

WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



Date 11th October 2024 No.: Issue #6

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
14 OCT	15 OCT	16 OCT	17 OCT	18 OCT
	Year 1 SPLAT In the School Hall 14:00—15:00	Year 4 Leaving for Residential Trip to Burwell House	Year 4 Residential Trip to Burwell House	Year 4 Returning from Residential Trip to Burwell House
		WPCA Annual AGM 20:00 Virtual Meeting	Last swimming session for Amethyst Class Before Half Term. Resumes Thursday, 7th November 2024	

KEY: WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC OTHER

+ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OVERALL TOTAL: 96.4%

REC—Crystal	98.0%	Y4—Amethyst	98.3%
REC—Pearl	98.3%	Y4—Jasper	99.7%
Y1—Amber	96.0%	Y5—Emerald	98.7%
Y1—Jade	97.0%	Y5—Onyx	XX%
Y2—Opal	97.0%	Y5—Sapphire	98.3%
Y2—Topaz	99.0%	Y6—Obsidian	96.5%
Y3—Diamond	99.0%	Y6—Ruby	94.0%
Y3—Garnet	94.7%	Y6—Tiger's Eye	96.2%



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Every Child | In School | On Time | Every Day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Autum Term 2024

Tuesday, 15th October	Year 1 SPLAT
Wed, 16th Oct—Fri, 18th Oct	Year 4 Residential Trip—Burwell House
Wednesday, 16th October	WPCA Annual AGM
Wednesday, 23rd October	Year 3 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday, 24th October	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday, 25th October	Year 5 Library Visit (pm)
Friday, 25th October	WPCA Non-Uniform Day £1 Donation
Friday, 25th October	Year 5 Library Visit (pm)
Friday, 25th October	Last Day of Term. Normal School Hours Apply.
Monday, 4th November	Inset Day—School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday, 5th November	Pupils Return to School
Wednesday, 6th November	School Tour 09:30
Thursday, 7th November	Swimming Resumes for Year 4 Amethyst Class
Friday, 15th November	Year 4—REInspired Visit
Friday, 15th November	Year 5 and 6 SPLAT 14:00 in the School Hall
Monday, 18th November	Year 6 Library Visit
Tuesday, 19th November	Tempest School Photos (Individuals/Family)
Thursday, 21st November	Year 5 (Nov 2025) Residential Trip—Parent Information Evening 15:30 in Ruby Classroom
Thursday, 21st November	Year 6 Library Visit
Wednesday, 27th November	Lara Drama Performance for R-Year2 in the School Hall (TTBC)
Thursday, 28th November	Year 1—REInspired Visit
Friday, 29th November	Lara Drama—Performance for Y3-Y6 in the School Hall (TTBC)
Friday, 29th November	Year 3 Diamond Library Visit
Monday, 2nd December	WPCA Christmas Decorations on Sale
Thursday, 5th December	WPCA Movie night—Reception Classes Only
Friday, 6th December	Year 3 Garnet Library Visit
Friday, 6th December	WPCA School Disco Years 1-6
Wednesday, 11th December	Parents Evening 15:30—18:00
Thursday, 12th December	Parents Evening 16:00—18:20
Sun, 15th Dec— Thu, 19th Dec	Year 6 Residential Trip—Rhos-y-Gwaliau
Monday, 16th December	Year 1 and 2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, 17th December	Year 1 and 2 Performance to Parents 09:30—10:15 in the School Hall
Tuesday, 17th December	Year 1 and 2 Performance to Parents 14:30—15:15 in the School Hall
Wednesday, 18th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday, 19th December	Year 3-5 Carol Concert (run by Year 5) at St Barnabas Church
Thursday, 19th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Singing Performance and SPLAT 13:30—15:00
Friday, 20th December	Last Day of Term—School Closes Promptly at 13:00

- **FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM:**
For families new and old—we are on Instagram!



@wokingham_knight

Follow us for a glimpse into daily school life and stay connected to what's happening in school—achievements, celebrations, special events, exciting classroom activities, and much more!

