

# THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW

7th November 2025—Issue No: 9



**NEXT WEEK**

**Monday,  
10<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 6 Leave for Residential Trip to Mill on the Brue

**Tuesday,  
11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday,  
12<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 3-Diamond Class visit to UOR for Fossil Workshop

**Thursday,  
13<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 1 SPLAT (2pm in the School Hall)

Year 3—Garnet Class visit to UOR for Fossil Workshop

Year 4 Amethyst Class—Swimming

**Friday,  
14<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need - NON-UNIFORM DAY (Pupils to wear something Spotty with a £1 donation)

Year 6 Return from their Residential Trip to Mill on the Brue

## ON THE MENU

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

MONDAY

Italian Style Tomato & Basil  
Pasta with Cheese  
Pesto Style Pasta with Garlic  
& Herb Bread  
Glazed Carrots / Green Beans  
Marbled Sponge Cake &  
Custard

TUESDAY

Pork Pastry Sausage Roll with  
Potato Wedges  
Quorn Pastry Sausage Roll with  
Potato Wedges  
Broccoli / Sweetcorn  
Wholemeal Lemon Shortbread  
with Fruit Wedges

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Cottage Pie with Gravy  
Vegetarian Cottage Pie with  
Gravy  
Vegetable Medley  
Ice Cream with Fresh Fruit  
Wedges

FRIDAY

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

**ATTENTION**

**REMEMBER CHILDEN IN  
NEED DAY ON FRIDAY!**

This is a Non-uniform day,  
children are encouraged to wear  
something spotty and bring in  
a £1 donation.



