

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON THE FIRST WEEK AFTER HALF TERM

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY	TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY	WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY	THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY	FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY
Children return to school				Year 6 SPLAT 2:00pm in the school hall
Year 6 SATS Information Evening 5:00pm Tigers Eye Classroom (parents only)				

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 95.19%

REC—Crystal	99.33%	Y4—Amethyst	91.72%
REC—Pearl	96.67%	Y4—Jasper	98.00%
Y1—Amber	88.33%	Y5—Emerald	93.33%
Y1—Jade	97.33%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	90.00%	Y5—Sapphire	97.74%
Y2—Topaz	95.00%	Y6—Obsidian	92.00%
Y3—Diamond	97.93%	Y6—Ruby	99.00%
Y3—Garnet	93.33%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	97.00%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring Term

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
Friday, 8th March	Pupils celebrating World Book Day
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
Friday, 22nd March	'Parenting Anxious Children' Workshop in Onyx Classroom 2:00pm—3:00pm
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
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

- STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:** We would like to welcome back Mrs Connor, who has returned from maternity leave. She will now be joining Mrs Lewis as Assistant Headteacher and SENCo. Mrs Connor and Mrs Lewis both started Whiteknights in September 2015, so know the school extremely well and have a wealth of experience all the way through from Early Years to Year 6. They will be working closely with teachers and pupils to ensure everyone is supported to ensure we are all 'Growing Greatness'. Mrs Lewis will be overseeing Early Years and KS1 pupils and Mrs Connor will be overseeing KS2 pupils. Please do not hesitate to contact them if you have any queries and concerns.



Mrs Lewis



Mrs Connor

- 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.
- SCHOOL LUNCHES:** Please be aware that you can book your child's school lunch up **until midnight the day before**.
- WORLD BOOK DAY—8TH MARCH:** We will be celebrating World Book Day on the 8th March. Please find more details on the next page.
- ACTIVKIDS UK—OLYMPIC ATHLETE TO VISIT 15TH MARCH:** Activkids UK will be visiting the school on the 15th March. On this day, pupils from KS1 through to Year 6 will come to school in their PE kit. A sponsorship form with more info on the event will be sent home in your child's bookbag. You may also [download/print](#) one from our website.
- EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:** Please find below the links to important club letters for next half term.
 - [ARTIKIDS Y1-Y2](#)
 - [ARTIKIDS Y3-Y4](#)
 - [KIDS WITH BRICKS Y2-Y3](#)
 - [MINECRAFT Y3-Y6](#)
- FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND EXTRA FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION:**

Did you know? Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.

We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough. Importantly, it also means that Whiteknights could receive additional funding to support pupils.

[Find out if you qualify](#) - [Complete the application form](#)

PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN

Whiteknights is delighted present an informative and practical workshop designed specifically for parents of children dealing with anxiety. With only 20 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis, seize the opportunity to equip yourself with valuable insights and strategies. For further details, please reach out to our Home-School Link Worker, Ms. Collard

22 MARCH | 2-3PM | ONYX CLASS

BOOK NOW



Whiteknights is proud to be part of the Mental Health Team Support in schools (MHST)

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

SAVE THE DATE!



Join us for our World Book Day celebration on **Friday, March 8th!** We invite children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring the book along for an immersive experience. We wanted to give you early notice—get creative with cost-effective costume ideas by searching 'easy outfits to make for World Book Day.' We would love your homemade creations, but equally welcome football kits, or superheroes, the choice is yours!

Don't forget, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day token, redeemable at most bookshops. Plus, you can also use them at our **Scholastic Book Fair** during the week of March 11th. Stay tuned for more details!

WE'RE COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL

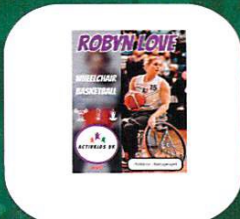
ACTIVKIDS UK ARE BRINGING ONE OF OUR ATHLETES TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR OUR FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING EVENT. REMEMBER TO PRACTICE YOUR EXERCISES, ASK FOR SPONSORSHIP AND SHOW EVERYONE WHAT YOU CAN DO!



THANK YOU REWARDS



Everyone receives a sticker for taking part



Between £5 and £14.99 rewards an A6 Photocard



Between £15 and £34.99 rewards a signed poster



£35+ rewards a personal message and photo with your athlete

What's on the menu?