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES

- **FLU IMMUNISATIONS:** The Berkshire Immunisation Team are delivering the Childhood National Flu Immunisation Programme in school on **Thursday 24th October**. This is being offered to all children from Reception - Year 6.

Read more: [Protecting your child against flu](#)

Remember to submit your consent or withdrawal via the electronic the link supplied via the Flu Immunisation Consent Letter emailed to parents on the 19th September.



We all know how much our children love visiting the **Whiteknights Library**. Every year, thousands of books are borrowed, with some becoming firm favourites! However, as you can imagine, many of these beloved books come back to school looking a little worse for wear.

While we would love to replace these popular books every time they start to look a bit 'dog-eared,' it's not always financially feasible. That's why we're thrilled to be partnering with the **Scholastic Book Wish List** scheme this **National Libraries Week (7-13 October)**. This initiative allows families who wish to contribute the opportunity to donate books directly to our library to help us refresh our collection.

All books on our wish list are available for donation, and as an added bonus, many of the books, will earn us 20p towards extra free books, for every £1 spent. You can browse the list and make your donation securely online at [<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/wishlists/4390240>].

If you'd like to donate, please ensure your order is placed by 5th November 2024, and the books will be delivered directly to the school.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support in helping us nurture a love of reading in all our pupils!

Warm regards,
Carolyn Lee, School Librarian

- **COST OF LIVING HELP:** Click link for further information [Apply now for money to help with cost of living](#)
- **FREE SCHOOL MEALS:** Click link for further information [Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education](#)
- **WESTCOTT INFANT SCHOOL:** Consultation on proposed Admission Arrangements for entry into Reception from September 2026. [CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER DETAILS](#)



SUPPORT OUR LIBRARY WISH LIST TODAY!



Our favourite books need your help!

Thank you for helping our library 'grow in greatness'!



Donate to our Scholastic Book Wish List!

Browse the list online and help us replace our well-loved books. Every donation makes a difference!

For every £1 you spend, we could earn 20p in extra free books!

SCAN TO DONATE TODAY!



CLOSING DATE: 05 NOVEMBER 2024

WHOLE-SCHOOL NOTICES *cont.*

What's on the menu?		Tuesday 14th Oct — Friday 18th Oct			
		Remember—Meat Free Monday!			
		HARRISON® food with thought			
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE w/c 1 Sept w/c 8 Sept w/c 15 Sept w/c 22 Sept w/c 29 Sept w/c 6 Oct w/c 13 Oct w/c 20 Oct w/c 27 Oct w/c 3 Nov w/c 14 Nov w/c 21 Nov w/c 28 Nov w/c 5 Dec	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread Indian Style Vegetable & Chickpea Biryani Carrots & Peas Apple Crumble & Custard	Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice Sweet Potato & Red Pepper Pattie with Sweetcorn Rice & Lemon Dressing Savoy Cabbage & Green Beans Chocolate Shortbread with Orange Wedges	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Thyme Gravy Vegetable Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Thyme Gravy Glazed Carrots & Courgettes with Roast Tomatoes Berry Swirl Sponge Cake & Custard	Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta with Cheesy Topping Broccoli & Herb Roasted Butternut Squash Strawberry Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce Cornish Style Vegetable Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Lemon Sponge Cake with Custard
WEEK TWO w/c 9 Sept w/c 16 Sept w/c 23 Sept w/c 30 Sept w/c 7 Oct w/c 14 Oct w/c 21 Oct w/c 28 Oct w/c 4 Nov w/c 11 Nov w/c 18 Nov w/c 25 Nov w/c 2 Dec	Italian Style Tomato & Basil Pasta with Cheese Sweet Potato & Chickpea Korma with Rice Glazed Carrots & Green Beans Marbled Sponge Cake & Custard	Pork Sausage Roll with Mashed Potato & Baked Beans Lentil & Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread Broccoli & Sweetcorn Wholemeal Lemon Shortbread with Fruit Wedges	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Baked Onion Bhajis with Red Bean Dhal, Pilau Rice & Naan Style Bread Carrots & Peas Carrot & Orange Cake with Custard	Cottage Pie with Thyme Gravy Wholemeal Cheddar Cheese & Spinach Quiche with Herby New Potatoes Vegetable Medley Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce Chilli Bean Fajita with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Apple Flapjack with Custard
WEEK THREE w/c 16 Sept w/c 23 Sept w/c 30 Sept w/c 7 Oct w/c 14 Oct w/c 21 Oct w/c 28 Oct w/c 4 Nov w/c 11 Nov w/c 18 Nov w/c 25 Nov w/c 2 Dec	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges Oriental Style Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice Glazed Carrots & Green Beans Chocolate Shortbread	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread Roast Pepper & Herb Jambalaya Broccoli & Sweetcorn Oatmeal Cookie with Fruit Wedges	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Fruity Colestlaw Bean Chilli Soft Taco with Cheese & Salsa & Potato Wedges Carrots & Peas Chocolate Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Herby New Potatoes Japanese Style Curry with Rice Thyme Roasted Carrots/Savoy Cabbage Jelly with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce Butternut Squash Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce Peas & Baked Beans Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard
Available daily: Freshly Prepared Salad Selection • Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings • Selection of Freshly Made Bread • Fresh Fruit Platter • Yoghurt					



