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WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 08 JANUARY	TUESDAY 09 JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY	THURSDAY 11 JANUARY	FRIDAY 12 JANUARY
School tour for prospective new parents 1:30pm	Year 4 SPLAT 2pm in the school hall		Amethyst class start swimming lessons	

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL	YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC	OTHER
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+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 92.63%



REC—Crystal	94.40%	Y4—Amethyst	83.30%
REC—Pearl	93.90%	Y4—Jasper	97.20%
Y1—Amber	81.10%	Y5—Emerald	91.70%
Y1—Jade	98.90%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	92.20%	Y5—Sapphire	91.40%
Y2—Topaz	93.30%	Y6—Obsidian	96.70%
Y3—Diamond	91.10%	Y6—Ruby	96.70%
Y3—Garnet	90.00%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	97.50%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you all had a wonderful break and we welcome you back for the Spring Term.

As Acting Headteacher, I will continue to lead the school by providing excellence in all aspects of school life. This term will be an exciting one with the introduction of a new PSHE Curriculum. We also have many enrichment opportunities: a residential trip for Year 4; day trips for other year groups; an Easter Production and more enrichment clubs after school.

Mrs Reynolds
Acting Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring Term

Monday, 8th January	School Tour Prospective New Parents—1:30pm
Tuesday, 9th January	Year 4 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Wednesday, 17th January	Year 4 leave for residential trip to Burwell House
Friday, 19th January	Year 4 return from residential trip to Burwell House
Thursday, 25th January	Year 3 Re-Inspired session (within school hours)
Friday, 26th January	Year 1 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Tuesday, 30th January	Choir to sing with 'Young Voices' at the O ₂ , London
Wednesday, 31st January	Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo (within school hours)
Monday 5th—Friday 9th February	SEND Parent Progress Meetings
Wednesday, 7th February	Reception Class Chinese Dance Workshop (within school hours)
Thursday, 8th February	Year 6 Re-Inspired session (within school hours)
Friday, 9th February	School closes at 3:20pm for half term break
Monday 12th—Friday 16th February	School closed for half term
Monday, 19th February	Pupils return to School
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

Wednesday, 13th March	Year 3 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Tuesday, 19th March	Year 2 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Wednesday, 20th March	Queens Gambit Chess Tournament @ Whiteknights
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 2:30pm
Tuesday, 26th March	Parents' Evening—3:30pm start (more details to follow)
Tuesday, 26th March & Wednesday, 27th March	Easter Egg-Rolling Competition (within school hours)
Thursday, 28th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday, 28th March	End of term. School finishes at 1pm

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- **IMPORTANT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NOTICE:** Unfortunately, the **Spanish Bilingual Club** has been cancelled indefinitely due to unforeseen circumstances. However, we have a variety of other After School Clubs and Activities available. Check the next page for a comprehensive list. Please note that spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **BOOKINGS FOR EXTENDED CARE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** Please note that it is now possible for parents to make bookings **24 hours in advance** rather than the previously required 7 days in advance.
- **PARKING ON ELM ROAD:** Parking issues persist on Elm Road during school drop-off and pick-up. Please avoid parking on verges and the pavement, as it poses a danger and disrupts pedestrian walkways. Let's collectively prioritise safety, especially for unaccompanied children walking to school. Your cooperation is vital.
- **NON PRESCRIBED MEDICATION IN SCHOOL:** For emergencies only, the school office may now administer non-prescription medication provided that written consent (this includes Arbor consents) has been obtained in advance.
The medications we hold in school are:
Calpol Infant / Calpol SixPlus 6+ / Nurofen 3 months—12 years / Piriton 1+ / Nivea Kids Sensitive 50+ Sun Cream.

