

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 11 MARCH	TUESDAY 12 MARCH	WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH	THURSDAY 14 MARCH	FRIDAY 15 MARCH
Living Eggs Chicks arrive in school for two weeks	Book Fair 3:15pm—4:00pm Covered area by school hall	Year 3 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall	Book Fair 3:15pm—4:00pm Covered area by school hall	Red Nose Day Non-uniform, but wear red giving a £1 donation at the gate
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KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.54%

REC—Crystal	95.33%	Y4—Amethyst	96.67%
REC—Pearl	93.67%	Y4—Jasper	98.67%
Y1—Amber	98.33%	Y5—Emerald	98.00%
Y1—Jade	98.33%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	94.67%	Y5—Sapphire	97.42%
Y2—Topaz	99.33%	Y6—Obsidian	98.00%
Y3—Diamond	95.86%	Y6—Ruby	98.00%
Y3—Garnet	94.00%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	96.50%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

Spring Term

Monday, 11th March	Living Eggs—Chicks arrive in school
Wednesday, 13th March	Year 3 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Friday, 15th March	Red Nose Day—non-uniform, but wear red giving a £1 donation at the gate
Friday, 15th March	Olympic Athlete visit to whole school
Tuesday, 19th March	Year 2 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Wednesday, 20th March	Year 1 Trip to Didcot Railway Centre (within school hours)
Wednesday, 20th March	Queen's 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 (within school hours)
Thursday, 28th March	End of term. School finishes at 1pm
Summer Term	
Thursday, 18th April	Emerald class visit to Lower Earley Library
Tuesday, 23rd April	Y5 'Meet the Author' at Leighton Park School
Thursday, 25th April	Sapphire class visit to Lower Earley Library
Monday, 29th April	Crystal Class visit to Lower Earley Library
Monday, 29th April	Year 5 Dance Workshop (within school hours)
Tuesday, 30th April	Pearl Class visit to Lower Earley Library
Tuesday, 4th June	Tigers Eye class visit to Lower Earley Library
Tuesday, 7th June	Obsidian class visit to Lower Earley Library
Thursday, 23rd May	Sports Day and Summer Fair

- ACTIVKIDS UK—OLYMPIC ATHLETE TO VISIT 15TH MARCH:** Activkids UK will be visiting the school on the 15th March. Just a reminder that the sponsorship money needs to be returned to the school office **BEFORE** the event.



- RED NOSE DAY:** Please bear in mind that the children will be doing sporting activities the same day (see above), so please dress appropriately.



- SMART DEVICES AT SCHOOL:** Please note that as with mobile phones, all smart devices, with similar technology to mobile phones, will now need to be handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day and will not be accessed again until the end of the day. Our children are growing up in an increasingly complex world, living their lives on and offline. This presents many exciting opportunities – but also challenges. Schools must create safe and calm environments free from distraction so all pupils can receive the education they deserve. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.



- PLEA FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:** Can we please request that any alternative arrangements for end of day collections are communicated to the school office no later than 2:00pm. Last minute requests (often as late as 3:15pm) make it extremely difficult to get the message to the relevant teacher.

- SCHOOL DINNERS:** Please ensure you order your school dinners a couple of weeks in advance.

- FRENCH CLUB:** If you would like to enrol your child for French Club in the Summer Term—please view this [letter](#) for more info.

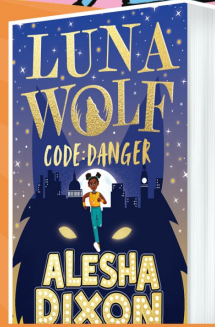
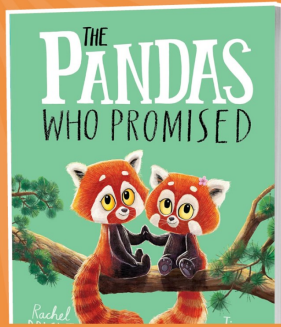
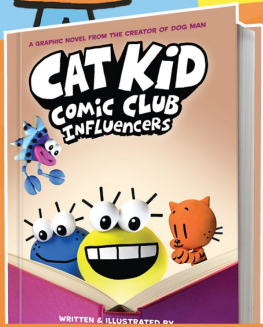




COME TO the BOOK FAIR!

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

JOIN US AT THE WHITEKNIGHTS SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!



WHEN:
TUE 12 MAR
WED 13 MAR
THU 14 MAR
MON 18 MAR
3:15PM TO 4PM

WHERE:
COVERED AREA BEHIND THE HALL

We have had a wonderful day in school today with staff and pupils making a great effort to dress up to celebrate World Book Day. Every child has been given a £1 Book Token which can be used to pay for the special £1 Book Day books at reputable book shops. However, these Book Tokens can also be spent at our Book Fair which will be in school next week! An invitation to the Book Fair with examples of books available is attached to your child's Book Token.

The Fair will be open from 3.15pm to 4pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, and then finally on Monday 18th March, and will be located under the covered area behind the hall.

There will be some bargains on the shelves, but popular books will probably be more than you might spend at Amazon or ebay. However, please bear in mind that a massive 60% of sales value comes back to the school in credit to buy books – so you are contributing hugely to school funds by buying at the Fair.

