

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER	THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER	FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER
	KS1 Performances to parents 9:30am and 2:30pm In school hall	Christmas Lunch	Year 6 returning from residential trip	Last day of term School closes at 1:00pm prompt!
		Christmas Jumper Day		

KEY: WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC OTHER

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.0%

REC—Crystal	95.7%	Y4—Amethyst	98.0%
REC—Pearl	95.5%	Y4—Jasper	97.2%
Y1—Amber	95.1%	Y5—Emerald	97.5%
Y1—Jade	97.2%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	94.8%	Y5—Sapphire	97.2%
Y2—Topaz	96.3%	Y6—Obsidian	94.8%
Y3—Diamond	97.1%	Y6—Ruby	97.3%
Y3—Garnet	98.1%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	93.4%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 O ₂ , 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

- AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS STARTING JANUARY 2024:** Please see complete list of After School Clubs and Activities starting in January 2024. Click on the picture to view more details and booking links. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Activity	Day	Year group	Leader	Booking type
Funky Fingers & Feet	Monday	Reception	I in Gibby / I in Lewis / I in O'Leary	Login (loggy.com)
Board Games & Puzzles	Monday	3, 4, 5, 6	I in Couch & I in Neville	Login (loggy.com)
Block Building Club	Monday	4, 5, 6	I in Beasley & I in Swift	Login (loggy.com)
Tin	Monday	4, 5, 6	I in Tompkins	Login (loggy.com)
Needlecraft	Monday	4, 5, 6, 6	I in Siller & I in Sander	Login (loggy.com)
Forest School	Monday	R1, R2	Smith Miss	Sports Management Online Booker
French Club	Monday	1, 2, 3, 4	Lo Joke Ronde	Sports Management Online Booker
Linecraft	Monday	3, 4, 5, 6	I in Kelly	Sports Management Online Booker
Reading Club	Monday	8	Year 3 school of drama	Sports Management Online Booker
Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader	Booking type
Drawing & Sketching	Tuesday	5&6	I in Barlow & I in Gater	Login (loggy.com)
Chess Club	Tuesday	3, 4, 5, 6	I in Greenwell & Colwell / I in Sour	Sports Management Online Booker
French Club	Tuesday	5&6	Lo Joke Ronde	Sports Management Online Booker
Baths Games Club	Tuesday	3, 4	I in Brown & I in Lane	Login (loggy.com)
Kids With Bricks	Tuesday	2	I in Smith	Sports Management Online Booker
Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader	Booking type
Drama Club	Wednesday	1, 5, 7	Year 3 School of Drama	Sports Management Online Booker
Tag Rugby	Wednesday	3, 4, 5, 6	Sports 4 Kids	Sports Management Online Booker
Art Club	Wednesday	3, 4	I in Smith	Sports Management Online Booker
Orchestra Club	Wednesday	4, 5, 6	I in Bell	Sports Management Online Booker
Chess	Wednesday	3, 4, 5, 6	Chess Teacher	Sports Management Online Booker
Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader	Booking type
All Things Disney	Thursday	1, 2	I in Cole & I in Lufford	Sports Management Online Booker
Themed	Thursday	3, 4, 5, 6	Sports 4 Kids	Sports Management Online Booker
Football	Thursday	3, 4, 5, 6	Sports 4 Kids	Sports Management Online Booker
Spanish Bilingual	Thursday	1, 2	Spanish Teacher	Sports Management Online Booker
Tennis	Thursday	1, 2	I in Field Pro Coaching	Sports Management Online Booker
Artists	Thursday	1, 2	I in Iorn	Sports Management Online Booker
Activity	Day	Year Group	Leader	Booking type
Soft Skills	Friday	1, 5, 7	Spanish Miss	Sports Management Online Booker
French Knitting	Friday	1, 1, 5, 7	I in Reynolds & I in Teale	Sports Management Online Booker
Drama Club	Friday	3, 4, 5, 6	Year 3 School of Drama	Sports Management Online Booker

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 still looking rather bare! Last chance 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 \(thinksmartsoftwareuk.com\)](#)

- LOCAL SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CONSULTATIONS:** Please check the schools websites for notices regarding consultation of the admissions policies:

[Admissions Information - Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School](#)

- DECEMBER ISSUE—NURSING NEWSLETTER:**

A dose of Health & Wellbeing

Your bitesize guide to a healthier lifestyle, from your school nursing team

December 2023

Berkshire Healthcare
 Children, Young People and Families services

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

Your REinspired contact

Sue Rees is Team Leader for three Primary Schools: Aldryngton, Earley St Peter's and Whiteknights in Earley, Reading.