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



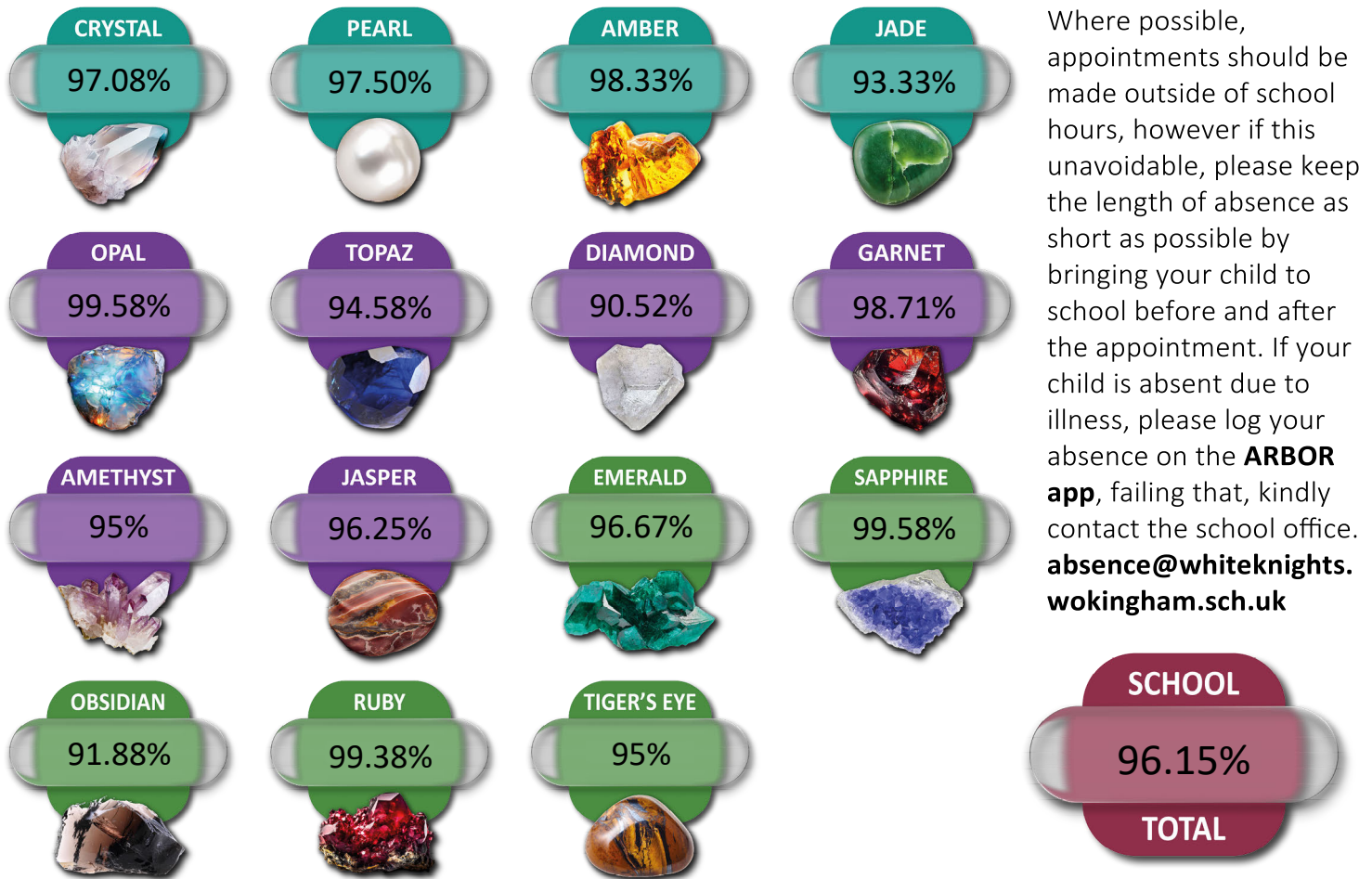
IN SCHOOL



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@whitknights.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

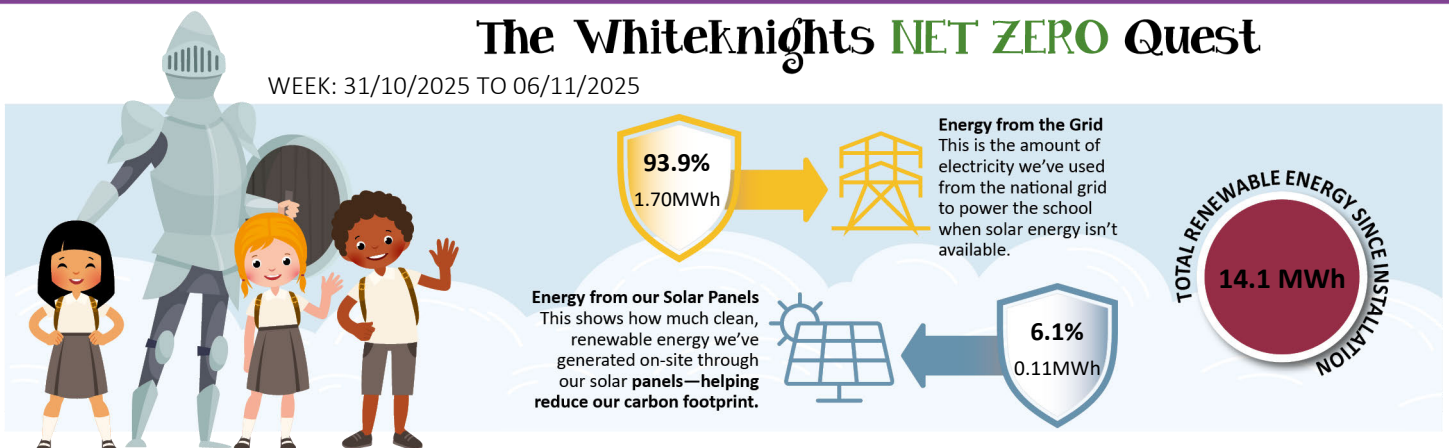


School activities



## The Whitknights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 31/10/2025 TO 06/11/2025



## APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2026 INTAKE

Applications for the Reception intake for 2026-2027 will open in November for both Wokingham Borough Council and Reading Borough Council. The closing date for all applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. You must apply for a school place through the school admissions team of the local authority where you (and your child) live, even if you intend to list preferred schools in other local authority areas.

**Wokingham Borough Council applicants:** You will find all of the information in the link below:

[Guide to Primary and Junior School Admissions for Entry in September 2026 Applications](#)

**Open:** 13th November 2025

**Closing Date:** 15th January 2026

**Reading Borough Council applicants:** You will find all the information in the link below:

[Applying for Infant, Primary and Junior School Places Applications](#)

**Open:** 3rd November 2025

**Closing Date:** 15th January 2026

Please note: If you live in Reading Borough Council and intend to list Whiteknights Primary School as one of your preferred schools, you must click in the school list box and select 'Advance Search'. From the drop down menu, select 'Wokingham Borough Council' and then type in the full school name.