You can pay online at the Fair and we will be taking cash, but please be patient with us whilst processing the orders; we are always absolutely amazed by the support we receive from our families, and this does sometimes mean waiting for a while to pay! There is also an option to buy pre-paid gift vouchers before the Fair – to go www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to purchase these.

Thank you in advance to all our families for your support.

Help Whiteknights celebrate British Science Week



ENTER THE POSTER COMPETITION!

Be creative and design an informative poster that fits with the theme of **TIME**.

INSPIRATION

- Just think about time and what it means to you or the science you have learnt about.
- What do you do with your time -go to the park, crafts, sports?
- What about time in the world? How do we measure time – seconds, days, seasons, centuries? What about time in space?
- What about time travel films, books or music?
- How has technology changed over time?
- What might the world look like in years to come?
- Look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution or hibernation.

THE DETAILS

Once you have done your thinking - get making!

Your poster must be A4 or A3 in size. You can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, or collage. Posters will be judged on how well they portray the theme and how engaging they are.

All entries to be submitted to Mrs Neville by Monday 25th March 2024. Please write your full name, age and class on the back of your entry.

Take a look at some of last year's winners - [CLICK HERE](#)

Some of the prizes up for grabs:

Cool Cat Chem Cards | 15-minute STEM books | Shape Aliens Game | At the museum jigsaw | A Day in the Life...books | Shroot pouches | Memberships for My Science Club | MegaWatt Games | SuperQuesters: The Case of Angry Sea STEM adventure books by QuestFriendz | A collection of Science Works books | Two space-themed 3D building playsets | Our Living Planet book | WWF adoption pack | Annual subscription to Save My Exams | A 12 month subscription to Alfresco learning



What's on the menu?

Monday 11th March — Friday 15th March

HARRISON
food with thought

Remember—Meat Free Monday

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W/C 11th Mar 10th Feb - 11th Mar 18th Mar - 19th Apr 22nd Mar - 23rd Apr	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 29th Feb - 18th Mar, 4th & 29th 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.



- PARENTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN:** Friday 22nd March. Just a reminder to book you place, first come, first served.
[BOOK HERE](#)

NO PARKING

- Do NOT park in front of the school gates and in front of the water tower gates!

This could cause **significant problems** should emergency services be called upon.

Signage is now up and visible.

Please do not be offended when asked to move.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THESE AREAS.

- BOLLARD IN OPERATION:** Just a reminder that the bollard at the entrance to the driveway into school is in operation between:

8:15am—9:00am and 3:00pm and 3:45pm

every weekday during term time.

Please ensure you park on Fairlawn Green should these timings cause a problem.



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 HERE](#)



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

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

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:

Homework due date	Pages
26 th February (week 2)	45-50
4 th March (week 3)	51-57
11 th March (week 4)	58-63
18 th March (week 5)	64-70
25 th March February (week 6)	71-77
Monday 15 th April (after the Easter holidays)	78-85

Year 2 - White Rose Maths Home Learning

Week Commencing	Pages	Deadline
Monday 19 th February	32 - 35	Monday 26 th February
Monday 26 th February	36 - 38	Monday 4 th March
Monday 4 th March	39 - 41	Monday 11 th March
Monday 11 th March	42 - 43	Monday 18 th March
Monday 18 th March	44 - 47	Monday 25 th March

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 4 COSTUMES FOR PERFORMANCE:** The children have placed their costume slip into the plastic wallet of their reading record/home learning diary. This gives you a rough idea for what to prepare for their costumes. If you have any questions or matters you would like to discuss regarding your child's costume, please talk to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL PRESENTATION:** Please see the [Rhos Residential Trip presentation](#) from the Parent Information Evening held last Thursday.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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SAYING OF THE WEEK

This week we have been celebrating people who:
Have been physically active.



“Exercise not only changes your body, it changes your mind, your attitude and your mood.”

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Read about our [‘Composer of the Week’](#), Johann Sebastian Bach.

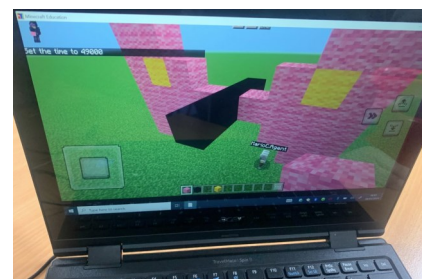
This week we have revisited another famous German composer Johann Sebastian Bach. *Air* is commonly referred to as *Air on the G String* which is the string on the violin that this piece has been adapted to play on.

MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to this week’s Minecraft Quick Build winner for his design of a butterfly in the continued theme of ‘Spring into Action’.

Fantastic work Mario!



LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

- [WORLD WILDLIFE DAY : IGNITING A PASSION FOR CONSERVATION](#)— discover how pupils across the school learnt about the importance of conservation and how we can make a personal impact in a special class assembly in honour of World Wildlife Day.
- [CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK DAY : EMBRACING THE MAGIC OF READING](#)— read more about our World Book Day celebrations, our English Hub status and how we're spreading the magic of reading.

USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



- No notices this week