

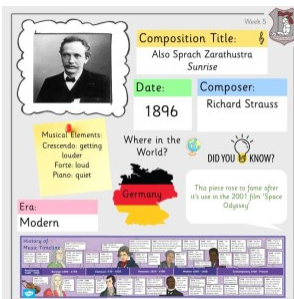


Congratulations to this week's
Winner, Belva, for
building an amazing Polar bear.



Well done!

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Another very recognisable piece from Richard Strauss.

'Sunrise' from Also Sprach Zarathustra was originally composed in 1896 and then in 2001 was used in a famous space theme and has since has conjured up images of space each time it is played.

LEAVING CLASSROOM/WALKING HOME PERMISSIONS: Pupils in Year 3 and upwards can be given permission to leave the classroom/walk home on their own. Are they ready for this? Please read this very useful guide to determine if they are:



KS2 WALKING HOME UNACCOMPANIED
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 your child is ready to walk or ride to school and back home on their own? (By discussing possible scenarios with their teacher, please check the following checklist before making a decision to let your child walk home on their own.)
1. Does your child know how to handle his feelings? If someone makes him uncomfortable, that an important skill?
2. Are you as the parent strong enough to hear about any experience your child has had, no matter how uncomfortable?
3. Does your child know it's okay to refuse and say no?
4. Does your child know it's okay to be absent?
5. Does your child know how to get help if needed?
6. Does your child know how to describe the situation he finds himself in?
7. Does your child know it's okay to stop to rest, even if he believes he is in danger, and that you'll support his action to take a moment of thinking about what to do?
8. Does your child know it's okay to make noise to attract your attention?
9. Does your child know that it's important to look both ways, even when you think you're safe, and to cross the road carefully?
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USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES

WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
READING GATEWAY CHURCH PRESENTS:

FREE PARENT AND GUARDIAN COFFEE MORNINGS

WEDNESDAY / 8.30^{am} to 10^{am}
MORNINGS / 22/11, 6/12^{and} 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



CHRISTMAS DISCO 8TH 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

**SCOPAY TICKET SALES CLOSE -
NOON 7TH 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

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



Scan me

NB: Username and Access Code are case and space sensitive, so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.

NEW & Improved Website Has launched!

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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www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

My child's name: Willow

Merry Christmas! lots of love Emily xxx

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Merry Christmas love Emily

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NON-UNIFORM DAY

08.12.2023

£1 DONATION

