

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



17th July 2026—Issue No: 39

FIRST WEEK BACK

Monday, 31st August	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 1st September	Inset Day—School Closed to Pupils
Wednesday, 2nd September	Staff and Pupils Return to School
Thursday, 3rd September	 DIARY DATES WILL BE GIVEN OUT IN THE FIRST NEWSLETTER IN SEPTEMBER—WATCH THIS SPACE!
Friday, 4th September	

ON THE MENU

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

MONDAY

Macaroni Cheese with
Garlic & Herb Bread
Oven Baked Falafel Bites
with Tomato Salsa & Rice
Carrots / Peas
Vanilla Shortbread &
Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Chicken in a Sweet Chilli
Sauce with Rice
Courgette & Carrot Pakora
with Sweet Chilli Sauce &
Rice
Sweetcorn / Carrots
Chocolate Sponge Cake &
Chocolate Sauce

WEDNESDAY

Cottage Pie with Mini
Yorkshire & Gravy
Vegetarian Style Cottage Pie
with Mini Yorkshire & Gravy
Carrots / Green Beans
Cinnamon Swirl Traybake
with Custard

THURSDAY

Beef Bolognese with
Spaghetti
Vegetarian Mince Bolognese
with Spaghetti
Broccoli / Sweetcorn
Strawberry Jelly with Fresh
Fruit Slices

FRIDAY

Battered Fish with Tomato
Ketchup & Chips
Vegetable Frittata with
Tomato Ketchup & Chips
Peas / Baked Beans
Iced Biscuit with Yoghurt

NEWS FLASH!



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

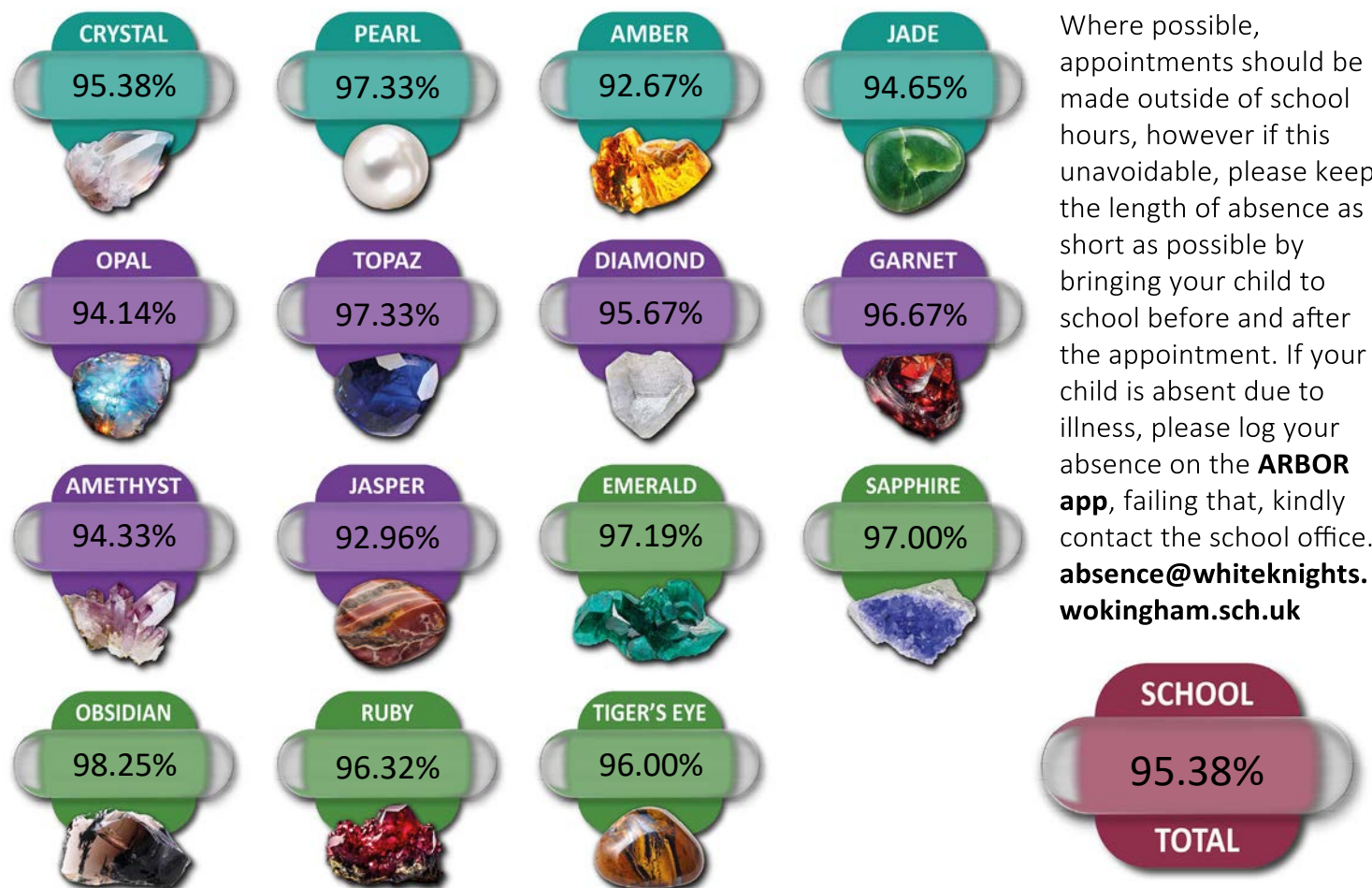
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



