

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



30th January 2026—Issue No: 19

NEXT WEEK

**Monday,
2nd February**

**Tuesday,
3rd February**

**Wednesday,
4th February**

Librarian Visit to Little Gems (AM Session)

**Thursday,
5th February**

Y 2 SPLAT at 14:00

**Friday,
6th February**

Last day to drop off donations for World Book Day Second Hand Costume Sale

**ON THE
MENU**

Available daily: Freshly Baked Bread, Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Italian Style Tomato & Basil Pasta with Cheese
Mediterranean Vegetable in Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta with Cheese
Glazed Carrots & Peas
Strawberry Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices

Beef Keema with Pilau Rice
Onion Bhaji with Red Bean Dhal & Pilau Rice
Sweetcorn & Carrots
Chocolate & Orange Cake with Chocolate Sauce

Roast Gammon with Roast New Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy
Quorn Roast with Roast New Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy
Cauliflower & Peas
Carrot & Orange Cake with Custard

Pork Pastry Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges
Quorn Pastry Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn & Broccoli
Raspberry Mousse

Chicken Nuggets & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Quorn Nuggets & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Peas & Baked Beans
Apple Flapjack & Yoghurt



By embracing challenge, nurturing wonder and aspiring to new heights, we **"Grow in Greatness"**.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



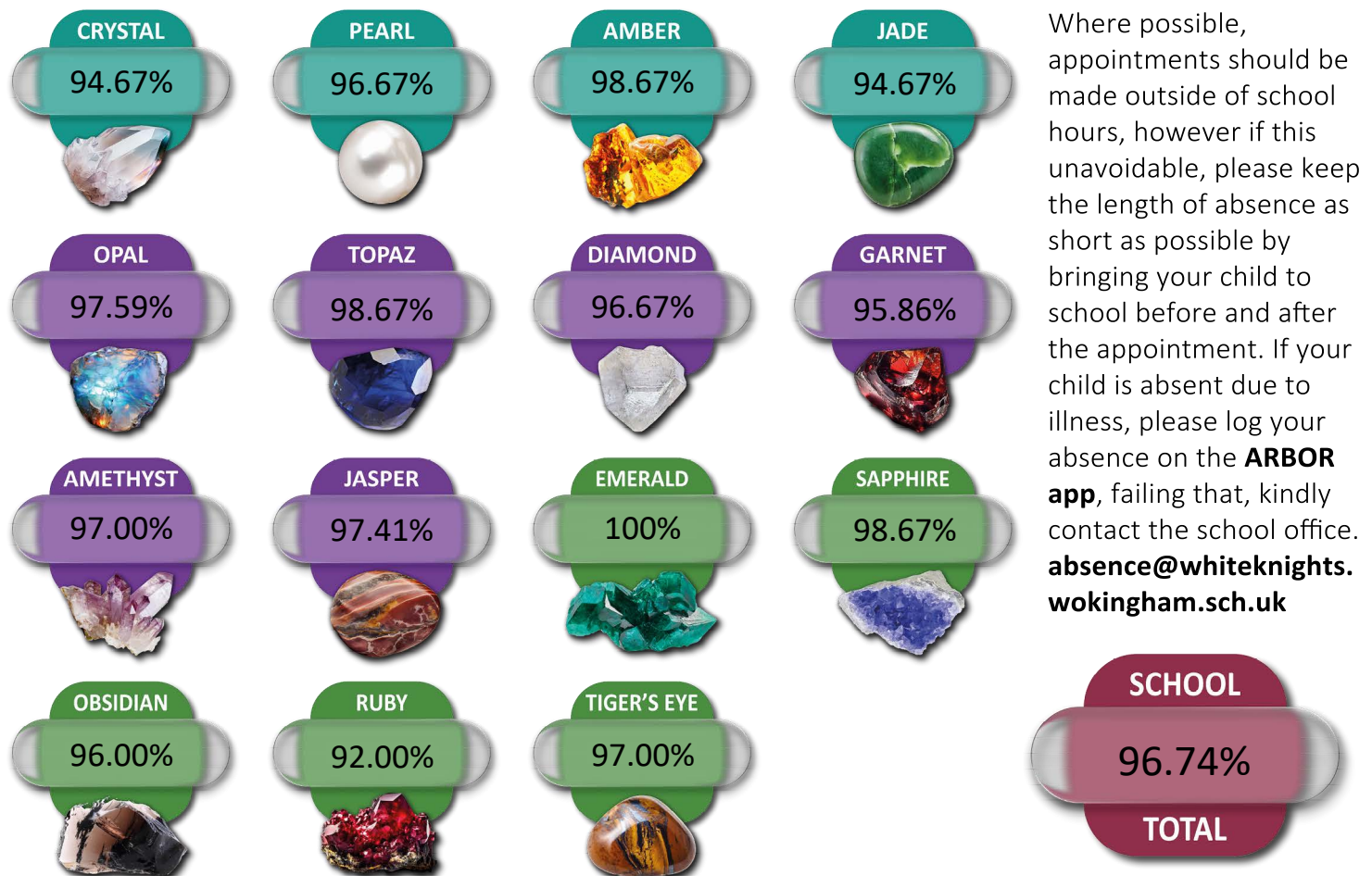
IN SCHOOL



ON TIME



EVERY DAY



Where possible, appointments should be made outside of school hours, however if this unavoidable, please keep the length of absence as short as possible by bringing your child to school before and after the appointment. If your child is absent due to illness, please log your absence on the **ARBOR app**, failing that, kindly contact the school office. **absence@whitenights.wokingham.sch.uk**

When you're not in school you miss out on...



Learning new skills



Good assessment results



Support and help



Time with friends



Best chance to succeed

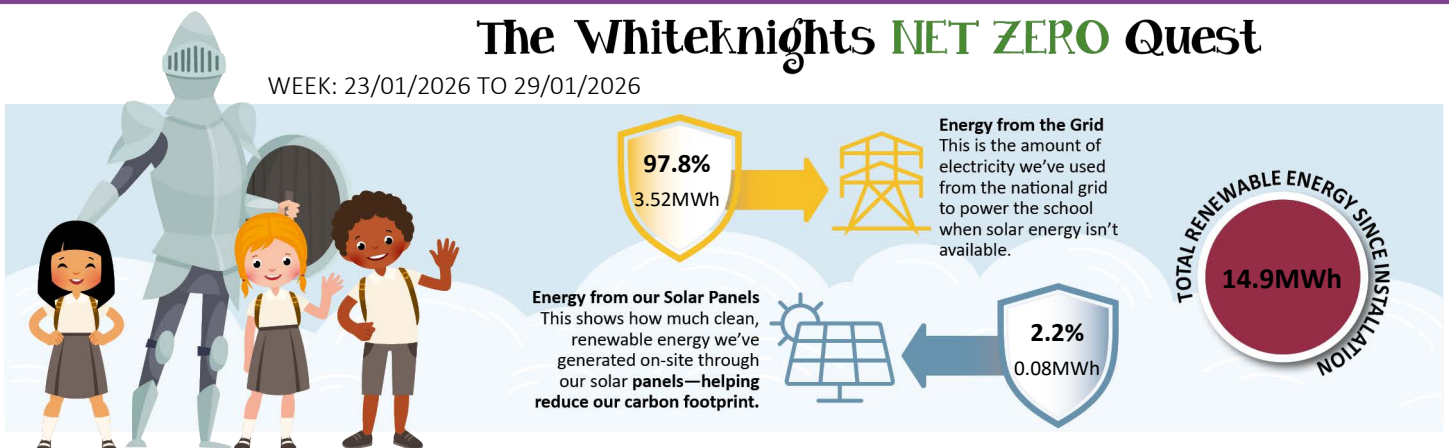


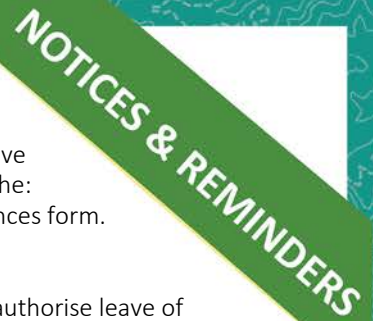
School activities



The Whitenights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 23/01/2026 TO 29/01/2026