Teachers and pupils at the schools we work with absolutely love the RE sessions we deliver for them where pupils enjoy learning about Christianity from the inside. The teachers see the benefits of this way of learning. It works because of our partnership approach between local churches and schools.

If you have questions or would like to get involved please contact Sue:

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Former Head of Earley St Peter's Primary School in Reading, says:

"At ESP School we greatly value our close links with REinspired. As a Church of England school we aim to provide our pupils with a varied and exciting Religious Education curriculum. We believe we do this within school. However, by working with REinspired we are able to offer the children far more that would otherwise be possible.

The children greatly look forward to their REinspired sessions, which are always well planned, presented and resourced and add to the children's perception that RE is an exciting subject. From a teachers perspective, the sessions provide a high level of expert input."



REINSPIRED



"Schools want the sort of partnership & involvement that REinspired has offered so brilliantly in Reading"
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Primary SR

Enabling schools & their pupils to develop spiritually & engage creatively with faith

What is REinspired?

We are a team of Christians from local churches who are passionate about bringing RE lessons to life for children in local schools. All our lessons, rooted in the RE syllabus, are lively and engaging as well as educational.

We use a rich variety of approaches to learning such as art, craft, music, drama, DVD clips & small group discussion to make the lessons accessible to all pupils.

As well as seasonal favourites such as Christmas & Easter, we offer more than 60 lessons a year on topics ranging from Noah for Foundation to Religious Experience for Year 13. When teachers want other topics we work with them to design a lesson to meet their particular needs.



"Schools should provide more opportunities to use field work and visitors in RE"
Transforming Religious Education OFSTED 2010

Pupils are always told that we are not attempting to change what they believe but help them explore a topic that Christians believe.

What the children say...

"God is epic!"
Year 2 pupil

"...I would rather be doing RE than PE and that's saying something as I enjoy sport a lot!"
Year 5 pupil

Response to "should religious people be sad when someone dies?"
"No, because of the hope of heaven."
Year 6 pupil

What the teachers say...

"The activities set up for the children led to lots of creativeness from all of them."
F2 Teacher, Whiteknights Primary

"The session was well planned and the helpers were good at asking challenging questions relevant to the children's lives."
Middle School Teacher, Aldryngton Primary

"Children were really involved in the discussion, exploring answers to questions which are difficult to answer."
Year 6 Teacher, Earley St Peter's Primary

Keeping Children Safe

Our sessions always take place with school staff present and discipline and safeguarding remains their responsibility. Even so our team leaders and regular volunteer helpers are carefully recruited. After observation in 2-3 sessions, references are followed up for new helpers who also undergo a DBS check through their church or us.

How REinspired helps schools

Berkshire schools follow the locally agreed RE syllabus.

REinspired sessions, face to face and pre-recorded, fit the needs of this syllabus and, if required, can be tailored even further. Our visits provide an opportunity for teachers to compare and contrast themes, assess learning outcomes with their pupils, as well as encourage reflective thinking. Sessions enable children to meet and hear from people of faith which enhances their learning experience.

Contact us or visit our website and other social media sites if you'd like to learn more:

www.reinspired.org.uk
@re_inspired
Facebook / REinspired



Children love the way our volunteers bring RE to life

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **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 1 and 2 Maths Home Learning Letter](#)

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

- **SAPPHIRE CLASS:** Miss Couch apologises for the late cancellation of her parent meetings this week. She will run a special event for Year 5 Sapphire after school on Wednesday 3rd January and Thursday 4th January, and bookings for these sessions will go live on Monday 12th December at 6pm.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

JIGSAW—PSHE

SAYING OF THE WEEK

A COMPLIMENT IS LIKE...



This week we are celebrating people who:
Know how to give and receive compliments.

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

Week 6

Composition Title: Also Sprach Zarathustra
Sunrise

Date: 1896

Composer: Richard Strauss

Musical Elements:
Crescendo: getting louder
Forse: loud
Piano: quiet

Where in the World?
Germany

DID YOU KNOW?
Richard Strauss was a German composer best known for tone poems and operas.

Era: Modern

History of Music: Timeline

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.

LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

- [+Year 5's Space Odyssey: Poems and Projects that Illuminate the Cosmos](#)

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT : CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND SCHOOL

- [+Dive into Success: Joel's Triumph in Swimming!](#)

USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



The WPCA have kindly gifted 5 litter pickers to the school. They are being used this afternoon for the first time and the children are very excited to use them.

Thank you!



CHRISTMAS DISCO 8TH DECEMBER

DISCO 1	DISCO 2
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 4.30pm to 5.30pm	Year 4 to Year 6 6pm to 7.30pm
Tickets sold via SCOPay £3 - entrance only £4 - entrance & photobooth	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

DISCO 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.

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

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