

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 02 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 03 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 04 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 05 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 06 OCTOBER
	Year 2 SPLAT—2pm start in the School Hall	WPCA Evening Event Happy's Circus	School Census Day	
	Guided School Tours 1.30pm—New Prospective Parents			

***Please note: Our Extra Curricular Club Timetable is available to view via the website—click on the link below**

KEY: WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC OTHER

[+CLICK TO VIEW ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE](#)

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 97.5%

REC—Crystal	96.9%	Y4—Amethyst	100%
REC—Pearl	96.9%	Y4—Jasper	100%
Y1—Amber	97.0%	Y5—Emerald	99.3%
Y1—Jade	93.1%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	97.7%	Y5—Sapphire	99.0%
Y2—Topaz	98.2%	Y6—Obsidian	93.0%
Y3—Diamond	97.2%	Y6—Ruby	99.7%
Y3—Garnet	96.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	98.5%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday, 3rd October	Year 2 SPLAT—2pm start in the School Hall
Tuesday, 3rd October	Guided School Tours 1.30pm—new prospective parents
Wednesday, 4th October	WPCA Evening Event— Happy's Circus
Thursday, 5th October	School Census Day
Tuesday, 10th October	Year 3 and 4 SPLAT—2pm start in the School Hall
Thursday, 12th October	Year 2 RE-INSPIRED talk/activity during school hours
Monday, 16th October to Friday 20th October	SEND parent consultation meetings
Monday, 16th October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday, 17th October	Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Friday, 20th October	School closes for half-term break, 3.20pm
Monday, 23rd October to Friday, 27th October	Autumn half-term break
Monday, 30th October	INSET Day—school closed to all pupils
Tuesday, 31st October	Pupils return to school
Friday, 3rd November	Year 5 and 6 SPLAT—2pm start in the School Hall
Wednesday, 1st November	Guided School Tours 9.15am—new prospective parents
Thursday, 2nd November	Tempest Photo Day—Individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday, 14th November	Year 2 Topaz Class - Lower Earley Library Visit (within school hours)
Wednesday, 15th November	Year 6 Measurement Programme (within school hours)
Tuesday, 21st November	Year 2 Opal Class - Lower Earley Library Visit (within school hours)

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- AUTUMN CLOTHING:** Please ensure you your child has a coat/waterproof jacket over the coming weeks as the weather is notoriously unpredictable at this time of year! After October half term, we expect every child to be wearing winter uniform; a shirt with collar and tie, trousers or skirt.
- CHOIR CLUB:** Tickets for the Young Voices performance at the O2 Arena, London are available to purchase via your SCOpay account. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday 13th October 2023.
- PARENTS AND GUARDIAN COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAYS:** Reading Gateway Church has partnered with Whiteknights to offer free coffee mornings for parents and guardians. WHEN: 18/10, 01/11, 22/11, 06/12 and 20/12 |TIME: 8.30am to 10am|WHERE: Reading Gateway Church @ St Barnabas Hall | PLEASE NOTE: Tea, coffee, squash, toast and jam will be provided as well as baby and toddler toys
- MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY:** Please click on the link to view [+Work With Us - Whiteknights Primary School](#)
- YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP TEAM ANNOUNCED:** It is with great joy, that we proudly present our newly appointed Year 6 Leadership Team. We are confident that Natasha (Head Girl) and Charlie (Head Boy) supported by the rest of the team, will greatly benefit our school. [+Now, let's meet the rest of this outstanding team!](#)

In light of **National Libraries Week—2nd to 8th October**, we thought we would highlight a few interesting facts about libraries and indeed our very own school library.

DID YOU KNOW?

The very earliest libraries are believed to have been built around five thousand years ago, with the first human efforts to organize collections of documents.

These took the form of clay tablets in cuneiform script about an inch thick, in various shapes and sizes.

The United Kingdom is home to over 4.1 thousand public libraries and 950 academic libraries, including the British Library, one of the largest in the world with collection holdings exceeding 150 million items.

We are rather fortunate to have a school library - one in seven state primary schools do not have a designated library space.

Every class from Reception to Year 6 visit the library at least once a fortnight.

Last year over 6,000 loans were made to the pupils in our school.

[+READ MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY](#)



02 OCTOBER - 08 OCTOBER

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 2:** In DT next week, Year 2 will be making lighthouses. Please can your child bring the following resources:
 - 2L plastic bottle
 - Small plastic cup
 - Newspaper
 - Tin foil

Please ensure this is bought into school by Monday 2nd October 2023.

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

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK

This week we moved into the classical era and began listening to some of the work of Joseph Haydn.

Our key listening was String Quartet in C Major which is just one of 68 string quartets that Haydn composed.

Click on the picture to view:

Week 4

Composition Title: String Quartet in C Major

Date: 1764

Composer: Joseph Haydn

Musical Elements: Major key – happy, Allegro – fast, Staccato – jumpy, Composed for strings (violin, viola, cello, double bass)

Where in the World? Austria

DID YOU KNOW? Haydn started his musical career as a choir boy. He wrote 68 string quartets which are pieces of music composed for 2 violins, a viola and cello.