LEAVE REQUESTS

We have recently received numerous email requests for leave applications. Leave requests **MUST** be submitted by using the: Application for Leave of Absence for Exceptional Circumstances form. (Click on image to view/download)

The Department for Education has advised schools to only authorise leave of absence in 'exceptional' circumstances, hence School will **not** approve any absence in term time, except in such circumstances. The Headteacher will determine whether the reason given for requesting leave of absence is exceptional or not. Please also note that there is no automatic right to take holidays in term time nor will your child/ren's overall attendance affect the Headteacher's decision.

Please complete the Application for Leave for Exceptional Circumstances and return to school **at least one month** before the requested absence. School will endeavour to

respond to your request within 5 working days. If your request for leave of absence is approved your child will be expected to collect and complete all missed work. Please note that taking your child away during the school term is detrimental to their educational progress. Please be aware that if holidays are taken without approval, this information will be passed to our Education Welfare Officer. Taking an unauthorised holiday is a Criminal Offence and may result, depending on the circumstances of each case, in either a Penalty Notice being issued or Prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

A Penalty Notice may be issued without further warning. Payment of a Penalty Notice within 21 Days is £80 and this will be increased to £160 if paid within 28 days. A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days. A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of issue of the first. In a case where the national threshold is met for a third time (or subsequent times) within those 3 years, alternative action will be taken instead. Penalty Notices are issued to each parent, per child. If a penalty notice is not paid then the Parents may be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court. In some cases, a Penalty notice will not be offered at all and the matter referred immediately for Prosecution. In the Court the penalty is a fine of up to £1000 and a Criminal Record. More information can be found on the Wokingham Borough Council website or from the Educational Welfare Service.

RECOGNITION FOR WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Whiteknights Primary School has received a letter of congratulations from **Bridget Phillipson**, Secretary of State for Education, recognising the school's exceptional outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in the 2024/25 academic year.

In her letter, the Secretary of State praised Whiteknights for being *"among the very best nationally"*, highlighting the dedication of staff and the hard work and commitment of pupils. She noted that these achievements demonstrate *"what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together."*

This national recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to ensuring that every child, regardless of background, is supported to thrive academically, socially, and personally. It is a testament to our shared belief in high expectations, inclusive practice, and a school culture rooted in **challenge, wonder, and aspiration**.

We are incredibly proud of our staff and pupils for their continued focus on excellence and equity. Well done to everyone involved.

A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Colleague,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at your school achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with your region's **RISE networks** and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Yours sincerely,

Bridget Phillipson
Secretary of State for Education

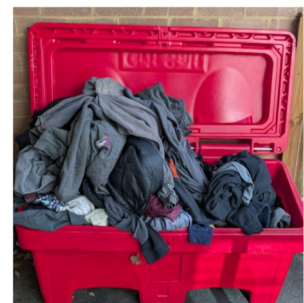
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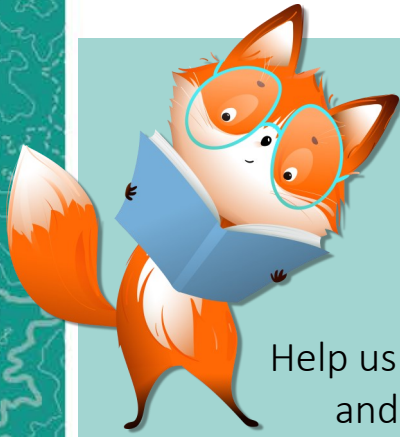
We kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that all clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled. When items are named, staff make every effort to return them to their rightful owner, which can take a significant amount of time.

Unfortunately, unlabelled items cannot be easily returned and are therefore placed in the lost property bin, which is currently overflowing.

We respectfully ask that staff are not held responsible for lost items that have not been labelled.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.





LIBRARY BUNTING COMPETITION

Help us create a brilliant display across our library! Download and print the template, then draw or write about your favourite book or poem, making it bright and colourful. If your design is chosen, it will be turned into beautiful bunting for everyone to enjoy in the library.

