

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 22 JANUARY	TUESDAY 23 JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY	THURSDAY 25 JANUARY	FRIDAY 26 JANUARY
			Y3 RE Inspired Session at Church (within school hours)	Year 1 SPLAT 2pm in the school hall
			Burns Night Celebration	

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 95.88%

REC—Crystal	94.33%	Y4—Amethyst	88.28%
REC—Pearl	94.67%	Y4—Jasper	99.33%
Y1—Amber	96.33%	Y5—Emerald	98.00%
Y1—Jade	99.33%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	96.67%	Y5—Sapphire	98.71%
Y2—Topaz	95.52%	Y6—Obsidian	92.00%
Y3—Diamond	99.66%	Y6—Ruby	97.00%
Y3—Garnet	98.67%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	100%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring Term

Thursday, 25th January	Year 3 Re-Inspired session (within school hours)
Friday, 26th January	Year 1 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Tuesday, 30th January	Choir to sing with 'Young Voices' at the O ₂ , London
Wednesday, 31st January	Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo (within school hours)
Monday 5th—Friday 9th February	SEND Parent Progress Meetings
Wednesday, 7th February	Reception Class Chinese Dance Workshop (within school hours)
Wednesday, 7th February	Year 6 Police Visit—within school hours
Thursday, 8th February	Year 6 Re-Inspired session (within school hours)
Friday, 9th February	Year 3/4 Boys Football Tournament—Rivermead School
Monday 12th—Friday 16th February	School closed for half term
Monday, 19th February	Pupils return to School
Friday, 23rd February	Year 6 SPLAT—2pm in the school hall
Tuesday, 27th February	Bag2School Collection
Wednesday, 28th February	Year 3 ECO Drama Workshop (within school hours)
Wednesday, 6th March	School tour for prospective new parents - 1:30pm
Monday, 11th —Friday 22nd March	Living Eggs—Chicks in school
Wednesday, 13th March	Year 3 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Friday, 15th March	Olympic Athlete visit to whole school
Tuesday, 19th March	Year 2 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Wednesday, 20th March	Queens Gambit Chess Tournament @ Whiteknights (more details to follow)
Friday, 22nd March	Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament at Whiteknights School

Monday, 25th March	Parents' Evening—4:30pm start (more details to follow)
Tuesday, 26th March	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production to parents - 9:00am and *2:15pm *please note the time change
Tuesday, 26th March	Parents' Evening—3:40pm start (more details to follow)
Tuesday, 26th March & Wednesday, 27th March	Easter Egg-Rolling Competition (within school hours)
Thursday, 28th March	Reception Re-Inspired session (within school hours)
Thursday, 28th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday, 28th March	End of term. School finishes at 1pm

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- BOOKINGS FOR EXTENDED CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** Please note that it is now possible for parents to make bookings **24 hours in advance** rather than the previously required 7 days in advance. Find more information about clubs on offer and booking information can be found on our [website](#).
 - WOKINGHAM—LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP4):** WBC is currently consulting on their updated **Local Transport Plan (LTP4)**. The LTP4 is a strategic document that sets out how they aim to improve the walking, cycling and public transport facilities in the coming years. Residents are invited to [give feedback on the proposed document](#). Feedback submission are open until 23rd February 2024.
 - EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS:** We will be notifying the school community of any school closure through Arbor.
- PLEASE ENABLE PUSH NOTIFICATIONS ON YOUR PHONE.**
- Sometimes, you may stop receiving push notifications to your phones. Even if you have enabled push notifications on your phones, ios devices occasionally block them if the phone is receiving a lot of them. If you stop receiving messages, you can complete the below steps to enable them again:
- Restart your phone
Go to the settings and switch ON push notifications for the Parent App
Restart your phone again
You should then be able to receive push notifications again.
- PARKING ON ELM ROAD:** Parking issues persist on Elm Road during school drop-off and pick-up. Please avoid parking on verges and the pavement, as it poses a danger and disrupts pedestrian walkways. Let's collectively prioritise safety, especially for unaccompanied children walking to school. Your cooperation is vital.



