

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
06 NOVEMBER	07 NOVEMBER	08 NOVEMBER	09 NOVEMBER	10 NOVEMBER
Last day to drop off Bags2School	Bags2School Collection 9:00am		Year 4—RE Inspired visit to school	Remembrance Day—whole-school Assembly

**KEY:**

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+CLICK TO VIEW ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 95.7%

REC—Crystal	96.3%	Y4—Amethyst	94.8%
REC—Pearl	98.3%	Y4—Jasper	99.2%
Y1—Amber	96.3%	Y5—Emerald	98.3%
Y1—Jade	98.3%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	93.3%	Y5—Sapphire	97.5%
Y2—Topaz	91.7%	Y6—Obsidian	90.6%
Y3—Diamond	100%	Y6—Ruby	93.1%
Y3—Garnet	96.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	90.0%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday, 13th November	Year 5 Delegates to attend Chocolate Factory Workshop at Leighton Park School (within school hours)
Tuesday, 14th November	Year 2 Topaz Class - Lower Earley Library Visit (within school hours)
Wednesday, 15th November	Year 6 Measurement Programme (within school hours)
Friday, 17th November	Year 1—Lower Earley Library Visit (within school hours)
Tuesday, 21st November	Year 2 Opal Class - Lower Earley Library Visit (within school hours)
Wednesday, 22nd November	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Thursday, 23rd November	Year 3 Diamond Class Library visit
Tuesday, 28th November	Year 4 Parent Information Evening—Burwell House 3:45pm—4:15pm
Wed, 29th November	Guided School Tours 9.15am—new prospective parents
Thursday, 7th December	Year 3 Garnet Class Library visit
Sunday, 10th December—Thursday, 14th December	Year 6 Residential Trip to Rhos-y-Gwaliau
Tuesday, 9th January 2024	Year 4 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Wednesday, 13th March 2024	Year 3 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Wednesday, 22nd May 2024	Year 3 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Tuesday, 2nd July 2024	Year 4 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall

## WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- **CONSIDERATE PARKING:** Please park considerately when dropping/picking your child up from school. We have had a number of complaints from local residents of driveways being blocked and pavements being mounted, therefore not allowing pushchairs or pedestrians past. Also, a reminder that the bollard is in operation the following times: 8:15am—9:00am and again from 3:00pm—3:45pm. The bollard will not be taken down under ANY circumstances!

- **VOLUNTEERS—WE NEED YOU:** We would love to have more volunteers helping in school on a regular basis. Should you be interested in helping, please complete and return the volunteer form (link below) to the school office:

[Volunteer Application Form—Whiteknights School](#)

- **MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY:** We are still looking for a Midday Assistant to join our wonderful lunchtime team.

Please contact the school office for more information, and details on how to apply.

- **REMEMBRANCE DAY/POPPY APPEAL:** There are a number of Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal items on sale from the school office during break/lunch times.

Merchandising Items (wristbands, keyrings, poppy reflectors, button holes and snap bands) are being sold for £1 each and the paper poppies are being sold for 50p each.

[Find out about more ways to support the Poppy Appeal.](#)

- **RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2:** We are excited to announce a visit by an author on the afternoon of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

The author is called Babs Vinden-Cantrell, and she has written: Seagulls don't eat sorbet and Seagulls got to dance.

The author will be signing books on the day. If you wish to purchase a book for your child to bring with them, please click on one on the links below. Please ensure your child's full name and class is written on the inside front cover of the book.

[AMAZON— SEAGULLS DON'T EAT SORBET](#)

[AMAZON—SEGULL'S GOT TO DANCE](#)

[TROUBADOR—SEAGULLS DON'T EAT SORBET](#)

[TROUBADOR—SEAGULL'S GOT TO DANCE](#)

# WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES (Cont.)

- EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUB INFORMATION:

Please click on the below links to view new half-term booking information for:

**YEAR 3—6 BASKETBALL:**

[Sport4Kids Sports Management System | Sports Management Online Booker](#)

**YEAR 3—6 MINECRAFT:**

[Whiteknights Primary School Minecraft Letter - Monday](#)

**YEAR 2 LEGO CLUB:**

[Whiteknights Primary School Lego Letter - Tuesday](#)

**YEARS 1 AND 2 ARTIKIDS CLUB:**

[Whiteknights Primary School Artikids Letter - Thursday](#)

**YEAR 3 AND 4 ARTIKIDS CLUB:**

[Whiteknights Primary School Artikids Letter - Wednesday](#)

**YEAR 3—6 CHESS CLUB:**

[Chess Club Letter](#)

**RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND 2 MULTISKILLS:**

[Sports4Kids—Multiskills](#)

**YEAR 3—6 TAG RUGBY:**

[Sports4Kids—Tag Rugby](#)

**YEAR 3—6 FOOTBALL:**

[Sports4Kids—Football](#)

**LEAVING CLASSROOM/WALKING HOMER PERMISSIONS:** Pupils in Year 3 and upwards can be given permission to leave the classroom/walk home on their own. Are they ready for this? Please read this very useful guide to determine if they are:

## KS2 WALKING HOME UNACCOMPANIED

In order to ensure children's safety, only children in Key Stage 2 are allowed to walk home on their own. Children in Key Stage 1 need to be collected by an adult (it is not appropriate for an older sibling in KS2 to walk them home).