National Offer Day is 16th April 2026. Emails and letters offering places will be sent out on this day. If you have questions, please feel free to ask Mrs Lynne Perry in the school office.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS – SPORT4KIDS AUTUMN 2

There are still spaces available for the Sport4kids clubs on offer this half term. Clubs include: Outdoor Adventures (R-Y2), Football (R-Y6), Basketball (Y3-Y6), and Multiskills (R-Y2). For bookings, and more info, please visit their [website](#).

## NEW LUNCH MENU

4th November until  
19th December 2025

Please click on the image to view a larger version. The menu is available to view, both on Arbor and on the school website.



# TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

## INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS 17 NOVEMBER 2025

Children will have their individual photographs taken on Monday 17th November 2024. All children with siblings at Whiteknights, including Little Gems, will have sibling photographs taken during school hours.

**Sibling photographs with children who DO NOT ATTEND Whiteknights, will be taken in the School Hall from 8.15am to 8.50am.**



**BBC**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**

# **WE'RE RAISING MONEY**

**JOIN US NEXT  
FRIDAY FOR  
BBC CHILDREN  
IN NEED!**

**NON-UNIFORM  
DAY**

**£1 DONATION**

**WEAR SOMETHING  
SPOTTY TO SHOW  
YOUR SUPPORT!**



## TOPIC OVERVIEWS AND HALF-TERMLY LETTERS

Please find below the links to the topic overviews and a cover letters for each year group—outlining what your child will be learning in class. These documents also include important reminders and details about PE, home learning, outdoor and nutritional learning, and upcoming excursions. These documents can also be found on the school website under Parent Resources and Documents. We encourage you to make use of these valuable resources to help extend your child's learning beyond the classroom and at home.

CLICK TO VIEW



N AUTUMN 2 LETTER  
& TOPIC OVERVIEW

R AUTUMN 2 LETTER  
& TOPIC OVERVIEW

Y1 AUTUMN 2 LETTER  
& TOPIC OVERVIEW

Y2 AUTUMN 2 LETTER  
& TOPIC OVERVIEW

Y3 AUTUMN 2 LETTER  
& TOPIC OVERVIEW

Y4 AUTUMN 2 LETTER  
& TOPIC OVERVIEW

Y5 AUTUMN 2 LETTER  
& TOPIC OVERVIEW

Y6 AUTUMN 2 LETTER  
& TOPIC OVERVIEW



**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 next week.



### CURIOSITY CORNER

A reminder to parents to send a pair of named wellington boots and waterproof trousers for your child. These items will be kept in school, to be used when making use of the outside Curiosity Corner.



**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 couple of weeks.



### SPLAT DATE

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

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## RECEPTION CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Our trips and enrichment activities extend learning beyond the classroom, offering exciting, hands-on experiences that bring our curriculum to life. Each visit and activity is carefully chosen to connect classroom learning with the wider world, helping children to deepen their understanding while developing independence, teamwork, and curiosity about the world around them. Contributions to the trips and activity pack for Reception is payable via the Arbor Parent Portal or App.

**COST: £37.00**

### CHINESE DRAGON DANCE WORKSHOP

**When:** Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026



### LIVING EGGS

**When:** 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026



### WOODLANDS SCAVENGER HUNT WORKSHOP—

**WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK**

**When:** Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2026



### YEAR 1 AMBER & JADE

#### MATHS HOMEWORK

Year 1 Maths homework due dates and which pages need to be completed are listed to the right. 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 |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November | 26-28             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> November | 29-31             |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November | 32-34             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December  | 36-38             |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December  | 39-41             |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December | 42-44             |

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**COST: £29.00**

### MILESTONES LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM



**When:**

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026  
Milestones tells the story of how people used to live, the things they used and the work they did!

### RAINFOREST WORKSHOP— BRAMBLES ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

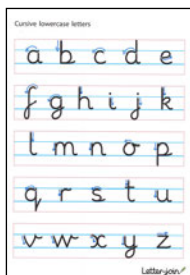


**When:**

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Jun 2026  
Learn about the distinct layers of the rainforest, the animals that live there, and the threats to their ecosystems.



## YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ



### CURSIVE HANDWRITING

Please click on image to the left to view how to correctly write cursive lowercase letters.

