

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



17th October 2025—Issue No: 7

NEXT WEEK

**Monday,
20th October**

**Tuesday,
21st October**

YEAR 3 SPLAT—in the School Hall 2pm

**Wednesday,
22nd October**

**Thursday,
23rd October**

YEAR 4 AMETHYST CLASS—SWIMMING

**Friday,
24th October**

YEAR 3 TRIP TO BUTSER ANCIENT FARM
YEAR 6 ELECTRICITY AND CIRCUITS WORKSHOP
LAST DAY OF HALF TERM—school closes at 3:20pm

**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 Sweet Potato & Chickpea Korma with Rice Glazed Carrots / Green Beans Marbled Sponge Cake & Custard	Barbecue Chicken with Sweetcorn Rice Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread Broccoli / Sweetcorn Wholemeal Lemon Shortbread with Fruit Wedges	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes & Gravy Quorn Roast with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Spiced Cauliflower / 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



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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



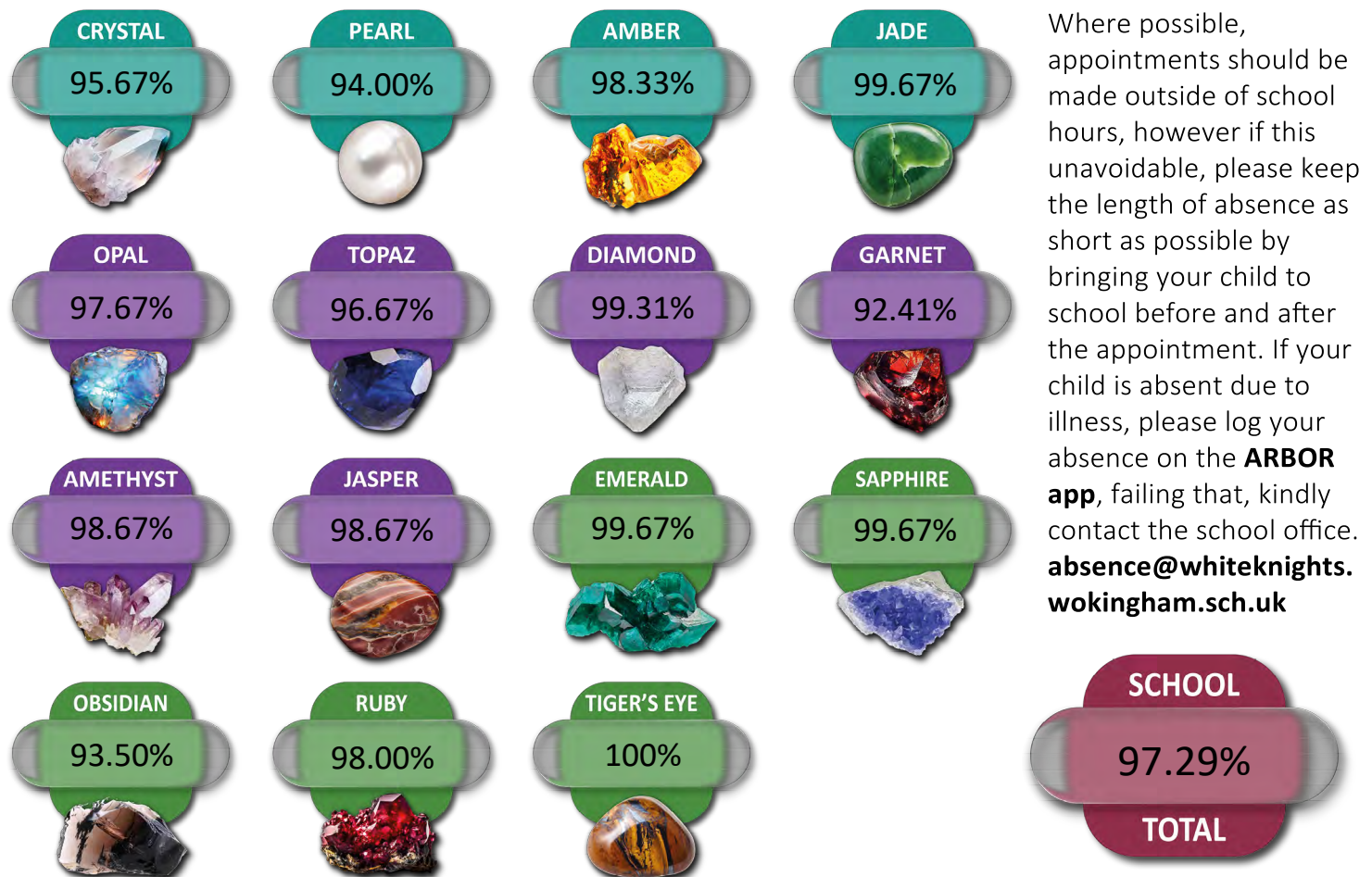
IN SCHOOL



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

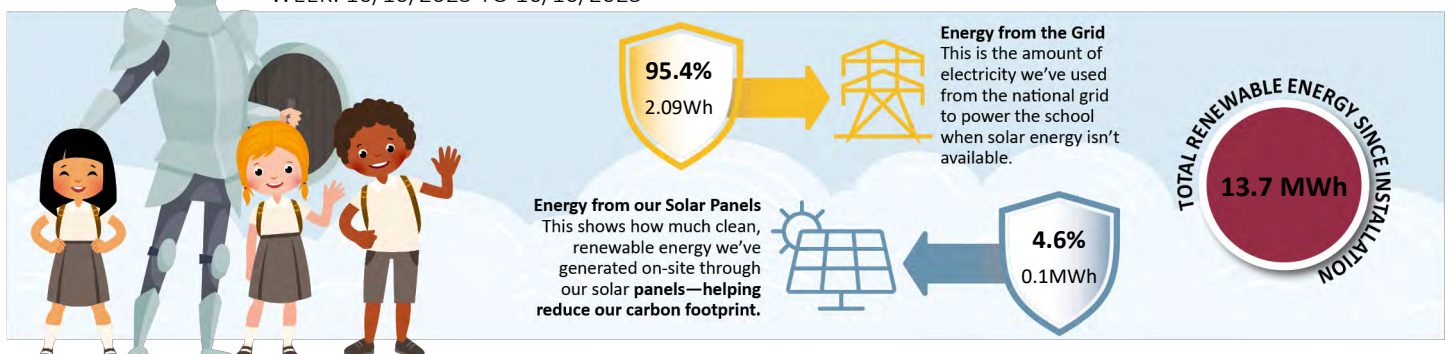


School activities



The Whitenights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 10/10/2025 TO 16/10/2025



WHAT'S COOKING AT WHITEKNIGHTS?

Please note that we will be having a new menu after the half-term break. The menu will be available on the Arbor app and parent portal as well as on the website. To browse the meal options on offer, click on the thumbnail.



ARBOR LUNCH ORDERS

When cancelling a meal order through the **Arbor Parent Portal** or **app**, parents should select '**Absence**' for the meal they wish to cancel. **This will not affect your child's school attendance**; it simply indicates that they are absent for the Harrison's meal on that day.

MEET OUR NEW CHAIR OF WHITEKNIGHTS LOCAL GOVERNING BOARD

I have recently taken on the role of Chair of the Local Governing Board and wanted to take the opportunity to say 'hello' to all parents and carers of pupils at the school. The Local Governing Board is a sub committee of local advisors appointed by the BPET Trustees. Our main responsibilities are to support the Head Teacher in setting the vision, ethos and strategic direction for our school, within the BPET overall vision. We hold the headteacher and senior leadership team to account for the educational performance of our school and ensure investment in educational improvement is value for money and having a real impact.