After School Clubs List and Booking Links

Activity	Day	Year group	Start & End date	Booking
Funky Fingers & Feet	Monday	R	08/01/2024 - 25/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
Board Games & Jigsaws	Monday	3, 4, 5, 6	08/01/2024 - 25/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
Brick Building	Monday	4, 5, 6	08/01/2024 - 25/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
11+	Monday	4 & 5	08/01/2024 - 25/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
Needlecraft	Monday	4, 5 & 6	08/01/2024 - 25/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
Forest School	Monday	R,1 & 2	08/01/2024 - 25/03/2024	Forest School
French	Monday	1, 2, 3 & 4	08/01/2024 - 18/03/2024	French Club
Minecraft	Monday	3, 4, 5 & 6	08/01/2024 - 05/02/2024	Minecraft Club
Drama	Monday	R	08/01/2024 - 18/03/2024	laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com
Activity	Day	Year Group	Start & End date	Booking
Drawing & Sketching	Tuesday	5&6	09/01/2024 - 26/03/2023	Login (scopay.com)
Choir	Tuesday	3,4,5 & 6	09/01/2024 - 26/03/2023	FULLY BOOKED
Hockey	Tuesday	3, 4, 5 & 6	09/01/2024 - 26/03/2023	Hockey Club
Maths Games	Tuesday	3 &4	09/01/2024 - 26/03/2023	Login (scopay.com)
Kids With Bricks	Tuesday	2	09/01/2024 - 06/02/2024	Kids With Bricks
Activity	Day	Year Group	Start & End date	Booking
Drama	Wednesday	1 & 2	10/01/2024 - 20/03/2024	laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com
Tag Rugby	Wednesday	3,4,5 & 6	03/01/2024 - 27/03/2024	Tag Rugby
Artikids	Wednesday	3 & 4	03/01/2024 - 07/02/2024	Artikids Y3&Y4
Orchestra	Wednesday	4,5 & 6	10/01/2024 - 27/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
Activity	Day	Year Group	Start & End date	Booking
All things Disney Themed	Thursday	1 & 2	04/01/2024 - 21/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
Chess	Thursday	3,4,5 & 6	03/01/2024 - 27/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
Football	Thursday	3,4,5 & 6	04/01/2024 - 21/03/2024	Football Club
Tennis	Thursday	1 & 2	04/01/2024 - 21/03/2024	Tennis Club
Artikids	Thursday	1 & 2	04/01/2024 - 08/02/2024	Artikids Y1&Y2
Activity	Day	Year Group	Start & End date	Booking
Multi Skills	Friday	R, 1 & 2	05/01/2024 - 22/03/2024	Multiskills Club
French Knitting	Friday	R, 1 & 2	05/01/2024 - 22/03/2024	Login (scopay.com)
Drama	Friday	3, 4, 5 & 6	12/01/2024 - 22/03/2024	laraschoolofdrama@outlook.com

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **RECEPTION:** Please view the [Knowledge Organiser](#) for the next two weeks, covering the Learning Outcomes, Key Reading, Key Vocabulary and Key Facts.

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1:** White Rose Maths Practice Journals— Kindly ensure that your child has completed the Maths homework as set out below:

Year 1 Homework due date	Pages
8 th January	Pages 10-15
15 th January	Week 5 (pg 16-18) Week 6 (pg 20-22)
22 nd January	Week 7 (pg 23-25) Week 8 (pg 26-28)
29 th January	Week 9 (pg 29-31) Week 10 (pg 32-24)
05 th February	Week 11 (pg 36-38) Week 12 (pg 39-41)
19 th February	Pgs 42-43

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **AMETHYST CLASS SWIMMING:** Just a reminder that this term **Amethysts Class** will be going swimming **every Thursday**. Please ensure swimming kits are in school.

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

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SAYING OF THE WEEK

This week we are celebrating people who:

Know how to give and receive compliments.



COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

Week 7

Composition Title: Walking in the Air

Date: 1982

Composer: Howard Blake

Musical Elements:
Piano: softly
Accelerando: getting faster
Legato: smooth

Where in the World?

DID YOU KNOW?
Walking in the Air was composed as part of the soundtrack for a wordless story book called the Snowman. It was originally sung by Aled Jones.

Era: Modern

History of Music Timeline

'Walking in the Air' was composed by Howard Blake in 1982 as a musical accompaniment to the wordless picture book 'The Snowman'. Through his clever use of orchestra and choir, Blake manages to tell the story with very few words.

USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

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Something bothering you? Speak to our

Whiteknights Safeguarding Team



Safeguarding determines the actions we take to keep children safe and protect them from harm in all aspects of their school life. We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility and make every effort to provide a safe environment underpinned by a culture of openness where both children and adults feel secure, able to talk, and believe that they are being listened to.

As a school we maintain the attitude of "It could happen here."
If you are worried, or have concerns regarding the safety or well-being of a child, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads as listed below.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Bridget Reynolds
Acting Headteacher



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Louise Lewis
Assistant Head/SENCO



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Emma Connor
Assistant Head/SENCO



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Ms Claire Collard
Home School Link Worker/
Mental Health Lead

You can also speak to any member of our Assistant Head Team if a DSL is unavailable on a particular day. They are Mrs Coe, Miss Couch, Mrs O'Leary and Mrs Swift.



Our Assistant Head Team

At Whiteknights, all staff treat the safeguarding of pupils as utmost priority, by ensuring they take safeguarding duties seriously and promote the well-being of all our children by:

- Ensuring a safe learning environment for all children.
- Promoting a shared responsibility for the well-being of children.
- Developing and implementing robust measures to help us identify and report any safeguarding concerns.
- Working with other agencies and partners to support children and families.

- Keeping updated and well informed to help raise awareness and understanding of Child Protection issues.
- Promoting an awareness and understanding of how children can keep themselves safe.

Safeguarding and promoting the well-being of children is defined as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment.
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development.
- Ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Early intervention from professionals to enable all children to have the best possible outcomes.



Department for Education

Keeping children safe in education 2022

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges

1 September 2022

Keeping children safe in education 2022 *paragraph 2*

"Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child."

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