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WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



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WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31 MAR	01 APR	02 APR	03 APR	04 APR
Please note the following clubs are NOT running: Choir 11+ Traditional Tales Book Club Computing Club Couch to 5k French Needlecraft	Please note the following clubs are NOT running: Chess Maths Computing Arts and Crafts Sign Language French Club	Please note the following clubs are NOT running: Arts and Crafts Orchestra	Please note the following clubs are NOT running: Colouring Club Arts and Crafts All Things Disney	Easter Bonnet Parade
Parent Meetings Little Gems 08:30—10:30	Year 3 and 4 Spring Production to Parents 09:15	Year 3 SPLAT 14:00 Start in the School Hall	Egg Rolling Competition	LAST DAY OF TERM School Closes Promptly at 13:00 No After School Clubs Running Pupils return to school Tuesday 22nd April
	Year 3 and 4 Spring Production to Parents 13:45	Guardian Consultations 15:40—18:10	Guardian Consultations 16:00—18:30	
		After School Club Collections Please go to the Office	After School Club Collections Please go to the Office	

KEY:

WHOLE SCHOOL

YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC

OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.6%

REC—Crystal	95.3%	Y4—Amethyst	99.0%
REC—Pearl	92.0%	Y4—Jasper	96.7%
Y1—Amber	98.7%	Y5—Emerald	99.0%
Y1—Jade	98.3%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	98.0%	Y5—Sapphire	92.3%
Y2—Topaz	96.3%	Y6—Obsidian	XX%
Y3—Diamond	99.3%	Y6—Ruby	95.7%
Y3—Garnet	97.0%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	96.1%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Summer 1 Term 2025

Tuesday, 22nd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and Pupils Return to School
Wednesday, 23rd Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Tour 10:00 Lara's Drama First Session (R-Y2) Tag Rugby First Session (Y1-Y2)
Friday, 25th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lara's Drama First Session (Y3-Y6) Tag Rugby First Session (Y3-Y4)
Monday, 28th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11+ Club First Session Colouring Club First Session French Club First Session (Y2-Y6)
Tuesday, 29th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chess Club First Session Funky Feet and Fingers First Session Arts and Crafts Club First Session (Y1-Y2) French Club First Session (R-Y2)
Wednesday, 30th Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts and Crafts Club First Session (Y3-Y6)
Thursday, 1st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Photos Reception Offers to be Accepted Year 3 Swimming Starts—Y3 Diamond Class Tennis Club First Session (Y1-2) Arts and Crafts Club First Session (Y3-Y6)
Monday, 5th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Holiday School Closed for Staff and Pupils
Thursday, 8th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Hengistbury Head
Friday, 9th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery SPLAT 14:00 Start in the School Hall
Monday, 12th May— Thursday, 15th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 SATS
Thursday, 15th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 SPLAT 14:00 Start in the School Hall Year 6 RE Visit Topaz Class trip to Lower Earley Library 13:00—15:00
Friday, 16th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Maya Day Opal Class Trip to Lower Earley Library 13:00—15:00
Monday, 19th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Session for Sport4kids Outdoor Adventure (R-Y2)
Tuesday, 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 STEAMFest at Leighton Park School 09:15—11:15 Last Session Sports4kids Football (R-Y2)
Wednesday, 21st May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Session Sports4kids Basketball (Y3-Y6) Last Session Tag Rugby (Y1-Y2) Final Tag Rugby Session (Y1-Y2)
Thursday, 22nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Swimming Lesson for year 3 Diamond Class Reception REInspired Visit Last Sports4kids Football Session (Y3-Y6)
Friday, 23rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Day Last Sports4kids Multi Skills session (R-Y2) Last Day of Term. Finish 15:20. Extended Care After School Club running as Usual Last Tag Rugby Session (Y3-Y4)
26th-30th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Term—Return Monday 2nd June

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- EASTER COMPETITION:** Next week, the whole school will be able to have fun and take part in some Easter competitions.

Thursday 3rd April —Egg Rolling

The idea is that every child brings in a decorated HARD BOILED egg to roll down a ramp. The winning egg is the one that travels the furthest. In the past, children have decorated their eggs using paint, felt tips, nail varnish and stickers, to name a few ideas. Remember to keep your egg smooth then it will roll well!



Eggs should be brought into school on the morning of the 3rd April and will be disposed of after the egg rolling has taken place.

Friday 4th April —Easter Bonnet Competition

In the past children have decorated straw hats, baseball caps and even made their own creations out of cardboard. The hat should have an Easter theme. There are prizes for each year group, so get your creative thinking caps on and join the fun.



TRAIN TO BECOME A TEACHER AT OUR SCHOOL

Do you want to make a difference to children's lives? Our School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) programme is the perfect opportunity to do so: you'll be based in the classroom, gaining your qualification at the same time.

