

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 25 MARCH	TUESDAY 26 MARCH	WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH	THURSDAY 28 MARCH	FRIDAY 29 MARCH
Little Gems Parent Meetings 8:30am—9:00am	Little Gems Parent Meetings 8:30am—9:00am	Egg Rolling Pupils Only Years 3-6 (within school hours)	Award Assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade (within school hours)	<p>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK</p> <p>Pupils return to school Monday 15th April</p>
Parent Meetings 4:30pm—7:30pm	Egg Rolling Pupils Only EYFS, Year 1 and 2 (within school hours)	RE Inspired visit to Crystal and Pearl Classes	<p>SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1:00PM PROMPT</p> <p>Please ensure you have remembered to complete the 'Leaving Early Consent' on Arbor if your child leaves independently, and is in years 3-6</p>	
	Year 3 and 4 Easter Performances to parents 9:15am and 1:45pm start times			
	Parent Meetings 3:30pm—6:00pm			

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.90%

REC—Crystal	96.00%	Y4—Amethyst	99.33%
REC—Pearl	94.00%	Y4—Jasper	99.00%
Y1—Amber	95.00%	Y5—Emerald	99.67%
Y1—Jade	96.67%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	90.00%	Y5—Sapphire	99.03%
Y2—Topaz	96.3%	Y6—Obsidian	96.50%
Y3—Diamond	98.62%	Y6—Ruby	100%
Y3—Garnet	98.00%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	100%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

Spring Term

Monday, 25th March	Little Gems Parent Meetings 8:30am—9:00am
Monday, 25th March	Parents' Evening—4:30pm start Open for booking 6pm Friday 15th March
Tuesday, 26th March	Little Gems Parent Meetings 8:30am—9:00am
Tuesday, 26th March	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Production to parents - 9:15am and 1:45pm
Tuesday, 26th March	Parents' Evening—3:40pm start Open for booking 6pm Friday 15th March
Tuesday, 26th March & Wednesday, 27th March	Easter Egg-Rolling Competition (within school hours)
Wednesday, 27th 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	
Monday, 15th April	EID Celebrations in Reception
Thursday, 18th April	Emerald class visit to Lower Earley Library
Tuesday, 23rd April	Y5 'Meet the Author' at Leighton Park School
Wednesday, 24th April	Nursery SPLAT 2pm
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
Thursday, 23rd May	Sports Day and Summer Fair
Friday, 24th May	Reception SPLAT 2pm
Tuesday, 4th June	Tigers Eye class visit to Lower Earley Library
Tuesday, 7th June	Obsidian class visit to Lower Earley Library
Wednesday, 19th June	Reception trip to Wellington Country Park (within school hours)



A huge thank you to everyone for raising a magnificent **£294** last Friday for Comic Relief. Well done!

- **RECEPTION LIBRARY VISITS:** Crystal (Monday 29th April) and Pearl Class (Tuesday 30th April) need volunteers for their Library trips. Can you please inform the class teacher if you are able to help. Thank you.
- **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.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK: There is still time to submit your poster! Please hand in to Mrs Neville (Year 6 Tigers Eye) or the school office by Monday 25th March 2024!

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 -

Some of the prizes up for grabs:
Cool Cat Chess Cards | 15-minute STEM books | Shape Amino Game | At the museum | Jigsaw | A Day in the Life... books | Shoot pooties | Memberships for My Science Club | MegaHit Games | SuperQuesters: The Case of Angry Sea STEM adventure books by Quiff Friends | A collection of Science Works books | Tear paper-themed 3D building papers | Our Living Planet book | WWF adoption pack | Annual subscription to Save My Exams | A 12 month subscription to Arffresco learning

- **WRAP AROUND CARE PARENT/CARER SURVEY:** In the 2023 Spring Budget, the government announced that it will provide up to £289 million of start-up funding over two academic years to support local authorities and providers in England to introduce or expand childcare provision on either side of the school day, which parents of primary school-aged children will be able to pay to access.

To help the LEA expand the wraparound childcare programme to be able to meet current and future demand, we'd like to hear from parents/carers of primary school age children, but also from those with children aged 0 to 5 years who may wish to access breakfast or after school care in the future. [Further Information](#)

[Wrap Around Care Parent/Carer Survey \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com)

- **SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER:** March edition. Click on the picture.