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

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Learning new skills



Good assessment results



Support and help



Time with friends



Best chance to succeed

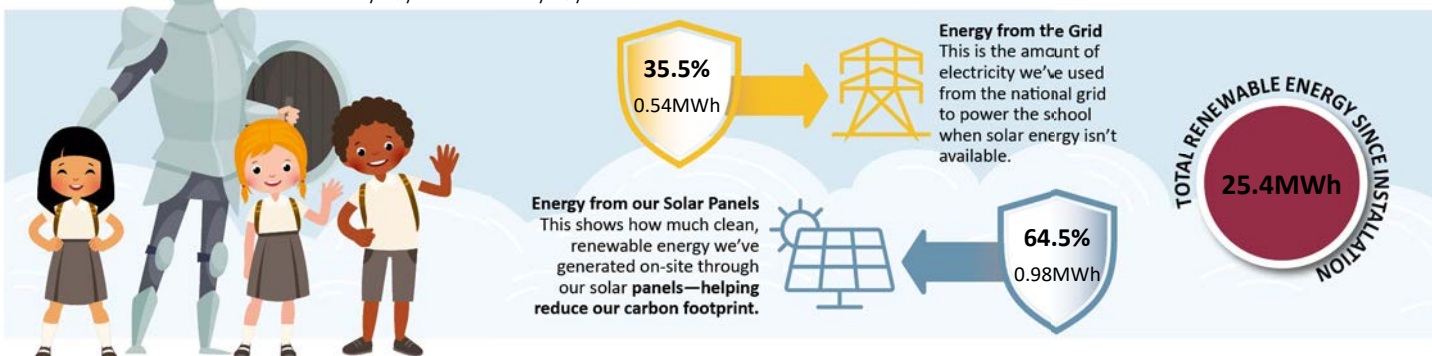


School activities



The Whitenights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 03/07/2026 TO 09/07/2026



END OF ACADEMIC YEAR MESSAGE FROM MRS REYNOLDS

NOTICES & REMINDERS

We are now at the end of another busy year and I would like to thank our whole school community – pupils, parents, staff and governors for all your hard work and dedication to ensure that all of our children are provided with excellence in education. As the head teacher at Whiteknights, I am extremely proud of everyone involved especially our wonderful pupils.