Benefits

- Post-graduate qualification awarded by Sheffield Hallam University
- Career progression opportunities
- Hands-on experience from day 1
- Mentorship and support
- Minimum starting salary of £31,650
- A 23.6% contribution towards your pension

How to apply

- Scan the QR code to learn more
- Apply on the Department for Education's website: search for 'Believe Place SCITT'

- BREAKFAST CLUB:** Breakfast Club are nearing full capacity and cannot ensure a place unless booked in advance. We have now changed the booking system so that you have to book 48 hours in advance, therefore please book early in order to avoid disappointment. On the further note, can we please ask parents to stay with their child/ children until they are handed over to a member of the Breakfast Club staff. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

- EASTER HOLIDAYS PRING CLEAN:** If you are having a spring clear out over the Easter Holidays, please remember to use our Clothes Bank located by the garages at the end of the staff car park. Thank you!





What's on the menu?

Monday 31st March—Friday 4th April 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE Mon 6 Jan Wed 27 Jan Wed 31 Mar Wed 17 Mar	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Carrots & Green Beans Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with New Potatoes Chickpea & Vegetable Korma with Rice Sweetcorn & Carrots Vanilla Cake & Custard	Chicken Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding Vegetable Sausages with Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Yorkshire Pudding Broccoli & Green Beans Apple Flapjack & Custard	Beef Keema Curry with Basmati Rice Vegetable Bean Chilli with Soft Taco, Rice & Salsa Sweetcorn & Carrots Chocolate Krispy Cake	Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Tomato Sauce Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard
WEEK TWO Mon 14 Jan Wed 3 Feb Wed 3 Mar Wed 4 Mar	Tomato & Basil Pasta Cheese Pinwheel with Potato Wedges Sweetcorn & Green Beans Berry Sponge & Custard	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oat Cookie & Fresh Fruit Slices	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans & Carrots Ice Cream with Fruit Slices	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Lentil & Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Carrots & Sweetcorn Chocolate Mousse	Battered Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Tomato Sauce & Chips Peas & Baked Beans Marble Cake & Custard
Next Week	Pepperoni Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes Margherita Pizza with Steamed New Potatoes Carrots & Sweetcorn Apple Crumble & Custard	Chicken Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Spring Vegetable Cottage Pie & Gravy Green Beans & Broccoli Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Roast Gammon, Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Vegetable Loaf with Roast New Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding Carrots & Peas Chocolate Cake & Custard	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread Quorn Bolognese with Garlic Bread Green Beans & Sweetcorn Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Slices	Breaded Fish Fillet with Tomato Sauce & Chips Quorn Nuggets with Tomato Sauce & Chips Peas & Baked Beans Chocolate & Oranges Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

Available daily: Freshly Prepared Salad Selection • Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings • Selection of Freshly Made Bread • Fresh Fruit Platter • Yoghurt

- LIBRARY INFORMATION:** With the Easter holidays approaching, it would be great if we could get back into school as many library books as possible next week. This gives the children the opportunity to get new books when we return, and avoids the possibility of books disappearing and disappointment if new books cannot be borrowed. Many thanks in advance.



WHITEKNIGHTS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2025

Whiteknights offers a variety of exciting After School Clubs, run by both external providers and our dedicated staff. **Just look what's on offer for our clubs this Summer Term!**








Bookings now open!