Era: Classical

History of Music Timeline

JIGSAW — PSHE

This week we are celebrating people who:
Think about everyone's right to learn.

SAYING OF THE WEEK



MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



This weeks winner of the quick build in Minecraft club was Nina who has built a Viking Longhouse.

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT : CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND SCHOOL

- Well done to Amal and Umaima for receiving a medal and certificate for the Summer Reading Challenge during the summer holidays. +[Award-Winning Reading - Whiteknights Primary School](#)
- Deepak and Dheeraj step up for Diabetes Awareness. +[Stepping Up for Diabetes Awareness - Whiteknights Primary School](#)

USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES



BROWSE

Browse through the bookshelves - have a thorough look through the selection of books.

Check out the COVER

Does it look interesting? what is the title? Who is the author? Is it like books you have tried before?



HOW TO CHOOSE A BOOK

READ the blurb

The blurb is the short paragraph on back cover that tells you about the story. What does the blurb say? Does it make you want to read the book?



ASK somebody

Ask the school librarian (Mrs Lee), your teacher, parents or friends to recommend a book.



TRY it out

If there is time, read a few pages. Does it sound interesting? Do you want to read more? It's fine to put it back if it doesn't feel right.



think about the GENRE

Genre is the type of story found in the book.

Is it a comedy, adventure, or fantasy?

What kind of stories have you enjoyed before?



CHECK that the book is right for you

Is it the right fit? Use the 5 finger test. Open the book on any page. Put up a finger for each word you do not know.

- 5 fingers = 's too hard
- 3 to 4 = 's give it a try
- 1 to 2 = 's perfect choice
- 0 to 1 = 's too easy





NEWS FLASH!

We would like to make you all aware of a competition being run by the BBC to encourage children to use their imagination and write a story. This competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, and has since received over one million stories from children throughout the UK. [Go to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4) for more information and details of how to submit your story. Your story does not need to have perfect spelling, grammar or punctuation – the idea is that you just write a lovely, imaginative story.

THE DETAILS

This year, there will be two age categories – one for 5-7 year-olds and one for 8-11 year-olds. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. There are very few rules on 500 Words but a few points to remember:

*"Let your imagination be your pen,
and the world your blank page.
Write the stories only you can tell, and
in doing so, you'll inspire the world."*

THE DO'S & DON'TS

All the stories must:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be a written story, not rap or poem

Stories must not:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)

All stories will be judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

HOW TO ENTER

Only entries that have been **typed up** and submitted through the BBC's online form by an adult can be accepted. It is very straightforward. You just need to sign up on the BBC 500 word website as a submitter and then you can enter one entry per child.

We suggest typing up your story in another document (make sure you save it and continue to save it as you go!). Once finished and saved, you can then copy and paste the entry into the submission form.

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NOTICE BOARD



INVITATION TO WPCA AGM

The WPCA would like to invite you to join our Annual General Meeting (AGM) taking place on 12th October at 6:30pm. This will be a virtual meeting and a link will be shared nearer the time.

In the meeting we will be voting for the committee members for this academic year (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Project Leads).

We will reflect back over the last year to review our successes and lessons learnt, we will share details about our finances and discuss plans for the next year.

We would love to see you there and please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

EMAIL: whiteknightspca@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

& FUNDRAISING
INITIATIVES

A schedule of planned events and fundraising initiatives. Look out for updates and announcements on our Facebook page and the weekly school newsletter.

AUTUMN TERM

- Happy's Circus
- EYFS/KS1 Class Tea Towels
- MyChildsArt
- Christmas Cards & gifts
- Bags2School
- Christmas Panto @ the Hexagon
- Christmas Decoration competition
- Christmas Fair
- KS1 & KS2 Disco
- Non-Uniform day
- Cake/Sweet Sales

SPRING TERM

- Bags2School
- KS1 & KS2 Disco
- Non-Uniform day
- Cake/Sweet Sales

SUMMER TERM

- KS1 & KS2 Disco
- Non-uniform day
- Ice Lolly Sale
- Bags2School
- Prize Donations for the Summer Fair
- Sports Day/ Summer Fair



SLEEPING BEAUTY
PANTO
19 DECEMBER, 2^{PM} AT THE
HEXAGON, READING
DISCOUNTED TICKETS NOW ON SALE

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A WHITEKNIGHTS FAMILY FAVOURITE!

DISCOUNTED TICKETS
NOW ON SALE!
£20/ticket via SCOPay

HAPPY'S CIRCUS IS COMING TO WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY!

4 OCTOBER 2023

Don't delay, buy
your tickets
today!

HAPPY'S
CIRCUS
Even the kids will love it!

RUNNING OF EVENTS

5.00pm	:	GATES OPEN
5.30pm	:	BIG TOP OPENS
5.40pm	:	PRE SHOW
6pm	:	SHOW STARTS
6.45pm	:	INTERVAL
7.15pm	:	SECOND HALF
8pm	:	SHOW ENDS

Photo opportunities after the show

Whiteknights Primary School, Fairlawn Green,
Shinfield Rise, Reading, RG2 8EP (satnav RG2 8EG)

£12/ticket | Kids under 2yoa - free | Kids to be accompanied by
an adult | Food and beverages on sale | Fun for the whole family