

# WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY 09 OCTOBER	TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER	WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER	THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER
	Year 3 and 4 SPLAT— 2pm start in the School Hall		Year 2 RE-INSPIRED talk/ activity (during school hours)	Deadline for ordering tickets to the Young Voices Performance
			WPCA AGM 6:30pm (Virtual Meeting)	

**\*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: 97.4%

REC—Crystal	100%	Y4—Amethyst	96.7%
REC—Pearl	96.6%	Y4—Jasper	100%
Y1—Amber	95.0%	Y5—Emerald	96.7%
Y1—Jade	96.7%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	96.7%	Y5—Sapphire	100%
Y2—Topaz	100%	Y6—Obsidian	100%
Y3—Diamond	96.6%	Y6—Ruby	100%
Y3—Garnet	93.3%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	100%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
Wednesday, 1st November	Guided School Tours 9.15am—new prospective parents
Thursday, 2nd November	Tempest Photo Day—Individual and sibling photographs
Friday, 3rd November	Year 5 and 6 SPLAT—2pm start in the school hall
Friday, 3rd November	Year 1—Lower Earley Library Visit (within school hours)
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)
Thursday, 23rd November	Year 3 Diamond Class Library visit
Thursday, 7th December	Year 3 Garnet Class Library visit
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

- **HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Can children bring their items as they arrive into school on Monday 16th October. There will be tables outside the hall to collect the items.

Please ensure all donated food items are within “use by date” – thank you.

**PRIORITY NEEDS:** Tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables; carrots, peas, sweetcorn etc. cooking oil, packs of biscuits, tinned meat, pot noodles, nappies size 5, 6, 7 & 8, bay wipes, baby shampoo, baby soap, baby lotion, nappy rash cream, long life or UHT milk, 40s teabags, Basmati rice, rice pouches, cartons of juice, drinking squash, coffee.

**SPECIALIST FOODS NEEDED:** Dried noodles, dried lentils, dried couscous, plain flour.

**General foodbank needs are:** Tinned fruit, tinned & instant potatoes, tinned ready meals, rice- 500g & 1kg bags, baked beans, soup (tins and cuppa), cooking sauces, tinned fish, cereal, tea, coffee, sugar, cereal bars, sweet & savoury biscuits, tinned & dried pulses, packet desert (custard, angel delight), sandwich spreads, jam, plain flour, gluten free items, vegan items, crisps & Toiletries.

We currently have a large stock of pasta and gluten free pasta, so we are not in need of pasta donations, thank you. Please go to our home page to see how we are donating surplus pasta to be added to food aid parcels in Ukraine.

**We are unable to accept donations of baby milk. This is under UNICEF guidelines to food banks in the U.K**

- **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](#)
- **HAPPY'S CIRCUS:** We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the WPCA and staff involved for arranging such a spectacular event. It was a fun evening enjoyed by all. [+Read more](#)

## NATIONAL LIBRARIES WEEK 2-8 OCT

As National Libraries Week draws to an end, we want to take a moment to cast a well-deserved spotlight on our esteemed school librarian, Mrs. Lee.

[+ Read more: Shining the Spotlight on our school Librarian, Mrs Lee](#)

# GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

## NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- **NURSERY:** Please click on the link below to view the Nursery Knowledge Organiser  
[+Zoo-animal-KO.pptx \(live.com\)](#)

## RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

## YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- No notices this week.

## YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- **YEAR 3:** Diamond class are visiting the Library on Thursday, 23rd November and Garnet class on Thursday, 7th December.

We will be walking to and from the library, leaving the school at 1:25pm 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.

Thanking you in advance.

## 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 have been introduced to the work of Chopin through one of his most famous pieces.

This piece has a repeated phrase that becomes more elaborate each time it is repeated.

Click on the picture to view:

Week 6

**Composition Title:** Nocturne Op. 9 No. 2

**Date:** 1831 – 1832

**Composer:** Frederic Chopin

**Musical Elements:** Nocturne – short composition of a romantic nature for the piano  
Adagio – slow and calm

**Where in the World?** Poland

**ERA:** Romantic

**DID YOU KNOW?** One of Chopin's most famous pieces of work, this is one of a set of 3 nocturnes composed when Chopin was 20.

History of Music Timeline

## JIGSAW — PSHE

This week we are celebrating people who:  
Care about other people's feelings.

## SAYING OF THE WEEK

We **MUST** care about everyone's feelings!!!!



## MINECRAFT BUILDER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Gia for making a wonderful Viking Worker this week!

## PUPIL SPOTLIGHT : CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND SCHOOL

- Congratulations to Amara, in Pearl Class, who received a certificate and medal for participating in the Summer Reading challenge during the summer holidays.  
[+Celebrating Another Star Reader! - 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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



Sales close at 9:00am on Monday 16th October 2023!



## A WHITEKNIGHTS FAMILY FAVOURITE!

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