Please note: minor changes to dates listed below in red

	<p>11+ : Y4-5</p> <p>Designed for pupils preparing for the 11+ entrance exams, this club develops skills in Maths, English, verbal, and non-verbal reasoning using Century.tech. Build confidence and get ready for success!</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	<p>28/04/2025-07/07/2025 NOT running 05/05 (BH)</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>COLOURING CLUB : R-Y2</p> <p>Colouring Club is a calming, creative space for pupils to practise fine motor skills using a variety of materials. With mindfulness colouring and soothing music in the background, children can relax, chat about their interests, and unwind.</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	<p>28/04/2025-07/07/2025 NOT running 05/05 (BH)</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>FUNKY FINGERS & FEET CLUB : R</p> <p>Funky Fingers and Feet helps pupils in Reception develop fine and gross motor skills in a creative and fun way. Through exciting games and hands-on activities, they build strength, coordination, and control, supporting their physical development in an engaging and playful environment.</p>	<p>WHEN: TUESDAYS</p>	<p>29/04/2025-08/07/2025</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>ARTS & CRAFTS : Y1-6</p> <p>This creative club offers children the chance to explore drawing, painting, sewing, and modelling. Every session is different, providing endless opportunities to express creativity and learn new skills.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y1-2 TUESDAYS Y3-4 WEDNESDAYS Y5-6 THURSDAYS</p>	<p>Y1-2 29/04/2025-08/07/2025 Y3-4 30/04/2025-09/07/2025 Y5-6 01/05/2025-10/07/2025</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>CHESS : Y3-6</p> <p>Learn to play and enjoy chess. Starting from the basics, participants will progress to advanced strategies, enhancing their problem-solving, concentration, and logical thinking skills. This club is fun, inclusive and suitable for all skill levels.</p>	<p>WHEN: TUESDAYS</p>	<p>29/04/2025-01/07/2025</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>DRAMA : R-Y6</p> <p>Explore the magic of theatre at Whiteknights! In this fun and creative club, pupils will explore acting, and stage production, building confidence and teamwork along the way. Whether they love performing or just want to try something new, it's a great space to develop skills and have fun.</p>	<p>WHEN: R-Y2 WEDNESDAYS Y3-6 FRIDAYS</p>	<p>R-Y2 23/04/2025-25/06/2025 Y3-6 25/04/2025-20/06/2025 INSET DAY 04/07/2025</p>	DRAMA CLUB LETTER
	<p>FRENCH : R-Y6</p> <p>Learn French through fun games, songs, stories, and role-play! Designed for primary-aged pupils, French Club helps children build a strong foundation in grammar and vocabulary while developing confidence in speaking and understanding French.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y2-6 MONDAYS R-Y2 TUESDAYS</p>	<p>Y3-6 28/04/25-07/07/25 (NOT running 05/05 & 02/06) R-Y2 29/04/2025-08/07/2025</p>	FRENCH CLUB LETTER



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	<p>TAG RUGBY CLUB : Y1-4</p> <p>Tag Rugby club focuses on core skills—catching, passing, evading, and tagging. Open to all, pupils can experience rugby, regardless of their skills. Develop abilities, make new friends, and grow on and off the field — following the TREDs values: teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline, and sportsmanship.</p>	<p>WHEN: Y1-2 WEDNESDAYS</p> <p>Y3-4 FRIDAYS</p>	<p>Y1-2 23/04/2025-21/05/2025</p> <p>Y3-4 25/04/2025-23/05/2025</p>	SCOPAY
	<p>GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB : Y3-6</p> <p>Our Girls' Football Club is a fantastic opportunity for girls of all abilities to develop their skills, build confidence, and enjoy the game in a supportive and fun environment. Girls are encouraged to join to improve their technique, make new friends, and grow their love for football.</p>	<p>WHEN: WEDNESDAYS</p>	30/04/2025-09/07/2025	SCOPAY
	<p>OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CLUB : R-Y2</p> <p>Embark on thrilling journeys with our Outdoor Adventures Club, where children explore nature, develop useful skills, and engage in team-building activities that foster confidence and a love for the great outdoors.</p>	<p>WHEN: MONDAYS</p>	28/04/2025-19/05/2025 NOT running 05/05 (BH)	S4K—OUTDOOR
	<p>FOOTBALL CLUB : R-Y6</p> <p>Join our dynamic Football Club where young athletes develop their skills through age-appropriate training, progressing through levels with the support of dedicated coaches.</p>	<p>WHEN: R-Y2 TUESDAYS</p> <p>Y3-6 THURSDAYS</p>	<p>R-Y2 22/04/2025-20/05/2025</p> <p>Y3-6 24/04/2025-22/05/2025</p>	<p>S4K—FOOTBALL R to Y2</p> <p>S4K—FOOTBALL Y3 to Y6</p>
	<p>BASKETBALL CLUB : Y3-6</p> <p>Dribble, shoot, and score in our Basketball Club, where children learn the fundamentals of the game, improve their coordination, and enjoy friendly competition in a supportive environment.</p>	<p>WHEN: WEDNESDAYS</p>	23/04/2025-21/05/2025	S4K—BASKETBALL
	<p>MULTI SKILLS CLUB : R-Y2</p> <p>Our Multi-Skills Club offers a diverse range of sports and activities, allowing children to develop various physical abilities, enhance teamwork, and discover new interests in a fun and inclusive setting.</p>	<p>WHEN: FRIDAYS</p>	25/04/2025-23/05/2025	S4K—BASKETBALL
	<p>TENNIS : Y1-2</p> <p>Join these fun filled sessions for all levels. Learning and developing sending and receiving and racket control, in a games based way. All equipment is provided however if your child wishes to bring their own racket this is also fine.</p>	<p>WHEN: THURSDAYS</p>	01/05/2025- 10/07/2025	MRP—TENNIS

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [NURSERY TERMLY LETTER](#) [EASTER KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)
- [NURSERY TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- [RECEPTION TERMLY LETTER](#) [EASTER KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER](#)
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- RECEPTION: In view of the many activities going on in school next week, the Reception classes will not be visiting the school library. However, please return your library books next week so the children can borrow a new book when we return after Easter. Thank you!



YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- [YEAR 1 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 1 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [YEAR 2 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 2 OVERVIEW](#)

- YEAR 1 HOMEWORK SCHEDULE:

Homework due date	Pages to complete
4 th March	61-63
11 th March	64-67
18 th March	68-70
25 th March	71-74
1 st April	75-77

YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- [YEAR 3 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 3 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [YEAR 4 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 4 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)

- **YEAR 3/4 PRODUCTION:** Can we request that children bring in a black or white top to wear with their usual school uniform. Please bring in a named bag as soon as possible and hand to their class teacher.

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- [YEAR 5 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 5 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)
- [YEAR 6 TERMLY LETTER](#)
- [YEAR 6 TERMLY OVERVIEW](#)

- **YEAR 5 HOMEWORK:** Homework is due weekly.

Reading—(signed on a Friday and checked multiple times a week) Comments should be completed by the pupils using the master reader prompts in their diary. Page numbers should be noted for every days reading

Spellings—(signed and checked on a Wednesday) The practice of spellings should be spaced throughout the week.

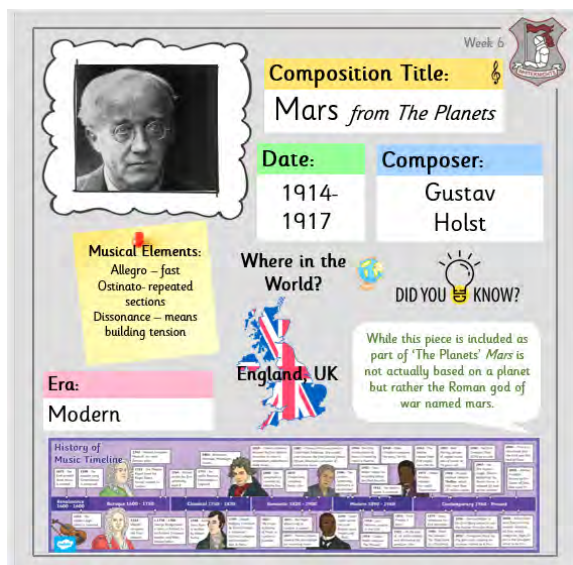
Maths on Century— (checked on a Wednesday morning, however the nuggets close at 8:30pm)

Accelerated reader—(due every fortnight) Pupils to use the books as a reference to support with answering the questions. House points are awarded for scores 80% or higher.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

Shining a spotlight on school life and pupil achievement

COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Week 5

Composition Title: Mars from *The Planets*

Date: 1914-1917

Composer: Gustav Holst

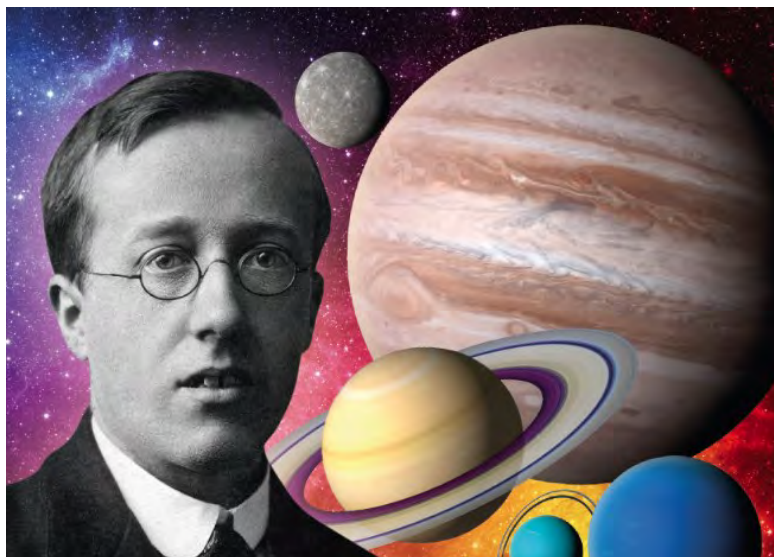
Musical Elements:
Allegro – fast
Ostinato – repeated sections
Dissonance – means building tension

Where in the World?
England, UK

Era: Modern

DID YOU KNOW?
While this piece is included as part of 'The Planets', Mars is not actually based on a planet but rather the Roman god of war named Mars.

History of Music Timeline:



We have finally reached the modern era with Gustav Holst's 'Mars' from *The Planets*. This piece was inspired by Mars the Roman god of war rather than by the planet Mars itself.



PSHE CONNECT

This half term we are working on: 'Connecting to Others'

"A warm smile is the universal language of kindness"



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