Remember to include your name and class on the back of your design.

*Download the **BUNTING TEMPLATE**, or alternatively, pop into the office for a print out of the template.*



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School Holiday Camp Opening Here!

Every School Holiday at Whiteknights Primary School



ACTION ADVENTURE CAMP

Running 17th – 21st Feb

Standard Day: 9am to 5pm care
Extended Day: 8am to 6pm care



BOOK NOW!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

The Sport4Kids Holiday Club provides a fun, active, and well-structured holiday provision for children aged **4–13 years** (children of 4 years of age must be in Reception).

The club runs a varied **multi-activity programme**, giving children the opportunity to take part in a wide range of sports and creative activities. The camp is **Ofsted registered**, and **childcare vouchers are accepted**. Sibling discounts available.

Standard Day – £40 per day
Drop-off: 9:00am
Collection: 5:00pm

Extended Day – £45 per day
Drop-off: 8:00am
Collection: 6:00pm

WHITEKNIGHTS LIBRARY HALF TERM BOOK QUIZ

Complete all the questions below without using the internet as much as you can.

1. What is the name of the book series written by JK Rowling?
2. What does the initial 'BFG' stand for?
3. Captain Hook was whose enemy?
4. Who is this character?



Did you know?
Julia Donaldson
has sold 48.6
million books!

5. What is the name of the little boy in 'Jungle Book'?
6. Which Roald Dahl character gets up to pranks like gluing her dad's hat to his head?
7. The Cheshire cat is from which fictional story?
8. Whose brother is Perfect Peter?
9. What is the name of this book?



**If you read for 20
minutes per day,
you will have read
1.8million words a
year!**

10. 'He has terrible tusk, and terrible claws, and terrible teeth in his terrible jaws'. What book is this quote from?
11. What author wrote 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'?
12. What is Winnie the Witch's cat's name?
13. In the nursery rhyme Jack and Jill... what did Jack fall down and break?
14. What happens to The Twits furniture in The Twits?
15. Here is a piece of a book cover...can you name the book?



Did you know?
The first Mr.
Men book was
Mr. Tickle.

CLASS NOTICES



NURSERY LITTLE GEMS

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Please click on the thumbnail to view the knowledge organizer showing what your child will be learning about in class over the next two weeks.



REMINDER: Nursery SPLAT session—10th February 2026 at 14:00



RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Please click on the thumbnail to view the knowledge organizer showing what your child will be learning about in class for the next week.



Can we please ask parents to provide a jumper to wear during the colder weather. Could we also ask that socks are packed in the PE kit (this is particularly important to those children who wear tights to school)



YEAR 1 AMBER & JADE

YEAR 1 DT

Over the next couple of weeks, year 1 will be making cars during their DT lesson.

Can you please donate any type of cardboard, small cardboard boxes and bottle tops to help produce their wonderful creations.

Thank you!

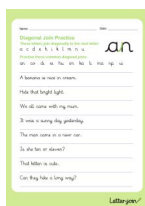


YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ

MATHS HOMEWORK

Please see the Year 2 Maths homework due dates and which pages need to be completed .

Year 2	
Homework due date	Pages to complete
Monday 26 th January	48 to 50
Monday 2 nd February	52 to 54
Monday 9 th February	55 to 57



YEAR 2 HORIZONTAL AND DIAGONAL JOINS

Please click on the thumbnails to enlarge . These are Worksheets for horizontal and diagonal joins for your child to practice. Should you require hard copies, then please do ask the school office.



YEAR 5 EMERALD & SAPPHIRE

SAPPHIRE CLASS ENRICHMENT

From Monday, 2nd February, Sapphire class will be off their usual afternoon timetable. They will be participating in Sports, Outdoor/ Nutritional Learning or Science Lab! Please click link to read the original letter: [Sapphire Class Letter](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Note:
Dates highlighted in yellow show where amendments have been made or additional dates have been added.

