

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 26th January 2024

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## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 29 JANUARY	TUESDAY 30 JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY	THURSDAY 01 FEBRUARY	FRIDAY 02 FEBRUARY
	Whiteknights Choir (Year 3-6) Young Voices concert in London	Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo (within school hours)		Year 5 Fire Engine Visit (within school hours)
		Year 6 First Aid Training (within school hours)		

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.26%

REC—Crystal	96.33%	Y4—Amethyst	94.48%
REC—Pearl	94.33%	Y4—Jasper	98.67%
Y1—Amber	93.67%	Y5—Emerald	94.00%
Y1—Jade	99.67%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	96.00%	Y5—Sapphire	%
Y2—Topaz	98.97%	Y6—Obsidian	100%
Y3—Diamond	99.31%	Y6—Ruby	98.00%
Y3—Garnet	97.33%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	88.00%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Spring Term

Tuesday, 30th January	Choir to sing with 'Young Voices' at the O <sub>2</sub> , London
Wednesday, 31st January	Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo (within school hours)
Friday, 2nd February	Year 5 Fire Engine Visit (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
Monday, 19th February	Year 6 SATS Parent Information Evening 5:00pm in Tigers Eye Class
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 <b>*please note the time change</b>
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

- NURSERY ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2024:** We are now accepting applications for admission into our nursery for September 2024. Please find links to download the application form and read the admissions criteria:
   
[Nursery Application Form](#)
  
[Nursery Admissions Criteria](#)
  
Return completed form to the school office.
- 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.

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

[The Abbey Senior School](#)



Please note that there will be a price increase for Minecraft Club after February Half Term. The price will increase from £3.99 to £4.50 a week.

Despite inflation running at record levels, My Little Pad Ltd are proud of the fact that they have not put their Minecraft Club prices up in almost 10 years.

They are, as always, dedicated to bringing parents the very best value they can.



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](#)



[VIEW THE COMPETITION ENTRIES](#) AND OUR WINNER—  
MAYA IN PEARL CLASS.



Due to an incident earlier in the week, we have reviewed our risk assessments. On this specific occasion, emergency services **were** able to gain access to the school.

However, it has highlighted to us problems that could be caused by inconsiderate parking had the incident happened at a busier time! Do **not** to park in front of the school gates, the 'spaces' in front of the water tower or along the grass verges on the driveway and Fairlawn Green: there are double yellow lines already but further signage will be put up shortly.

We were lucky that the ambulance was able to access the site, had this been a larger vehicle such as a fire engine, things could have been very different!

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- **NURSERY:** Just a reminder to pay your voluntary contributions for the Living Eggs Chicks in school.

## 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 Knowledge Organiser](#)
- **RECEPTION:** We have noticed that parents are over compensating for the cold weather and layering up their children (sometimes up to 5 layers of clothing). This results in overheating whilst in the classroom. The classrooms do have good heating, therefore can we please ask that normal clothing is worn during inside play and a warm coat provided for when they go outside. Thank you.

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

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

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

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 6:** Please note SPLAT date of Friday 23rd February 2024—2pm in the school hall.
- **YEAR 6 SATS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:** Please note that this will take place on Monday, 19th February in Tigers Eye Classroom. Please note that only parents are to attend this session. Thank you.



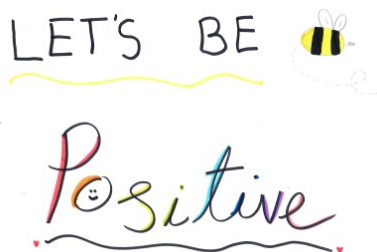
# CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

## JIGSAW—PSHE

This week we have been celebrating people who:  
**Have a positive attitude.**

## SAYING OF THE WEEK



“It makes a big difference in your life when you stay positive”

## COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



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

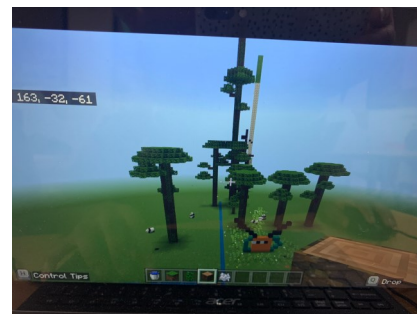
We have continued to enjoy one of Vaughn Williams's famous compositions The Lark Ascending this week. This piece was inspired by a poem of the same name. Originally composed in 1914 it would take 6 years for this piece to be performed.

## MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to this week’s Winner, Adewale for a fantastic representation of a rainforest.

Well done!



## LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

- **YEAR 5 CREATIVE WRITING PUBLISHED:** Year 5 pupils showcase their prowess in storytelling, as some are chosen to publish their competition entries. [+Read more about their accomplishment.](#)
- **NATIONAL HANDWRITING DAY:** On the event of National Handwriting Day, we take a look at [how Whiteknights teaches this fundamental.](#)

## USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)



It is with great delight that we share with you a letter received last week from his Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, Minister for School.

An outstanding achievement you will agree!



**Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP**  
Minister for Schools

Sanctuary Buildings 20 Great Smith Street Westminster London SW1P 3BT  
tel: 0370 000 2288 [www.education.gov.uk/contactus/dfe](http://www.education.gov.uk/contactus/dfe)

Mr Francois Walker  
Whiteknights Primary School  
Berkshire  
Fairlawn Green  
Reading  
RG2 8EP

08 January 2024

*Dear Mr Walker,*

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 100 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Whiteknights Primary School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 1 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

*Damian Hinds*

**Damian Hinds**  
Minister for Schools

# 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

✉ [WhiteknightsPCA@gmail.com](mailto:WhiteknightsPCA@gmail.com)  
[sarah\\_amyr@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah_amyr@hotmail.com)

#### FOLLOW US

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**Gisella**  
Parent/carers  
of Amelie

REC



**Stacey**  
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of Joel

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**Alexia**  
Parent/carers  
of Lydia

YR 2



**Nina**  
Parent/carers  
of Dylan

YR 3



**Alexia**  
Parent/carers  
of Alexander

YR 4



**Stacey**  
Parent/carers  
of Blake

YR 4



**Fatima**  
Parent/carers  
of Adewale

YR 5



**Nina**  
Parent/carers  
of Gia

YR 5



**Sarah**  
Parent/carers  
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!**