It is a privilege to have this role within our school. By way of background, those of you connected with the school for several years may remember my name. I joined the teaching staff in 2004 and in later years I was the Assistant Head with responsibility for Inclusion before I retired in 2018. I know the history of the school well, but more importantly for today's families and pupils I have maintained an interest in education and with 4 grandchildren under 5 am revisiting the whole school journey albeit from a grandparent perspective. What has definitely stayed with me is the need to be mindful that within a school decisions should always keep the children's best interests at their core.

If you see me around school (most usually at whole school celebrations) please feel free to come and say hello. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of membership of the Local Governing Board please contact either me on pgillham@whiteknights.wokingham.sch.uk or Mrs Reynolds via the school office.

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CICLE TRUST SCHOOLS 2027/28

Introduction

St Crispins School, Nine Mile Ride Primary, Owlsmoor Primary, Badgemore Primary and the Hawthorns Primary are academy schools. The Circle Trust is the admissions authority for the schools. Consultations usually take place when admissions authorities wish to make changes to their admission arrangements, or they have not been consulted on the last 7 year and therefore the following consultations are taking place:



How can you respond?

We would like to hear your views. Please send any comments regarding the admission arrangements to: consultation.education@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

- Please mark your email THE CIRCLE TRUST CONSULTATIONS
- The consultation takes place between 06 October 2025 and 24 November 2025
- Copies of the proposed arrangements can be obtained on the school's

- websites:
 - <https://www.crispins.co.uk/>
 - <https://ninemileride.co.uk/>
 - <https://owlsmoorprimary.com/>
 - <https://www.badgemore.oxon.sch.uk/>
 - <https://www.hawthorns.wokingham.sch.uk/>

What happens next?