Wednesday, 4th Feb	Librarian Visit to Little Gems (AM Session)
Thursday, 5th Feb	Y 2 SPLAT at 14:00
Monday, 9th Feb	Eco Council Meeting (at Whiteknights)
Tuesday, 10th Feb	Nursery SPLAT at 14:00
Tuesday, 10th Feb	Y 5 and Y 6 Girls Netball Tournament
Wednesday, 11th Feb	Chinese Dragon Dance Visit Reception
Thursday, 12th Feb	Y 3 REInspired Visit
Thursday, 12th Feb	Reception SPLAT at 14:00
Friday, 13th Feb	Non Uniform Day—Wear Something Red for £1 Donation
Friday, 13th Feb	World Book Day Second Hand Costume Sale (WPCA) - NEW DATE
Monday 16th Feb— Friday, 20th February	Half Term
Monday, 23rd Feb	SATS Information Evening at 17:00
Tuesday, 24th Feb	Y 5 and Y 6 Girls Netball Tournament
Friday, 27th Feb	Y 5 and Y 6 SPLAT at 14:00
Monday, 2nd Mar	Eco Council to University of Reading
Tuesday, 3rd Mar	Y 5 and Y 6 Girls Netball Tournament
Wednesday, 4th Mar	Y 3 SPLAT at 14:00
Friday, 6th Mar	World Book Day—More Details to Follow
Mon, 9th—Fri, 20th Mar	Living Eggs in EYFS
Wednesday, 11th Mar	Lara Drama Performance 15:30—16:30 (Reception—Y 2) Last Session
Friday, 13th Mar	Lara Drama Performance 15:30—14:30)Y 3—Y 6) Last Session
Friday, 13th Mar	Book Fair 15:30—16:00
Monday, 16th Mar— Tuesday, 17th Mar	Book Fair 15:30—16:00
Wednesday, 18th Mar	Y 1 SPLAT at 14:00
Thursday, 19th Mar	Final Swimming Session for Jasper Class
Monday, 23rd Mar	Y 3 & 4 Dress Rehearsal 13:30 in the School Hall
Tuesday, 24th Mar	Y 3 & 4 Production to Parents 09:30
Tuesday, 24th Mar	Y 3 & 4 Production to Parents 13:30
Tuesday, 24th Mar	Parent Consultations 15:40—18:10
Wednesday, 25th Mar	Parent Consultations 16:00—18:30
Thursday, 26th Mar	Egg Rolling Competition
Thursday, 26th Mar	Y 2 STEMbotics Workshop
Friday, 27th Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade
	Last Day of Term School Finishes at 15:20. No ASC running today
Monday, 13th Apr	Staff and Pupils Return to School





CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

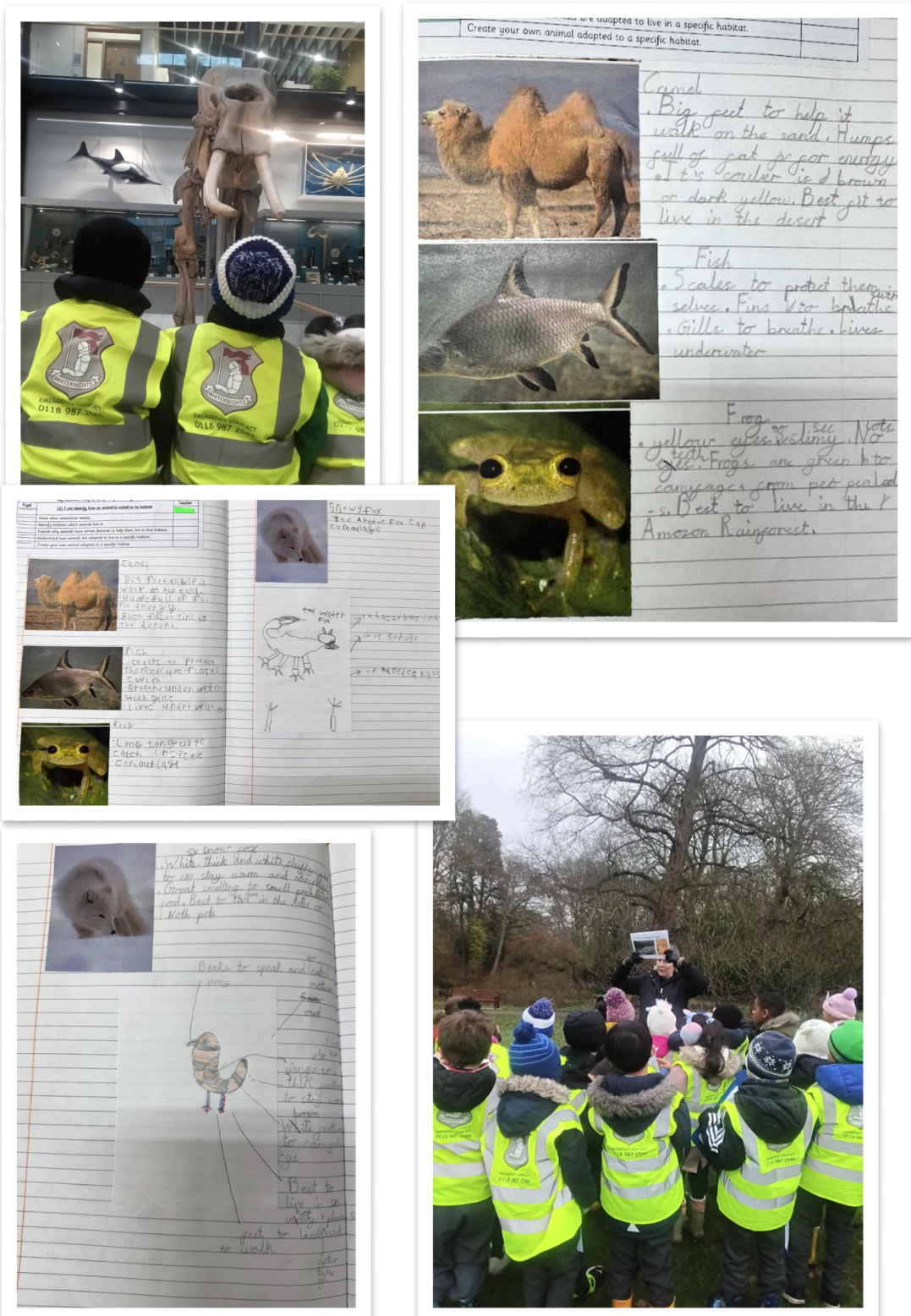
WPS SHOWCASE: SCHOOL LIFE, NEWS AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

Discover the latest school news, including classroom highlights, sporting events, school trips and more.

YEAR 2 TRIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF READING

During their science lessons, Year 2 have been studying 'Adaptations and Habitats from Around the World'. They were lucky enough to be invited to the University of Reading's Zoological Museum last week, and had a thoroughly enjoyable morning looking and learning about the exhibits. Furthermore, they were then able to walk around Harris Gardens to try and spot signs of animal life.

Once back in class, they transferred their newly found knowledge into their work books!



NURSERY VISIT FROM LITTLE CITY

This week, our Nursery children enjoyed a visit from *Little City: Role Play for Kids*, which proved to be a great success. Linking to their **Community Heroes** topic from before Christmas, the session gave children the opportunity to explore different roles and use their imagination through hands-on play.



YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE UNIVERISTY OF READING

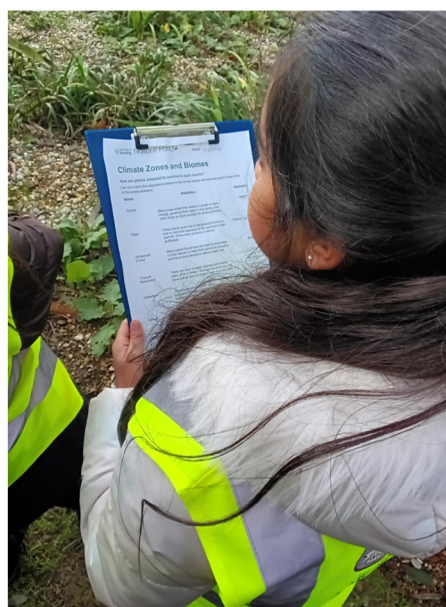
Amethyst and Jasper Class visited Reading University to learn about the adaptations animals have made in order to live in certain habitats and biomes. We started with a sorting activity and the activity leader was very impressed with how much we already knew. We were able to touch different animal skins and understand why animals have adapted - i.e. larger scales on the belly of the snake so it can grip trees better and claws on the jaguar skin help it to climb through the forests and hold on to its prey.'