KS2 WALKING HOME UNACCOMPANIED

In order to ensure children's safety, only children in Key Stage 2 are allowed to walk home on their own. Children in Key Stage 1 need to be collected by an adult (it is not appropriate for an older sibling in KS2 to walk them home).

This does not mean that all children in KS2 are ready to walk home on their own. Parents need to consider their child's age, maturity and independence, as well as their distance from the school and the safety of the route before making a decision about whether or not it is safe for each child to walk home unaccompanied by an adult.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR ASSESSING YOUR CHILD'S READINESS

How do you know if your child is ready to walk or ride his/her bike to and from school? By discussing possible scenarios with him/her. Ideally, your child should know the following twelve points before she/he is ever alone in public. Talk about each one of the twelve points listed below from Gavin de Becker's book, *Protecting the Gift* to help establish their readiness or areas to support them with:

- 1 Does your child know how to honour his feelings? If someone makes him uncomfortable, that's an important signal.
- 2 Are you as the parent strong enough to hear about any experience your child has had, no matter how unpleasant?
- 3 Does your child know it's okay to rebuff and defy adults?
- 4 Does your child know it's okay to be assertive?
- 5 Does your child know how to ask for assistance or help?
- 6 Does your child know how to choose who to ask?
- 7 Does your child know how to describe the situation he finds himself in?
- 8 Does your child know it's okay to strike, even to injure, someone if he believes he is in danger, and that you'll support any action he takes as a result of feeling uncomfortable or afraid?
- 9 Does your child know it's okay to make noise, to scream, to yell, to run?
Does your child know that if someone ever tries to force him to go somewhere, what he screams should include, "This is not my father/mother"?
- 10 Onlookers seeing a child scream or even struggle are likely to assume the adult is a parent.
Does your child know that if someone says, "Don't yell", the thing to do is yell? The corollary is if someone says, "Don't tell", the thing to do is tell.
- 12 Does your child know to fully resist ever going anywhere out of public view with someone he doesn't know, and particularly to resist going anywhere with someone who tries to persuade him?

GROUP-SPECIFIC NOTICES

NURSERY : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

RECEPTION : Notices and Reminders

- [Knowledge Organiser](#)

YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 1: Maths

Homework due date	Pages to complete
17 th September	4-6
24 th September	7-9
1 st October	10-12
8 th October	13-15
15 th October	16-18
22 nd October	20-22

- YEAR 2 Maths:

Homework due date	Pages to complete
16 th September	4 – 6
23 rd September	7 – 9
30 th September	10 – 12
7 th October	13 – 15
14 th October	17 – 19
21 st October	20 – 22
4 th November	23 – 25



YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 4 SWIMMING: Dates for Amethyst swimming are:

17th October 21st November
7th November 28th November
14th November

- YEAR 3 HOME LEARNING:

Autumn 1 project – Stonehenge or Skara Brae



For your home learning project this half term, we would like you to recreate Stonehenge Or Skara Brae in miniature form. This links to our Guided Reading and History topics all about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. Use your creativity and make sure to label the different types of stone or areas of Skara Brae in more detail, the more information the better!
Note: Your project must not be larger than a shoebox.
Project due in Monday 11th November 2024

YEAR 5 and YEAR 6 : Notices and Reminders

- YEAR 5 WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP: To date, we still **do not** have enough donations for this trip to go ahead. Year 5 will be learning about the Earth, space and forces as part of the Science curriculum. This trip will link to all of these topics, and will be an invaluable experience for your child to engage in a hands-on approach to learning and help their understanding of science and the appreciation of the world around us. Please make your contributions **as soon as possible**.

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

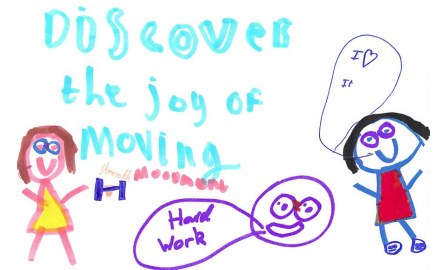
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CONNECT

This half term we are working on 'exercising'.

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."



COMPOSER OF THE WEEK



Read about our '[Composer of the Week](#)', Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky, who famously composed Swan Lake.

Did you  know?

In the same year, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone and made the first call.

LEARNER SHOWCASE : SCHOOL LIFE , NEWS AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

Discover the latest school news, including classroom highlights, sporting events, school trips and more, - click on the links below:-

- [Digging Into the Past: Year 3 Become Palaeontologists!](#)

USEFUL LINKS

SCHOOL FORMS

SCHOOL MEALS

TERM DATES

WHITEKNIGHTS PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NOTICE BOARD



NON-UNIFORM DAY

25.10.2024

£1 DONATION



INVITATION TO WPCA AGM



JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL AGM - 16 OCT 8PM



The WPCA would like to invite you to join our Annual General Meeting (AGM) taking place on Wednesday, 16th October at 8pm. 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

Please be on the look out for **MyChildsArt** artwork forms that have been sent home this week. This is one of our very popular fundraising initiatives for Christmas. Turn your child's artwork into unique and special gifts to give to your loved ones this Christmas. Parents can choose from a full range of over 20 products.

Artwork designs must be returned by the **Friday, 25th October**.



Create your artwork on the artwork sheet provided following the guidelines below.



Artwork Guidelines

For best printed results we recommend full coverage designs that use **bright / bold felt-tip pens**.

Do Use...

- Felt-Tip Pens
- Bright Colours
- Poster Paint

Don't Use...

- Light Colours
- Collage
- Pencils
- Metallic Pens
- Crayons
- Glitter

All of our products (including cards) are set up to work with portrait designs only on the original artwork sheets provided. Please **DO NOT** photocopy the sheets - we are happy to send you extra if needed.



The sheets are processed using a high speed roller-fed scanner, so please **DO NOT** stick anything onto the artwork sheet as this will not feed through the scanner properly.

If you are using paint, please ensure this is not applied too thickly and that the sheets are completely dry before packing. If not, quite often they get stuck (either to each other or whilst going through the scanner) which tears the artwork sheet - spoiling the child's picture and all their hard work!



**WHITEKNIGHTS
PARENTS'
COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

INTRODUCING, THE PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2024 2025

We are thrilled to introduce the newly appointed WPCA representatives for each year group.

These representatives help 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.

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

✉ WhiteknightsPCA@gmail.com

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	Ros Parent/carer of Greyson	NURSERY		Nina Parent/carer of Dylan	YR 3
	Fatima Parent/carer of Adelayo	REC		Alexia Parent/carer of Alexander	YR 4
	Gisella Parent/carer of Amelie	YR 1		Stacey Parent/carer of Blake	YR 5
	Stacey Parent/carer of Joel	YR 2		Fatima Parent/carer of Adewale	YR 5
	Alexia Parent/carer of Lydia			Nina Parent/carer of Gia	YR 6