We have much to celebrate this year from an academic point of view: Our EYFS Good level of Development was at 90%, nationally schools attain 68%. Our Phonic Screening results – 98% passed the test – national average (most schools) outcomes are 80%; our year 4 multiplication test – 96% pupils achieved 22 out of 25 with a staggering 75% attaining full marks. Our SATs results will only be published at the end of the term and so I will share our results with you all in September. Our children worked incredibly hard all year and showed determination and resilience when taking the exams – well done Year 6!

My vision for the school since, I took over as head in January 2024, is still evolving and the staff have worked incredibly hard to make that vision a success.

Accomplishments this year from last year's action plan:

To improve handwriting and children's fluency in writing.

We have seen a marked improvement in children's handwriting across all year groups as we have increased the number of handwriting lessons and restructured the lessons so that pupils are not only practising the joins but also embedding them into sentence writing. The outcome has been amazing and pupils are not only writing neater but are able now to focus more on what they want to write which has meant the quality of their writing has improved.

Teaching of Musical Instruments

All year groups have been learning to play their instruments for another year. In all classes pupils have started to learn how to not only read music but to play as an ensemble. The pupils have really enjoyed this and next year we will be able to perform to you all.

Development of Digital Innovation

The teachers have had lots of training on embedding digital technology into all subjects. Each year, I invest in 30 laptops as my vision is for all pupils to have a device. At present Years 1 to 4 have one device between 2 and years 5 and 6 have one device each. Since the curriculum and assessment review was carried out, all schools will need to have a digital innovation plan ready for September 2027 and so we again are ahead of the advancement! Research shows that by 2030, 20% of the workforce will not be computer literate enough to keep up with the ever change digital world. So, we will ensure that our pupils are able to access the digital world confidently when they move onto secondary school.

Introduction of Sustainability to pupils

Our pupils have been so amazing and knowledgeable regarding how to make the world sustainable for present and future generations. We now have an Eco Council who are supporting the rest of the school to increase biodiversity across our grounds. The pupils have enjoyed visiting Reading University and learning about a sustainable future and how we can do our part as a school.

The Knighthood Scheme

The Knighthood Scheme has now been running since January 2025 and this year our second ceremony for years 2, 4 and 6 have taken place; there has been an overall increase by 14% of pupils completing the tasks making it a total of 64% who have been awarded a Paige, Squire or have Knighted at the year 6 banquet. All pupils received Badge and a certificate. Those that achieved this worked incredibly hard and the parents were supportive: especially enjoying the help at home. In years 1, 3 and 5 the pupils, who are on track to reach the next stage in their Knighthood Career, received a certificate. This positive citizenship programme is such an important part of being a Whiteknights' Pupil as it teaches pupils how to take responsibility, it enhances leadership skills, it helps them to understand the British Values such as: respect, kindness to others and making positive choices. Next Year, we urge you to encourage your children to complete the tasks and join in this worthwhile programme. Children will be allowed to wear their badges on their jumpers.

And Finally....

We need to say goodbye to 4 members of staff and I would like to personally thank them for all of their hard work. They will be missed and I wish them all the best for their future endeavours! The members of staff are:

Mrs Neville – Y6 teacher, Miss Beasley – Y3 teacher, Mrs Scurr – Nursery teacher and Mrs Scottow – Operations Manager.

We also welcome Mrs Saunders – new Y5 teacher, Mrs Hussain – new Y4 teacher, Miss Frangoulis – Nursery Teacher and Ms Wilkin – Admin Assistant.

Congratulations to Mrs Perry on her promotion to Operations Manager.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer break and I look forward to seeing you and your children on September 2nd ready for another exciting year.

Bridget Reynolds
Headteacher





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- ROUNDERS
- LEGO & COLOURING
- DODGEBALL
- & LOADS MORE

WHEN IS THE FUN HAPPENING?
20TH JULY - 24TH JULY
17TH AUGUST - 21ST AUGUST

WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE FUN
WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, READING

FLEXIBILITY TO SUIT YOU
STANDARD DAY: 10AM - 3:30PM - £30
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TREASURE TROVE CLUB

Bookings are now open in Arbor to book you spaces for September 2026!

SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR SEPTEMBER

Bookings will open in Arbor at the end of August for school lunches in September 2026.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 2026

We offer a variety of exciting after-school clubs, run by both external providers and our dedicated staff. Below is the full list of clubs available for the Spring Term. **Please click on the links to make bookings.**

Please note: Bookings via Arbor will open Monday, 20th July at 4pm and will close on Monday, 7th September. No bookings will be accepted after this date. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please secure your place early to avoid disappointment.

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking
KS2 Sketching	Monday	Yr3 - Yr6	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Colouring Club	Monday	Yr 1 - Yr 2	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2027	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Choir	Monday	Yr 3 - Y6	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Junior Tennis	Monday	Yr 3 - Y6	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking
Infants Dodgeball	Monday	R - Yr2	07/09/2026 - 07/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking link
Infants Football	Tuesday	R - Y2	08/09/2026 - 08/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking
Debate Club	Tuesday	Yr 5 - Yr 6	08/09/2026 - 08/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
French Club	Tuesday	Yrs 1 - 3	15/09/2026 - 08/12/2026	SEE NEXT PAGE

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking link
Drama	Wednesday	R- Yr 2	16/09/2026 - 25/11/2026	DRAMA LETTER
Chess	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - 6	16/09/2026 - 25/11/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Junior Basketball	Wednesday	Y3 - Y6	09/09/2026 - 09/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking
Girls Football Club	Wednesday	Yrs 3 - Y6	09/09/2026 - 09/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking link
Little Amigos	Thursday	Yr 1 - Yr3	10/09/2026 - 10/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Knighthood Club	Thursday	Yr 1 - Yr3	10/09/2026 - 10/12/2026	BOOKINGS VIA ARBOR
Junior Football	Thursday	Y3 - Y6	10/09/2026 - 10/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking

Activity	Day	Year group	Dates	Booking link
Drama	Friday	Yrs 3 - 6	18/09/2026 - 27/11/2026	DRAMA LETTER
Junior Dodgeball	Friday	Yrs 3 - 6	11/09/2026 - 11/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking
Infants Multi Skills	Friday	R - Yr 2	11/09/2026 - 11/12/2026	Just Play Kids Booking

BOOKINGS FOR FRENCH CLUB IN AUTUMN TERM NOW OPEN!

If you are interested securing your child's place in the French club for Autumn term, please follow the instructions below.



BONJOUR! JOIN YOUR FRENCH
CLUB AND HAVE LOADS OF FUN
AT WHITEKNIGHTS PRIMARY

BONJOUR! My name is Madame Thonon and I run the French club at Whiteknights Primary School. We have a fantastic programme to help children learning French through fun and educational activities. My goal is to make learning French fun through games, songs, stories, role-plays – with our programme designed specifically for primary aged pupils. I want all my pupils to have the opportunity to excel at French and I offer the children a solid grounding of basic grammar and vocabulary, a specialist experience in French language and a native speaker accent, in a COVID19 compliant environment.

SO, NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

The benefits of learning a language in early years are numerous. Here is a brief summary:

- Do better at school, in all areas of the curriculum
- Show superior problem-solving skills
- Increased self-esteem and confidence
- It gives your brain a good workout and keeps it younger for longer!
- Develop easily a native-like accent when young
- Better chances at college applications and bigger career choices
- Greater understanding of the world
- Understand your mother language better

Classes are small and will run for Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3's on Tuesdays after school until 4.30pm. Classes are offered at £8.50 per lesson and fees are payable before the start of the term. Children additionally purchase a book, CD and app package at a one-off cost of £23.00 which lasts at least one academic year. First class: Tues 15th September, last class: Tues 8th December.

If you are interested in your child joining our French club, please email me your child's details (see at the bottom of this letter) promptly to book your place. I will then contact you personally to arrange for registration. All places will be allocated on a first-come basis, with confirmations sent out as soon as possible on receipt of your payment and registration forms.