We also observed a variety of plants and learnt about the biomes they originated from. By observing the plants we were able to identify ways that the plants have adapted to survive.





CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS



YEAR 3 SCIENCE LAB

As Year 3 continued with their Science Lab sessions this week, they looked at identifying different animal skulls and features as well as eating healthy which included some food tasting.



ONGIE IN TIGER'S EYE SHARES HIS BIG BIRDWATCH WEEKEND RESULTS

Well done to Ongie for taking part in the *Big Garden Birdwatch* and sharing photographs of the birds you observed. By contributing observations, Ongie supported the UK's largest garden wildlife survey and helped scientists understand how garden birds are faring.

Explore your results



Your number 1 bird was the Woodpigeon

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You spotted 13 Woodpigeon which means you spotted more than the national average of 2.

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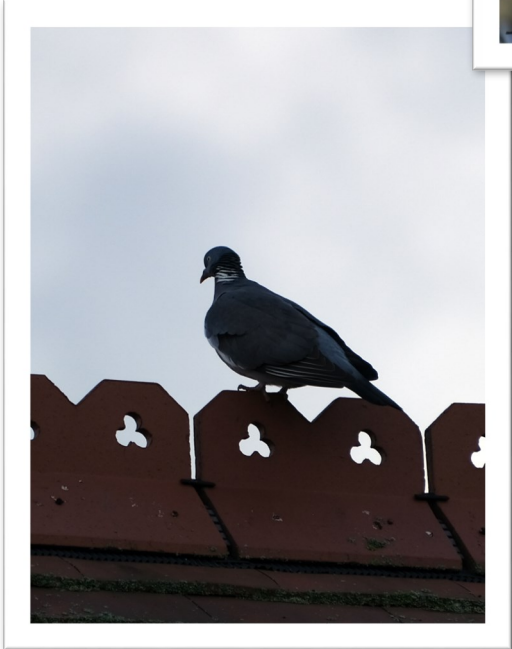
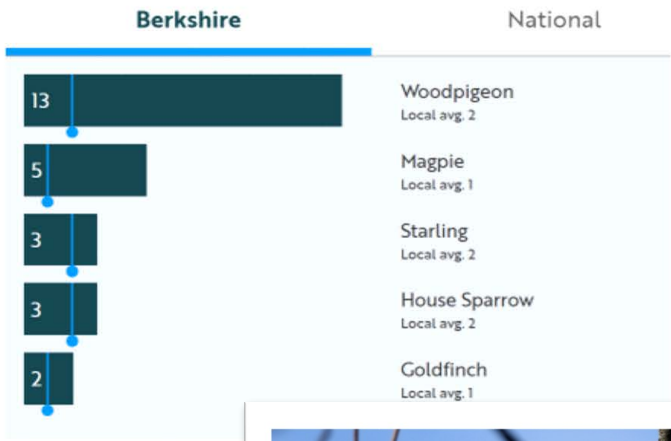


Your bird count: 31

That's above the national average of 28 birds for each birdwatcher.

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How you compare



WPCA NOTICES



WORLD BOOK DAY SECONDHAND COSTUME SALE

SAVE
THE DATE

FRIDAY
13TH
FEBRUARY

COSTUME DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please drop costume donations to the school
office by **6th February**.
Homemade items welcome!

DISCOUNT TOKENS

Receive a £1 token for each donation

Please ensure donations are clearly labelled with child's name
& class to receive your token.

Costume
accessories
welcome too!



NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY



Friday 13th February!
Wear Something Red
& Donate £1!

NEED A FEW SPARE ITEMS? WHY DON'T YOU VISIT THE WPCA
TWICE AS NICE UNIFORM SHOP FOR PRE-LOVED ITEMS AT
AFFORDABLE PRICES, ALL WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL.

TWICE AS NICE UNIFORM SHOP

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