

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 15 JANUARY	TUESDAY 16 JANUARY	WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY	THURSDAY 18 JANUARY	FRIDAY 19 JANUARY	
		Year 4 leave for residential trip to Burwell House Pupils to arrive at school promptly at 7:30am Coach scheduled to depart at 8am	Year 4 at Burwell House	Year 4 return from Burwell House (estimated return 4pm)	
		KEY:	WHOLE SCHOOL	YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC	OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.10%



REC—Crystal	94.67%	Y4—Amethyst	96.55%
REC—Pearl	97.00%	Y4—Jasper	98.00%
Y1—Amber	97.00%	Y5—Emerald	98.00%
Y1—Jade	95.00%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	98.00%	Y5—Sapphire	95.81%
Y2—Topaz	95.17%	Y6—Obsidian	96.00%
Y3—Diamond	93.79%	Y6—Ruby	98.00%
Y3—Garnet	96.55%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	95.00%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Spring Term

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 (more details to follow)
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 *please note the time change
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

- 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.
- MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY:** We are excited to recruit a Midday Assistant to join our team. [More details](#) available through our My New Term platform on our website.
- RECEPTION ENROLLMENT 2024-2025:** A reminder that national enrollment applications for Reception 2024-2025 must be submitted by **Monday, 15th January 2024**.
- WOKINGHAM—LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP4):** WBC is currently consulting on their updated **Local Transport Plan (LTP4)**. The LTP4 is a strategic document that sets out how they aim to improve the walking, cycling and public transport facilities in the coming years. Residents are invited to [give feedback on the proposed document](#). Feedback submission are open until 23rd February 2024.
- SPRING TERM 1 PARENT LETTERS & TOPIC OVERVIEWS:** Parents can now access the parent letters and the topic overviews for Spring Term 1. Dive into details on subject focus, topics, learning outcomes, home learning expectations and more. Stay informed and engaged in your child's learning journey! See the group specific notices. Note: Year 4's Topic Overview and parent letter to follow next week.



FREE PARENT AND GUARDIAN COFFEE MORNINGS: Our free Parent and Guardian Coffee Mornings are back! Wednesday mornings 8:30am to 10am @ St Barnabas Hall. We'd love to see you there! **Join us on— 10th Jan, 24th Jan, 7th Feb, 21st Feb, 6th Mar, and 20th Mar.**

Are you contemplating a career in teaching?

Explore the possibilities with our joint initiative alongside Teach First and our academy trust, BPET. Unlock your potential to become a teacher through the **School-Centred Initial Teacher Training programme (SCITT)**. [Find out how you can apply today.](#)

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your
postcode**

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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



Dear Parents,

Artikids After School Club at Whiteknights Primary School

We are excited to be able to offer this very popular arts & crafts after school club running from **15:30-16:30** every **Thursday** for **5 weeks from 4th January 2024**. This club is open for **Years 1-2** and there are a maximum of 15 places available.

The students will have the opportunity to develop their creative talents through not just drawing, painting and design but also work with arts and crafts materials to produce everything from Egyptian Scarab Beetles to Attacking Aliens!

Each term the students are going to learn about a range of new topics through exciting videos produced specifically for this course. They will also get to use a huge array of crafty resources that have been supplied to the school specifically for this club.

As an added bit of fun, students from the club will also take part in a weekly inter-school competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the national leader board.

BOOK ONLINE!

The club costs per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.artikids.co.uk to book your child's place.

Ticket sales now live!

Any problems please contact us on 01633 383211 or admin@artikids.co.uk

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- **LITTLE GEMS KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER:** Please view the [Knowledge Organiser](#) for the next two weeks, covering the Learning Outcomes, Key Reading, Key Vocabulary and Key Facts.
- **LITTLE GEMS SPRING TERM 1—TOPIC OVERVIEW:** Please view the [Parent Letter](#) and [Topic Overview](#).

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- **RECEPTION SPRING TERM 1—TOPIC OVERVIEW:** Please view the [Parent Letter](#) and [Topic Overview](#).
- **RECEPTION ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES:** We have some exciting activities planned for Reception children this year!