FREE PARENT AND GUARDIAN COFFEE MORNINGS:
Our free Parent and Guardian Coffee Mornings are back! Wednesday mornings 8:30am to 10am @ St Barnabas Hall. We'd love to see you there! Join us on— 10th January, 24th January, 7th February, 21st February, 6th March, and 20th March.



Power up your postcode
Train to teach

Are you contemplating a career in teaching? Explore the possibilities with our joint initiative alongside Teach First and our academy trust, BPET. Unlock your potential to become a teacher through the School-Centred Initial Teacher Training programme (SCITT). [Find out how you can apply today.](#)



HARRISON
food with thought

Whiteknights Primary School Lunch Questionnaire

Dear Parent/Carer,

Harrison Catering Services is reviewing their offer to ensure they continue providing a positive dining experience for your child. If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback about the catering service and their menu, they would appreciate if you could spare 5 minutes to answer a few questions.

[WHITEKNIGHTS: HARRISONS MENU SURVEY](#)



Celebrate Burns Night
25th January 2024

Join us in celebrating Burns Night

Today we are enjoying a special dessert in honour of the renowned Scottish poet creator of the New Year song Auld Lang Syne

Our dessert of the day today will be
Traditional Scottish Shortbread

Auld Lang Syne

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BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION AT WHITEKNIGHTS

Get ready for a flavourful celebration as we mark **Burns Night on January 25th** at school. Our fantastic caterers, **Harrisons**, will be treating us to a special dessert and we have an engaging competition for our pupils.



Competition Details:

Want to see your artwork displayed on the newsletter and the website?

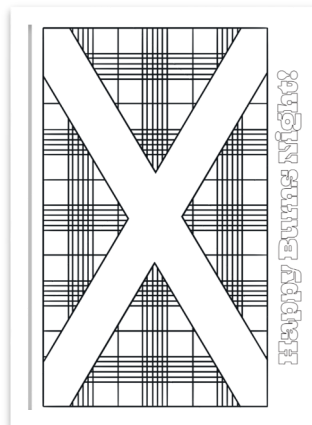
Enter the colouring and design competition for Burns Night. More details below:

1. Pupils can pick up a colouring sheet from the office or print one at home (links attached). Let your child unleash their creativity by colouring or designing their own tartan colours.
2. Please ensure the completed artwork (labelled with your child's name and class name) is submitted to the school office by Wednesday, 24th January.
3. Winners will be selected from each key stage. One winner from EYFS and KS1 and two from KS2.

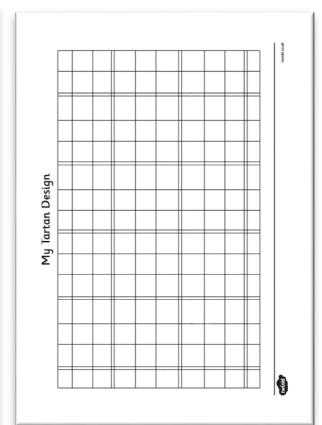
We look forward to seeing the vibrant designs the children come up with!



[Teddy Tartan Option](#)



[Scottish Flag Tartan Option](#)



[Tartan Only Option](#)

Did you know?

Burns Night honours the life and work of the renowned writer Robert Burns and is observed annually on January 25th in Scotland and England. [Read more about Burns Night.](#) (Twinkl Resource)

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **RECEPTION ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES:** We have some exciting activities planned for Reception children this year!