This does not mean that all children in KS2 are ready to walk home on their own. Parents need to consider their child's age, maturity and independence, as well as their distance from the school and the safety of the route before making a decision about whether or not it is safe for each child to walk home unaccompanied by an adult.

### HELPFUL TIPS FOR ASSESSING YOUR CHILD'S READINESS

How do you know if your child is ready to walk or ride his/her bike to and from school? By discussing possible scenarios with him/her. Ideally, your child should know the following twelve points before she/he is ever alone in public. Talk about each one of the twelve points listed below from Gavin de Becker's book, *Protecting the Gift* to help establish their readiness or areas to support them with:

- 1 Does your child know how to honour his feelings? If someone makes him uncomfortable, that's an important signal.
- 2 Are you as the parent strong enough to hear about any experience your child has had, no matter how unpleasant?
- 3 Does your child know it's okay to rebuff and defy adults?
- 4 Does your child know it's okay to be assertive?
- 5 Does your child know how to ask for assistance or help?
- 6 Does your child know how to choose who to ask?
- 7 Does your child know how to describe his peril?
- 8 Does your child know it's okay to strike, even to injure, someone if he believes he is in danger, and that you'll support any action he takes as a result of feeling uncomfortable or afraid?
- 9 Does your child know it's okay to make noise, to scream, to yell, to run?
- 10 Does your child know that if someone ever tries to force him to go somewhere, what he screams should include, "This is not my father"?
- 11 Does your child know that if someone says, "Don't yell", the thing to do is yell? The corollary is if someone says, "Don't tell", the thing to do is tell.
- 12 Does your child know to fully resist ever going anywhere out of public view with someone he doesn't know, and particularly to resist going anywhere with someone who tries to persuade him?

CLICK TO ENLARGE







# YOU ARE INVITED

WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
READING GATEWAY CHURCH PRESENTS:

**FREE PARENT AND GUARDIAN COFFEE MORNINGS**

WEDNESDAY  
**MORNINGS**

8.30<sup>am</sup> to 10<sup>am</sup>

27/09, 18/10, 1/11, 22/11, 6/12 and 20/12

Reading Gateway Church @ St Barnabas Hall, Elm Road,  
Reading RG6 5TS

*Tea, coffee, squash, toast and jam will be provided as well as baby and toddler toys*

# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- Please click below to view the knowledge organiser:  
[Reception-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf \(whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk\)](https://www.whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk/Reception-Knowledge-Organiser.pdf)

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- Topaz class are visiting the library on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Opal class on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. We will be walking to and from the library, leaving the school at 1:15pm and returning at 3:00pm. We do require parent volunteers for both of these dates. If you are able to offer help, please let your child's class teacher know. Thank you in advance.

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

## YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

# CELEBRATING WHITENIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

## JIGSAW—PSHE

This week we are celebrating people who:

Include others when working and playing.

## SAYING OF THE WEEK



## LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

- **RECEPTION:** In Reception we have been learning about all things Autumn by going on Autumn walks, counting with conkers and making beautiful creations using leaves. View our lovely artwork!  
[Autumn Adventures for Little Explorers - Whiteknights Primary School](#)
- **HARVEST FESTIVAL THANK YOU:** ReadiFood would like to say a huge thank you to Whiteknights Primary School for our generosity in donating to the Harvest Collection this year. We have received a certificate, please click below to view:  
[ReadiFood Certificate—Whiteknights Primary School](#)
- During the half-term break, Eliana (Year 6) showcased her remarkable gymnastic skills at a regional IGA competition in Milton Keynes. She shone brightly, earning 2 Silver medals for Floor and Beam routines, along with 2 Bronze medals for her performance on Vault and Bars, all within the level 5 category for her age group.

Congratulations, Eliana, on your outstanding achievements!

[Gymnastics Glory: A Medley of Silver and Bronze - Whiteknights Primary School](#)

## USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)





## THINKING ABOUT A GOOD 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



The Challenge: As well as raising vitally needed funds for **Whiteknights**, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles. **In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.**

**Bag2School** will be collecting from **Whiteknights** on **6th November**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school office and help us have a really

## BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation

### Whiteknights Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is FSC accredited, please recycle it.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

**We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:**

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

**The more we weigh the more we pay!**  
*Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

**Please return your Bag2School on:**

**Tuesday 7 November 2023 by 9am**



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