If you have any queries about the classes, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

Laurence Thonon
La Jolie Ronde Licensee
Phone: 0777 265 83 87
Email: laurencethonon@yahoo.com



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-----PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING DETAILS BY EMAIL TO REGISTER-----

I would like to register my child/ren for the La Jolie Ronde French club at Whiteknights Primary School

Name of child/ren.....DOB.....
School Yr..... Class name.....
Tel. No:..... Mobile:.....
Name of parent/guardian:.....
Email :.....
Address.....
.....
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Saying Farewell

We will be saying farewell to four members of our Whiteknights family today! We shall miss them greatly, but wish them all the best in their new adventures.

A few last words from them...

"I just wanted to say goodbye to Whiteknights staff, children and parents. Over the last four years, I have been supported and gained many skills as a teacher and I have been lucky enough to work with some amazing staff and teach some amazing children. Making memories I will never forget both inside and outside the classroom. I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has ever supported me, worked with me, been a pupil in my class or parent for making my time here an amazing, memorable experience."

Miss Beasley—Year 3



"After seven years at Whiteknights, the time has come for me to move on to a new chapter. I would like to say thank you to all the pupils, parents, and staff I have had the pleasure of working with over the years. It has been a privilege to be part of the Whiteknights community, and I will always appreciate the many memories and experiences I've gained during my time here. Although I am sad to be leaving, I am excited to begin my next teaching adventure and look forward to the opportunities ahead. Thank you to everyone who has been part of my journey over the last seven years."

Mrs Scurr, Little Gems

"As I begin my maternity leave to welcome our second baby boy, I would like to thank all our wonderful children, families and staff for your kindness and support. It is a privilege to be part of such a fantastic school community and I will miss seeing you all. Wishing everyone a happy and successful new academic year and I look forward to seeing you when I return."

Miss Teale, Year 1



"I would like to say a massive thank you and goodbye to all the wonderful staff, pupils and parents at Whiteknights. Thank you all for making my years here so special and full of laughter. As I look forward to new adventures and the opportunity to travel, I will remember my time here with great fondness and gratitude. Year 6, we are spreading our wings and moving on together!"

Mrs Neville, Year 6

Results of Parent Survey 2026

Thank you to all families, carers and guardians who responded to the recent Bellevue Place Education Trust parent survey. We really appreciate the time it took you to complete the survey and your feedback is being carefully reviewed.

Your thoughts are invaluable to us as the data collected will be used to support the forward planning of the school for the next academic year and beyond.

Strengths of Whiteknights Primary School

We are delighted that a staggering **98%** of you strongly agree or agree that their child enjoys coming to school, and that **97%** are likely to recommend Whiteknights Primary School to their friends. These are fantastic results and we are glad that all our efforts are recognised in this way.

The survey data shows us that you, as a parent community, are very satisfied with school life at Whiteknights Primary School. There is a very clear sense of what most parents regard as the primary strengths of our school.

The most common responses were:

- Continuous drive and focus on high academic achievement and excellence
- Teaching staff and approach to learning
- High behavioural standards, established routines and consistency
- A supportive and inclusive environment, the sense of community.

The following table lists the questions which achieved the highest percentage of respondents who chose either Strongly Agree or Agree:

The school is welcoming and safe	99%
School's values have a positive effect on my child	96%
Teaching at the school helps my child to make progress	95%
My child is offered a wide range of subjects	93%
Achievement is recognised and praised	92%
The school promotes critical thinking	90%
Children develop independence and responsibility	91%

Areas for Improvement

The survey is overwhelmingly positive, but there is always room for improvement, and as a team we have identified the following areas to improve on, and to consider for our School Development Plan next year:

- We will consider how we can deliver a wider variety of after-school clubs
- We will consider an increased focus on sports activities.

I hope that this is all good news. It comes as a direct result of your input for which I am grateful.

I will leave you with this quote from a parent:

"Choosing Whiteknights was one of the best decisions we've made. The consistent quality of teaching, combined with the school's commitment to continuous improvement, gives us complete confidence as parents. It's a happy, vibrant school where every child is valued as an individual. Highly recommended!"