Chinese Dragon Dance Workshop: Wednesday 7th February 2024

Living Eggs – Chicks in School: 11th – 22nd March 2024

Wellington Country Park: Wednesday 19th June 2024

- **RECEPTION:** [Reception Knowledge Organiser](#)

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1:** Just a reminder about our SPLAT on Friday. Please meet in the school hall at 2pm.
- **YEAR 1:** White Rose Maths Practice Journals—
Kindly ensure that your child completes the Maths homework as set out below:
- **YEAR 2:** White Rose Maths homework — kindly ensure that your child completes the Maths homework as set out below:

Year 1 Homework due date	Pages
8 th January	Pages 10-15
15 th January	Week 5 (pg 16-18) Week 6 (pg 20-22)
22 nd January	Week 7 (pg 23-25) Week 8 (pg 26-28)
29 th January	Week 9 (pg 29-31) Week 10 (pg 32-24)
05 th February	Week 11 (pg 36-38) Week 12 (pg 39-41)
19 th February	Pgs 42-43

Year 2 Homework due date	Pages
W/C 8 th January due 8 th January	Pages 17—19
W/C 15 th January due 22 nd January	Pages 20—22
W/C 22 nd January due 29 th January	Pages 23—25
W/C 29 th January due 5 th February	Pages 26—28
W/C 5 th February due 19 th February	Pages 29—31

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 4 TOPIC LETTER:** [Year-4-Spring-Topic-Cover-Letter.pdf \(whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk\)](#)
- **YEAR 4 TOPIC OVERVIEW:** [Year-4-Spring-Termly-Overview.pdf \(whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk\)](#)

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 6:** Please note SPLAT date of Friday 23rd February 2024—2pm in the school hall.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

JIGSAW—PSHE

This week we have been celebrating people who:
Work well with a partner or in a group.

SAYING OF THE WEEK



“Working well with a partner or group is a real talent to have.”

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Read about our [‘Composer of the Week’](#), Vaughn Williams and his composition—‘The Lark Ascending’

This week we have enjoyed listening to our first spring themed piece 'The Lark Ascending' composed by Vaughn Williams. In this piece, Vaughn Williams cleverly uses woodwind to help you imagine a bird gradually flying higher up into the sky.

MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to this week’s Winners, Adam and Aymun for their beautiful butterfly in the rainforest project.

Well done!



LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

YEAR 6 RHOS-Y-GWALIAU TRIP: Diving into a world of adventure and personal growth, Year 6 embarked on an unforgettable journey to Rhos-Y-Gwaliau, a breath-taking Outdoor Education Centre situated in the heart of Snowdonia National Park. [+Read more about their adventures](#)

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT : CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND SCHOOL

Embarking on a journey of compassion and determination, Sameya's summer became a testament to selflessness, as she not only surpassed fundraising goals but also earned accolades at a young age, leaving a profound impact on her community : [+ Sameya's Heartfelt Journey: From Sidewalks to Selflessness](#)

USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



INTRODUCING, THE PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2023-2024



WHITEKNIGHTS PARENTS' COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



I'm thrilled to introduce the newly appointed WPCA representatives for each year group.

These representatives will enhance communication between parents/carers and the WPCA, fostering stronger connections across the school. They play a crucial role as valued volunteers in our team.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Sarah Sesay

Chair of the Whiteknights Parent and Community Association

Please get in touch with your year group representative:

- ▶ If you have any questions about the WPCA and what we do.
- ▶ If you would like to get involved.
- ▶ If you want to know more about our events and initiatives.
- ▶ With any other feedback, or questions you may have about the WPCA.

They will be happy to help and will liaise with the wider committee as needed.

GET IN TOUCH

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Gisella
Parent/carer
of Amelie

REC



Stacey
Parent/carer
of Joel

YR 1



Alexia
Parent/carer
of Lydia

YR 2



Stacey
Parent/carer
of Blake

YR 4



Fatima
Parent/carer
of Adewale

YR 5



Nina
Parent/carer
of Dylan

YR 2



Nina
Parent/carer
of Gia

YR 5



Alexia
Parent/carer
of Alexander

YR 3



Sarah
Parent/carer
of Cassia

YR 6



As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen connections within our school community, we're introducing a new initiative in addition to our **Class Representatives**. We're thrilled to share that **Year Group-specific WhatsApp groups** are being launched! Keep an eye out for posters in your child's classroom window with details on how to join. Stay informed and connect with fellow parents!

While we've made great progress, we still need a WhatsApp group Year 6. If you are able to help us set up a WhatsApp group within Year 6, please reach out. **Let's make these connections even stronger!**