- SUMMER TERM CLUBS:** Please view letters and details of how to book for clubs starting after the Easter holidays. **Please note—**
Whiteknights led clubs—now available to book through Arbor. Sibling discounts are available, please enquire at the school office.

Activity	Day	Year group	Classroom	Start & End dates	Booking type
Writing Club	Monday	2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Diamond	15/04/2024 - 15/07/2024	SCOPAY
Maths Games Club	Monday	5&6	Jasper	15/04/2024 - 15/07/2024	SCOPAY
Jewellery Club	Monday	R, 1 & 2	Heads Office	15/04/2024 - 15/07/2024	SCOPAY
11+	Monday	4 & 5	Emerald	15/04/2024 - 15/07/2024	SCOPAY
Needlecraft	Monday	4, 5 & 6	Obsidian	15/04/2024 - 15/07/2024	SCOPAY
Forest School	Monday	R,1 & 2	Outdoor Space	15/04/2024 - 15/07/2024	FOREST SCHOOL BOOKING
French Club	Monday	1, 2, 3 & 4	Amethyst	15/04/2024—08/07/2024	FRENCH CLUB BOOKING DETAILS
Minecraft	Monday	3, 4, 5 & 6	Garnet	15/04/2024 - 20/05/2024	MINECRAFT BOOKING
Drama Club	Monday	R	Crystal	15/04/2024 - 24/06/2024	laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com

Activity	Day	Year Group	Classroom		Booking type
Book Club	Tuesday	4, 5& 6	Tigers Eye	16/04/2024 - 16/07/2024	SCOPAY
Drawing & Sketching	Tuesday	5&6	Emerald	16/04/2024 - 16/07/2024	SCOPAY
Choir Club	Tuesday	3,4,5 & 6	Jade	16/04/2024 - 16/07/2024	FULLY BOOKED
Dodgeball	Tuesday	3, 4, 5 & 6	Outdoor Space	16/04/2024 - 16/07/2024	DODGEBALL BOOKINGS
Kids With Bricks	Tuesday	2	Opal	16/04/2024 - 21/05/2024	KIDS WITH BRICKS BOOKING

Activity	Day	Year Group			Booking type
Drama Club	Wednesday	1 & 2	Amber	17/04/2024 - 26/06/2024	laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com
Athletics	Wednesday	3,4,5 & 6	Outside	17/04/2024 - 17/07/2024	ATHLETICS BOOKING
Artikids	Wednesday	3 & 4	Garnet	17/04/2024 - 22/05/2024	ARTIKIDS BOOKING

Activity	Day	Year Group	Classroom		Booking type
All things Disney Themed	Thursday	1 & 2	Jade	18/04/2024-18/07/2024	SCOPAY
Funky Fingers & Feet	Thursday	Reception	Pearl	18/04/2024-18/07/2024	SCOPAY
Football	Thursday	3,4,5 & 6	Outside	18/04/2024-18/07/2024	FOOTBALL BOOKING
Tennis	Thursday	1 & 2	Outside	18/04/2024 - 11/07/2024	TENNIS BOOKING
Chess	Thursday	3,4,5 & 6	Onyx	18/04/2024-18/07/2024	SCOPAY
Artikids	Thursday	1 & 2	Topaz	18/04/2024 - 23/05/2024	ARTIKIDS BOOKING

Activity	Day	Year Group			Booking type
Multi Skills	Friday	1 & 2	Outside	19/04/2024 - 12/07/2024	MULTI SKILLS BOOKING
Drama Club	Friday	3, 4, 5 & 6	Onyx	19/04/2024 - 28/06/2024	laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

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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 (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 ROCKSTARS COMPETITION 2024:** We have entered a competition and are up against all the BPET schools. Can Whiteknights win the Top of the Rocks? Last year Noah, at Braywick School, won with 102,694 correct answers. Can anyone beat him this year and receive some sweets for their class?

How does it work?

Learners will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can using their Time Tables Rock Stars log in. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Rules:

Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30 BST to 19:30 BST each day will contribute to their class and school score.

There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day. You have nearly a month to play.

Come on year 4, let's try and win!

- **YEAR 3 AND 4 PERFORMANCE:** **Please note the change in start times:**

Tuesday, 26th March—9:15am and 1:45pm



YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL:** In order to secure you place, please pay £50 deposit through Scopay by **THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024.**

RECORD COMMISSION EARNED FROM OUR BOOK FAIR!