- After the consultation closes the responses will be collated and presented to The Circle Trust, who will consider any comments and determine the arrangements. The outcome will be published on the school's website by 15 March 2026.

Subject: Consultation on Proposed Admissions Arrangements for the Academic Year 2027-2028



Dear Parents, Carers, and Interested Parties,

In accordance with the Department for Education's statutory School Admissions Code (2021), St Paul's Catholic Primary School is undertaking a consultation on its admissions arrangements for the academic year 2027-2028

This consultation is being held because:

We are proposing amendments to our oversubscription criteria by removing the parish name [see highlighted section]. As part of the Bishop's strategy, You Will Be My Witnesses (the Bishop's 10-year plan), parishes across the diocese will be reorganised into larger entities, leading to updates in parish names and their corresponding geographic boundaries. St Paul's Catholic Primary School regularly admits applicants from lower priority categories; therefore, eliminating the parish name from the criteria will not affect the admission of Catholic children.

The consultation period will run for six weeks, from 14.10.2025 to 09.12.2025, during which time we welcome feedback from:

- Parents of children aged 2–18
- Local schools and nurseries
- The Local Authority
- Other admission authorities in the area
- Any other individuals or organisations with an interest in the proposed arrangements

A copy of the proposed admissions policy and a summary of the changes can be found on our website at: Consultation on Proposed Admissions Arrangements for the Academic Year 2027-2028

How to respond: Please send your comments in writing by 19.12.2025 to:

- Email: rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk
- Post: Clerk to Governors, St Paul's Catholic Primary School, City Road, Reading RG31 4SZ

Please include your name, address, and your relationship to the school (e.g., parent, staff member, local resident).

At the end of the consultation period, all responses will be considered by the Governing Board before the final policy is determined and published by 28 February 2026, in line with statutory requirements.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposed changes further, please contact rgonzalez@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk or telephone 0118 942 2003.

St Paul's Catholic Primary School URN 110006

CLASS NOTICES



**NURSERY
LITTLE GEMS**

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



**RECEPTION
CRYSTAL & PEARL**

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

Note: that we have added a SPLAT date to the upcoming dates section: **Thursday 18th December Reception** (and Nursery) **SPLAT session at 1:30pm**





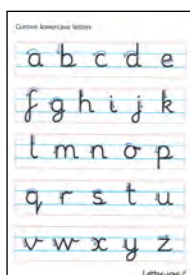
YEAR 1 AMBER & JADE

Year 1 Maths homework due dates and which pages need to be completed. The class teacher will check their Maths homework every Tuesday to see if the children have done the homework.

Year 1	
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	16-18
21 st October	20-22



YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ



Following on from our SPLAT session, please click on image to view how to correctly write cursive lowercase letters.

Should you require a hard copy, then please do ask the school office.

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

Year 2	
Homework due date	Pages to complete
22 nd September	4 – 6
29 th September	7 – 9
6 th October	10 – 12
13 th October	13 – 15
20 th October	17 – 19
3 rd November	20 – 22



YEAR 3 DIAMOND & GARNET

Each week, Year 3 pupils should complete the homework listed, and return completed homework for checking every Wednesday.

- Two maths nuggets on Century
- Read every day, and write in your diary. Use the first page to guide your child to write in their diary
- Complete a Accelerated Reader quiz at least once every three weeks, but should be completed as soon as your child has finished their book
- Spellings



YEAR 5 EMERALD & SAPPHIRE

WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP Thursday 27th November 2025

Just a reminder that voluntary contributions need to be paid by Friday, 31st October 2025. Thank you!



YEAR 6 OBSIDIAN, RUBY & TIGER'S EYE

ELECTRICITY AND CIRCUITS WORKSHOP Friday 24th October 2025

Due to low contributions, we are keeping the payment option open on Arbor until Friday 17th October.