Chinese Dragon Dance Workshop: Wednesday 7th February 2024

Living Eggs – Chicks in School: 11th – 22nd March 2024

Wellington Country Park: Wednesday 19th June 2024

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 1 SPRING TERM 1—TOPIC OVERVIEW:** Please view the [Parent Letter](#) and [Topic Overview](#).
- **YEAR 1:** White Rose Maths Practice Journals—
Kindly ensure that your child completes the Maths homework as set out below:
- **YEAR 2 SPRING TERM 1—TOPIC OVERVIEW:** Please view the [Parent Letter](#) and [Topic Overview](#).
- **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
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 2 Homework due date	Pages
W/C 8 th January due 15 th January	Pages 17—19
W/C 15 th January due 22 nd January	Pages 20—22
W/C 22 nd January due 29 th January	Pages 23—25
W/C 29 th January due 5 th February	Pages 26—28
W/C 5 th February due 19 th February	Pages 29—31

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 3 SPRING TERM 1—TOPIC OVERVIEW:** Please view the [Parent Letter](#) and [Topic Overview](#).
- **YEAR 4 BURWELL HOUSE RESIDENTIAL TRIP REMINDERS:** Pupils are expected to be in school by 7:30am on Wednesday for a prompt departure. The expected time of arrival back from Burwell is 4pm on Friday, 19th January. Please be sure to monitor school communications for any updates.
[Burwell Kit \(packing\) List](#)
[Final Letter to parents](#)

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 5 SPRING TERM —TOPIC OVERVIEW: Please view the [Parent Letter](#) and [Topic Overview](#).
- YEAR 6 SPRING TERM —TOPIC OVERVIEW: Please view the [Parent Letter](#) and [Topic Overview](#).

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

JIGSAW—PSHE

SAYING OF THE WEEK

This week we are celebrating people who:
Stay motivated when doing something challenging.



“Never give up, even if it’s tricky!”

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Rad about our [‘Composer of the Week’](#), Robert Schumann and his composition—‘The Spring Symphony’

DID YOU KNOW?

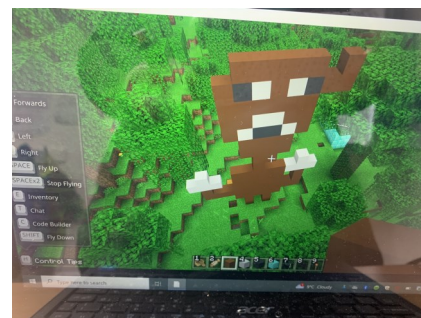
‘The Spring Symphony’ was the first symphony that Schumann ever completed. It took him to just under a month to complete.

MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to this week’s Winner, Joseph for his reconstruction of an orangutan in the rainforest project.

Well done!



USEFUL LINKS

[SCHOOL FORMS](#)

[SCHOOL MEALS](#)

[TERM DATES](#)

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



INTRODUCING THE PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2023-2024



I'm thrilled to introduce the newly appointed WPCA representatives for each year group.

These representatives will enhance communication between parents/carers and the WPCA, fostering stronger connections across the school. They play a crucial role as valued volunteers in our team.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Sarah Sesay

Chair of the Whiteknights Parent and Community Association

Please get in touch with your year group representative:

- ▶ If you have any questions about the WPCA and what we do.
- ▶ If you would like to get involved.
- ▶ If you want to know more about our events and initiatives.
- ▶ With any other feedback, or questions you may have about the WPCA.

They will be happy to help and will liaise with the wider committee as needed.

GET IN TOUCH

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Gisella
Parent/carer of Amelie

REC



Stacey
Parent/carer of Joel

YR 1



Alexia
Parent/carer of Lydia

YR 2



TBC



Alexia
Parent/carer of Alexander

YR 3



Stacey
Parent/carer of Blake

YR 4



Fatima
Parent/carer of Adewale



Nina
Parent/carer of Gia

YR 5



Sarah
Parent/carer of Cassia

YR 6

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENTS' COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Winter disco raised £1,400 for the school

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

While we've made great progress, we still need WhatsApp groups for Year 2 and Year 6. Additionally, we're on the lookout for a class representative for Year 2. If you're keen to lead as the Year 2 representative or can set up a WhatsApp group within Year 2 or Year 6, please reach out. **Let's make these connections even stronger!**