We would like to thank all children, parents and family members for their amazing support of our Book Fair which finished on Monday afternoon. Your patience whilst waiting to pay on the days we were so busy is much appreciated – we are a nation of natural queuers! When we completed our Sales Form to complete the Fair we were amazed and thrilled to see that we would be receiving **£950.00** in commission to spend on books for the school. This is a record for commission earned in all the time we have been running Book Fairs, so once again thank you so much for your support. Some of this commission has already been spent on books for our Little Gems class, our Year 4 group and the library, so already been putting to good use.

We have a challenge to beat this figure next year!"

Thank you!

EASTER COMPETITIONS

Next week, the whole school will be able to have fun and take part in some Easter competitions.

Wednesday 27th March—Egg Rolling

The idea is that every child brings in a decorated HARD BOILED egg to roll down a ramp. The winning egg is the one that travels the furthest. In the past, children have decorated their eggs using paint, felt tips, nail varnish and stickers, to name a few ideas. Remember to keep your egg smooth then it will roll well!

Eggs should be brought into school on the morning of the 27th and will be disposed of after the egg rolling has taken place.

Thursday 28th March—Easter Bonnet Competition

In the past children have decorated straw hats, baseball caps and even made their own creations out of cardboard. The hat should have an Easter theme. There are prizes for each year group, so get your creative thinking caps on and join the fun.



CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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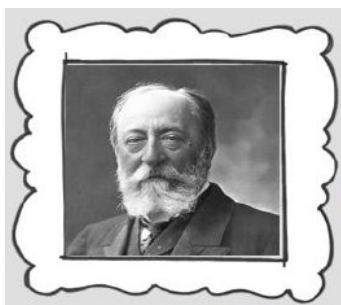
SAYING OF THE WEEK

This week we have been celebrating people who:
Know how to be a good friend and enjoy healthy relationships.



"True friends aren't the ones who make your problems disappear, they are the ones who won't disappear when you're facing problems."

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



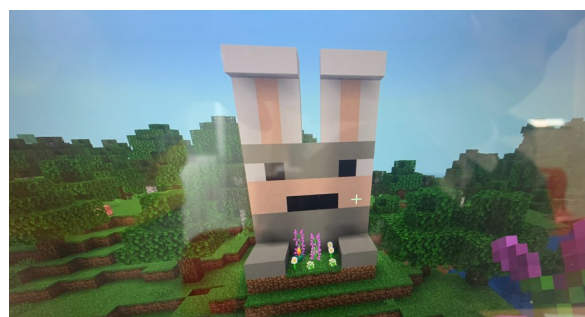
Read about our '[Composer of the Week](#)', Saint-Saens.

A return to Saint-Saens this week but not for the Carnival of the Animals, but a darker Danse Macabre. Danse Macabre is a symphonic poem. This is a piece of music that represents a non-musical source such as a poem or story.

MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to this week's winner of the quick build, Alex, for his representation of The Easter Bunny in the continuing theme of 'Spring into Action'.



Well done Alex!



PUPIL SPOTLIGHT : CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND SCHOOL

- [ACTIVKIDS UK INSPIRES WHITEKNIGHTS](#): Whiteknights experienced an inspiring and enjoyable Friday last week when athlete James Vogel paid us a visit and encouraged us to embrace physically active and healthy lifestyles! Read more about ActivKids UK and the funds we raised for our school.
- [QUEENS GAMBIT CHESS TOURNAMENT](#): Read more about our chess champions and the tournament that took place this past week.
- [CELEBRATING WORLD POETRY DAY WITH THE PUBLISHING OF YEAR 6 POEMS](#): We were thrilled to celebrate our budding Year 6 poets, who's poems are being published in a [YoungWriters.co.uk](#) publication. What a perfect way to mark this occasion especially following yesterday's World Poetry Day .

USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)

What's on the menu?

Monday 25th March — Friday 28th March

Remember—Meat Free Monday

HARRISON
food with thought

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 10th Feb, 11th Mar, 1st & 22nd Apr, 13th May, 2nd & 24th Jun, 10th 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	School Closed for Easter Holidays. Please remember to book lunches from 15th April onwards.
WEEK TWO 20th Feb, 10th Mar, 6th & 28th 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	
W/C 4th - 15th 25th Mar	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	

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



Look out for monthly featured ingredients.



WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



save the date

Thursday 23 May 2024

Sports Day & Summer Fair

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