First week back after half term is **WEEK ONE**

HARRISON
food with thought

W/C
19th Feb

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 19th Feb, 11th Mar, 1st & 22nd Apr, 13th May, 3rd & 24th Jun, 15th Jul	Cheesy Tomato & Basil Pasta with Salad Selection Indian Style Biryani with Tomato, Cucumber & Mint Salad Sweetcorn & Green Beans Orange & Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard	Creole Style Chicken with Vegetable Rice Chickpea & Vegetable Chow Mein Style Noodles Garlic Greens & Carrots Strawberry Jelly with Watermelon Slice	Chicken Sausages with Potato Wedges & Coleslaw Vegetarian Sausages with Potato Wedges & Coleslaw Baked Beans/Broccoli Lemon Shortbread with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes Tuscan Style Tomato & Bean Pasta Roast Courgettes/Carrots Chocolate Marble Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Chickpea & Herb Pattie in a Tortilla with Sweet Chilli Sauce & Chips Peas/Baked Beans Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Fruit
WEEK TWO 26th Feb, 16th Mar, 6th & 23rd Apr, 20th May, 10th Jun, 1st July	Macaroni Cheese Vegetable & Bean Stir Fry with Sweetcorn Rice Peas/Butternut Squash Berry Swirl Sponge Cake & Custard	Beef Lasagne Lentil & Mixed Pepper Lasagne Broccoli/Sweetcorn Strawberry Ice Cream & Fruit Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy Cheese & Chive Quiche with Roast New Potatoes Carrots/Green Beans Chocolate Sponge Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Minced Beef Keema with Pilau Rice Italian Style Tomato & Herb Sauce with Penne Pasta Cabbage/Sweetcorn Apple Crumble with Custard	Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Sweet Potato, Spinach & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas/Baked Beans Jelly & Fresh Fruit
WEEK THREE 4th & 25th Mar, 15th Apr, 6th & 27th May, 17th Jun, 8th Jul	Pizza Margherita with Baked Potato Wedges Pesto Style Pasta with Mediterranean Salad & Cheese Sweetcorn with Mixed Peppers/Broccoli Vanilla Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Cheesy Beef & Macaroni Bake Chilli Bean Wrap with Salsa & Mexican Rice Carrots/Green Beans Carrot Cake & Custard	Cottage Pie with Gravy Chickpea & Vegetable Korma & Rice Broccoli/Sweetcorn Fruit Jelly & Fruit Wedges	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges Sweet Potato & Pepper Pattie in a Bun with Potato Wedges Sweetcorn/Coleslaw Apple Sponge Cake & Custard	Breaded Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Cheese & Mixed Pepper Quiche with Chips Peas/Baked Beans Chocolate Shortbread

Available daily: Freshly Baked Bread, Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt



Look out for monthly featured ingredients.



Harrison Catering Services

HARRISON
food with thought

Your School

About Your Catering Service

We are delighted to be working in partnership with your school. Founded in 1994, we are an award-winning company with a vision to encourage children to explore new tastes and make healthier food choices through their formative years, which will positively influence them for life.

What's on the Menu

Our approach, wherever possible, is to use quality, sustainably sourced, seasonal fresh food, including ingredients, such as British free-range eggs and British sourced fresh meat and poultry.

Our menus are created with local tastes and preferences in mind and offer a range of popular, delicious, full of flavour dishes to encourage balanced meal choices and we follow the school food standards.

We introduce further interest and excitement to our menus with planned additional food experiences, pop-ups, themed events with links to the school's curriculum, cultural and celebration dates, aimed at creating a fun, engaging and enjoyable dining experience.

Allergen Information

We recognise that some children may have an allergen or intolerance to one of the 14 common food allergens. We have robust processes in place to assist the school in managing. If your child has a food allergy or intolerance, please complete the allergen management form and return it to your school office. To view our process and obtain the allergen management form please visit: <https://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk/food-allergies-food-intolerances>

Talented Catering Team

The Harrison catering team are dedicated to providing a great catering service and receive training to complete their roles successfully, including how to prepare and serve healthier food through the company's bespoke Eat Well Live Well® training programme.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, irrespective of income.

Free School Meals

Your older children may be entitled to free school meals. Please contact the school office to find out how to apply and access this benefit.

Payment of School Lunches

Please contact the school office for the payment process for your child's school lunch.

We Welcome Your Feedback

We welcome and value all feedback. We regularly review our offer to continue to offer a positive dining experience for your child. Please refer your comments or suggestions to our Catering Manager.

Learn More

For a more in-depth knowledge about Harrison Catering, recipe inspirations, our how to videos, charitable activities and latest job opportunities, please visit www.harrisoncatering.co.uk



We use responsibly sourced ingredients when available and in season.



GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)
- **CHINESE NEW YEAR FURTHER ENRICHMENT:** Following on from Reception classes exciting experience of Chinese New Year this week, Wokingham and Reading are holding Chinese New Year Events over the half term which could further enhance their learning, should you be interested in attending:

[Wokingham—Lunar New Year Celebrations](#)

[Reading Chinese New Year Celebrations](#)

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
19 th February	Pgs 42-43

Year 2 Homework due date	Pages
W/C 5 th February due 19 th February	Pages 29—31

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

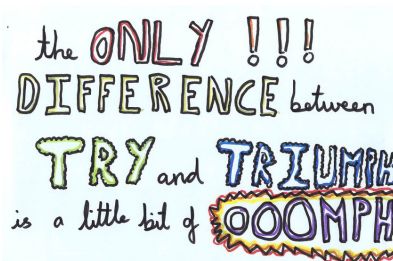
- **YEAR 6 SATS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:** Please note that this will take place on Monday, 19th February in Tigers Eye Classroom. Please note that only parents are to attend this session. Thank you.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

JIGSAW—PSHE

This week we have been celebrating people who:
Are working hard to achieve their own dreams and goals.



“Set your goals high and don’t stop until you get there”

SAYING OF THE WEEK

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Read about our '[Composer of the Week](#)', Aaron Copland.

This week we have remained with the composer Aaron Copland and continued to enjoy one of his pieces named 'Apalachian Spring'. After Copland's ballet went on tour he won a Pulitzer Prize for it.

MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



No Minecraft winner this week, but congratulations to all of you who attended Minecraft Club for all your hard work and amazing creations this term. Bookings are now open for next term—book early to avoid disappointment!



Click on the image to view the Minecraft club letter.

LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE AND LEARNING ACHIEVMENTS

- **DANCING DRAGONS—RECEPTION EXPLORE CHINESE NEW YEAR:** Over the last two weeks Reception have been exploring Chinese New Year. [Find out more about their dragon dance workshop, chopstick mastery and flavourful feast!](#)
- **YEAR 6'S CRIME AND PUNISHMENT:** Sirens blazed and curiosity ignited—read about [Year 6's thrilling encounter with the Thames Valley Police.](#)
- **CHOIR VOICES UNITE:** [Read about the Whiteknights Choir's musical journey, singing at the iconic Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London.](#)

USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

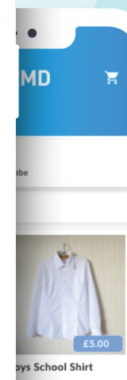
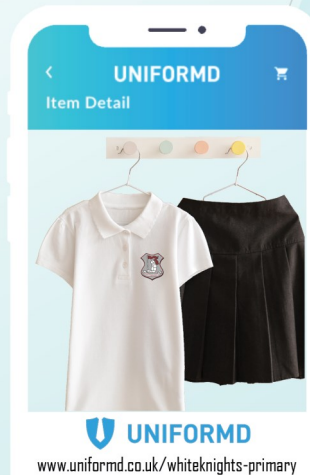
TERM DATES



VISIT OUR TWICE AS NICE UNIFORM SHOP

NOW ON THE  UNIFORMD ONLINE PLATFORM
SELLING PRE-LOVED UNIFORM ITEMS SUCH AS JUMPERS,
CARDIGANS, TROUSERS AND SKIRTS

RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL
WHILST BUILDING A MORE
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE!



[www.uniformd.co.uk/
whiteknights-primary](http://www.uniformd.co.uk/whiteknights-primary)
email enquiries to:
whiteknightspca@gmail.com

As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen connections within our school community, we have introduced a new initiative in addition to our **Class Representatives**. We're thrilled to share that **Year Group-specific WhatsApp groups** have been 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!





[UniforMD](http://www.uniformd.co.uk/whiteknights-primary)



TIME FOR A GOOD SPRING CLEAR OUT!

Build a more sustainable future whilst raising funds for the school!

What can you give?

-  Clothing textiles
-  Shoes, hats, bags, handbags, scarves ties and belts
-  Soft toys
-  Household linen, curtains and towels

Get ready for a refreshing spring clean!

Our Bag2School collection is set for February 27th - just in time for a good spring clean over the half term break.

Remember to drop off your bagged donations at the school office by Monday, February 26th. Each kilo contributed adds to our total raised for the school.

Thank you for being a part of this!



BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION: 27 FEB