With best wishes,



Mrs Bridget Reynolds
Headteacher



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 ROYAL ADVENTURE TO WINDSOR CASTLE!

Our Year 2 pupils went on an exciting trip to Windsor Castle! The children explored the historic grounds and marvelled at the grand architecture.

A highlight of the day was a hands-on learning workshop. Some of our pupils were chosen to dress up as the King and Queen. The class then staged their very own royal coronation ceremony! It was a fantastic, immersive experience that brought history to life for everyone.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped make this special day possible.



YEAR 3 TRIP TO WOOLLY FURS

Year 3 pupils had an enjoyable day out at Woolly Furs last week. The weather was hot, but that didn't stop the fun! The children were able to show off their amazing knowledge about plants and enjoyed a variety of activities: they used ID sheets and classification to identify different plants in the woods, took part in discussions about seed dispersal, planted their own wildlife plants, made their own recycled pot plants and played games about the importance of pollinators!





CELEBRATING OUR FINAL WEEK IN LITTLE GEMS!

We had a fantastic time celebrating our final week in Little Gems with a fun-filled party! The children enjoyed playing a variety of party games, including *Pass the Parcel* and *Musical Statues*, and had lots of fun joining in with the activities.

We also decorated some delicious biscuits and shared a selection of tasty party treats together. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of our time in Little Gems, and everyone had a fantastic day filled with smiles, laughter, and happy memories!



YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY

Year 3 had the most fantastic day last Wednesday. They enjoyed some Egyptian crafts, made headdresses, played games and got to taste a variety of typical Egyptian foods!

The children worked in groups completing a quiz and tested their map skills. They even constructed pyramids, just like the Egyptians!

Learning about the Egyptian Gods/Goddesses, and enjoying all the activities laid on, really brought all of their history learning to life!





YEAR 4 UFTON COURT

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Ufton Court on Monday! While on the trip they learnt more about the raids and voyages that Vikings went on, experienced what life was like in a Viking village and practiced their fighting skills.



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Thank You for an Amazing Year!

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, we'd like to say a **huge THANK YOU** to all our wonderful parents, carers, volunteers and supporters.

Your time, energy and generosity have made such a difference to our school community. None of our events would have been possible without your hard work and enthusiasm.

Together we've achieved so much!



Circus
(October)

Raised
£3,000



School Disco

Raised over
£2,000



Summer Fair

Raised
£3,000

Alongside our fundraising events, we also created wonderful memories through activities such as our very first **Culture Day** and celebrating World Book Day with our delicious Whiteknights Bars.

Every cake baked, raffle prize donated, stall run, ticket sold, and hour volunteered has helped make these events such a success. Your support enables us to provide even more opportunities and experiences for all of our children.

Thank you for being part of the WPCA community
and for helping make this year so special.

We wish you all a wonderful summer break and can't wait to create even more amazing memories together next year!

With our heartfelt thanks,

The WPCA Team

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Working together
for our children
and our school





JOIN THE **WPCA** TEAM! WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TREASURER.



ARE YOU ORGANISED AND RELIABLE?

Help manage our
event planning
and fund
allocations
effectively!



COMFORTABLE WITH BASIC MATHS AND SPREADSHEETS?

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HOW TO APPLY

**If you're interested, reach out
to Stacey, Sophie, Ros or Ali!**

Email us at: Whiteknightspca@gmail.com



WANTED: WPCCA VOLUNTEER SECRETARY

JOIN OUR FANTASTIC TEAM
& HELP OUR SCHOOL!



MEETING MANAGEMENT -
Planning meetings, prepares and circulates agendas



TAKING MINUTES - records key points, decisions and actions during meetings and circulates to committee



COMMUNICATION - Handles email correspondence



AGM ADMINISTRATION - Assists in organising and supports helping to prepare annual reports

WHAT WE LOOK FOR:



Keen to support our school community



Basic finance and number skills



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Deadline to apply: Friday 18th September 2026