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

### MATHS HOMEWORK

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

| Year 2                    |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Homework due date         | Pages to complete |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November | 23-25             |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November | 26-28             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> November | 29-31             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> December  | 33-35             |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | 36-38             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December | 39-41             |



## YEAR 3 DIAMOND & GARNET

### HOMELEARNING PROJECT REMINDER

All year 3 children to complete their projects and bring them in by :  
**Wednesday 12th November**

### UOR FOSSIL WORKSHOP

A reminder that Year 3 will be going to Reading University to learn about fossils and Mary Anning. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately (in their uniform) for the weather and for walking to the university. **Diamond Class on: Wednesday PM**  
**Garnet Class on: Thursday PM**



## YEAR 4 AMETHYST & JASPER

### BURWELL HOUSE INFORMATION MEETING ([for pupils attending the trip](#))

**Thursday 13th November 2025**

On **Thursday 13th of November at 3:30pm** there will be an information meeting about the trip to Burwell House in Amethyst Class. This meeting will explain further details about the trip and provide an opportunity for Q&A relating to this. Children **attending the residential are also invited to attend this meeting so that they can learn more about the trip.**



## YEAR 5 EMERALD & SAPPHIRE

### WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM TRIP

**Thursday 27th November 2025**

We are still short of contributions for this trip to go ahead and run the risk of having to cancel the trip—please pay your Contributions as soon as possible.

### REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**We also require two parent helpers for the trip. If you are able to help, please email or pop into the school office.**



## YEAR 6 OBSIDIAN, RUBY & TIGER'S EYE

### MILL ON THE BRUE RESIDENTIAL TRIP

- Arrive at school at 7:30am, wearing suitable clothing for their first activity (tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt/fleece – no jeans please);

- Enter the school through the main office entrance, then head to Ruby classroom for registration and medication drop off (please ensure you have filled out the necessary form, otherwise we will not be able to take the medicine)
- Please leave children's main luggage outside the school hall under the covered area;
- Say your goodbyes to the children in the classroom, when asked to do so, and leave through the main reception.
- We kindly ask that parents wait on the driveway to wave the children off.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



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

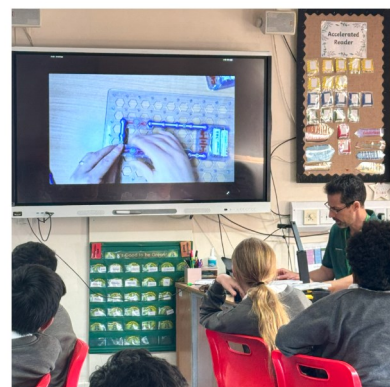
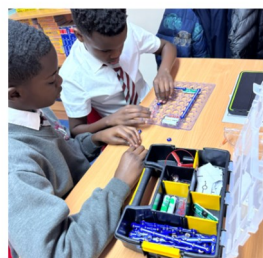
### CIRCUITS, SWITCHES AND SPARKS OF LEARNING!

As part of their Science topic on Electricity, Year 6 were visited by Hyett Education Ltd, at the end of last half term, for an exciting hands-on workshop. The session was both informative and interactive, helping pupils to deepen their understanding of how circuits work through practical exploration and a series of engaging challenges.

Using clip-system components such as bulbs, switches, buzzers, and even fans, pupils worked in pairs to build and test their own electrical circuits — making predictions, troubleshooting connections, and observing outcomes in real time.

They also recorded their investigations on tablets, capturing photos, audio, and video of their workings, predictions, and findings.

It was a fantastic opportunity to consolidate their learning and see science in a fun, creative, and practical way.



### REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Despite a rainy start, our annual Remembrance Parade was a meaningful occasion for our pupils and staff.

Blake and Linda, in Year 6 lead the service with a thoughtful poem, we gathered for a minute's silence, and the choir performed a beautiful song in tribute to those who served.

Nursery and Reception also contributed by making purple poppies to remember the animals who lost their lives in war.



# WPCA NOTICES



## HAVE YOU HEARD?

The WPCA and the School Eco Council are collaborating on a Christmas Jumper Sale this December!

In the spirit of sustainability and recycling, we're asking for donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers.

Please bring donations to the school office in a sealed bag.



Made by  
the eco  
Council

Second Hand Christmas  
Jumper at Whit Knights

Wednesday 3rd December

Donate to school office  
if your jumpers are too  
small or if you don't want  
it any more