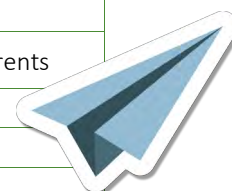
We urge all parents to make a contribution for this workshop to take place. Thank you!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, 21st Oct	2pm - Year 3 SPLAT in the School Hall
Friday, 24th Oct	Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm Year 6 Electricity and Circuits Workshop Last Day of Term—School Finishes at 3:20pm
Monday, 3rd Nov	INSET Day—School Closed for Pupils
Tuesday, 4th Nov	Staff and Pupils Return to School
Thursday, 6th Nov	9:45am - Guided School tour for prospective families
Friday, 7th Nov	Remembrance Parade
Monday, 10th Nov	Year 6 Leave for Residential Trip to Mill on the Brue
Wednesday, 12th Nov	Year 3-Diamond Class visit to UOR for Fossil Workshop
Thursday, 13th Nov	2pm - Year 1 SPLAT in the School Hall Year 3-Garnet Class visit to UOR for Fossil Workshop
Friday, 14th Nov	Year 4 REInspired Visit Year 6 Return from Mill on the Brue Residential Trip
Thursday, 20th Nov	3:30pm to 4pm - Year 5 Parent Information Evening for Year 6 Residential Trip 2026
Friday, 21st Nov	2pm - Year 5 and Year 6 SPLAT in the School Hall
Thursday, 27th Nov	Year 1 REInspired Visit Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Friday, 28th Nov	1:30pm - Guided School tour for prospective families
Sunday, 7th Dec	WPCA Panto Trip to the Hexagon Theatre (outside of school hours)
Tuesday, 9th Dec	1:30pm - Guided School tour for prospective families 3:40pm to 6pm - Parent's Evening
Wednesday, 10th Dec	4pm to 6:30pm - Parents' Evening
Monday, 15th Dec	Year 4 Leave for Residential Trip to Burwell House Year 1 and Year 2 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas production
Tuesday, 16th Dec	9:30am and 2pm - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production Performances to Parents
Wednesday, 17th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Year 4 Return from Burwell House
Thursday, 18th Dec	Church Carols Service—Year 5 1:30pm - Nursery and Reception SPLAT
Friday, 19th Dec	Last Day of Term. School closes promptly at 3:20pm. No After School Clubs.
Monday, 5th Jan	Staff and Pupils Return to School

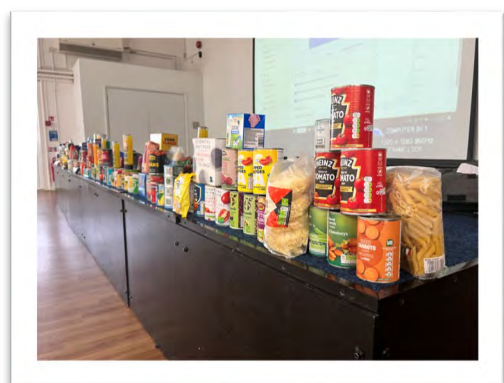




CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

WPS SHOWCASE: SCHOOL LIFE, NEWS AND LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARVEST DONATIONS

A big thank you to everyone who supported our **Harvest Celebration** this year.

We were delighted to welcome **Sam** from **Reading Gateway Church** to our harvest assembly where he spoke to the children about how and why Christians celebrate harvest.

We're incredibly grateful for all the generous donations brought in by our families — the donations have been given to **Readifood**, Reading's local food bank, to help support those in need within our community.



SHOUT OUT TO HAILEY IN YEAR 1

A big shout-out to **Hailey in Year 1**, who was spotted last Thursday picking up litter on her way into Breakfast Club. Hailey is taking her role on the **Eco Council** very seriously and setting a great example for others. It's fantastic to see our pupils showing such care and responsibility for their school environment — well done, Hailey!

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



SKYLAR TO REPRESENT ENGLAND IN KICKBOXING!

Congratulations to Skylar in Year 5, who has qualified to compete for Team England at the ICO World Championships in Wales this week.

Skylar has been a member of Nemesis Martial Arts for two years, training three times a week. She's taken part in many competitions, but this will be her biggest challenge yet — representing her country on the international stage.

We'll all be cheering her on and can't wait to hear how she gets on!



STRIKING A POSE FOR BURBERRY!

One of our talented Year 2 pupils, Franklin, has been making his mark in the world of fashion! Recently, he worked with the iconic brand **Burberry**, featuring in their latest campaign.

What a fun experience for someone so young, and we are sure mum and dad are very proud of his confidence and creativity.



WPCA NOTICES



WHAT AN AMAZING NIGHT!

Wow — what an incredible evening it was!

Happy's Circus brought so much laughter and excitement to our school this week, and it was truly heartwarming to see our whole community come together for such a fun and memorable event.

We welcomed **around 500 attendees** through our gates — an incredible turnout! Your support means so much and helps make events like this possible.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who attended and an extra-special shout-out to all our **amazing volunteers** who gave their time both in the lead-up to the show and on the night itself — we really couldn't have done it without you!



We've got plenty of exciting events coming up this year and can't wait to get everyone involved. It's been fantastic meeting both new and returning parents — your enthusiasm and support make such a difference. Here's to more wonderful moments ahead!





DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ANNUAL FAMILY FAVOURITE
EVENT — GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!



PLEASE NOTE: TICKET SALES
WILL CLOSE AT 5PM ON
THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER



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BEAUTY & THE BEAST
PANTO
7 DECEMBER, 5^{PM} AT THE
HEXAGON, READING

TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH PTA EVENTS PAGE
£28.50 PER TICKET, INCLUDING BOOKING FEE

