THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW

13th November 2026—Issue No: 10

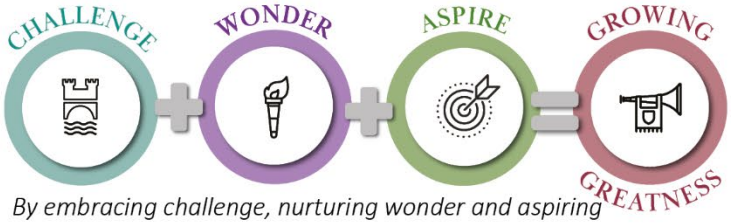
NEXT WEEK

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Wednesday, 18th Nov	Year 6 SPLAT Session (2pm - 3pm in the School Hall)
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Friday, 20th Nov	

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
Oriental Style Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles	Chicken Pie with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Onion Gravy	Pepperoni Pizza with Garlic & Herb Pasta Side	Halal Chicken Nuggets with Tomato Ketchup & Chips
Wholemeal Cheese & Spinach	Spring Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Onion Gravy	Margherita Pizza with Garlic & Herb Pasta Side	Quorn Nuggets with Tomato Ketchup & Chips
Quiche with Herby New Potatoes	Baked Beans / Peas	Glazed Carrots / Peas	Sweetcorn / Carrots	Peas / Baked Beans
Broccoli / Peas	Chocolate & Orange Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Apple Crumble & Custard	Orange Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Chocolate Chips Oat Cookie with Fruit Slices
Chocolate Crispy Cake				



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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

✓ EVERY CHILD ✓ ON TIME
✓ IN SCHOOL ✓ EVERY DAY

CRYSTAL 79.00%	PEARL 83.33%	AMBER 91.00%	JADE 98.67%
OPAL 91.33%	TOPAZ 93.67%	DIAMOND 93.79%	GARNET 97.33%
AMETHYST 97.67%	JASPER 98.00%	EMERALD 96.67%	SAPPHIRE 93.00%
OBSIDIAN 98.89%	RUBY 100%	TIGER'S EYE 99.44%	

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. **Phone : 0118 987 2588**

SCHOOL 92.97% TOTAL

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

100% attendance	96% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance
0 days absence	**7 days** absence	**19 days** absence	**29 days** absence	**38 days** absence

The Whiteknights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 30/10/2026 TO 05/11/2026



97.6% 3.25MWh

Energy from the Grid This is the amount of electricity we've used from the national grid to power the school when solar energy isn't available.

Energy from our Solar Panels This shows how much clean, renewable energy we've generated on-site through our solar **panels—helping reduce our carbon footprint.**

2.4% 0.08MWh

TOTAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SINCE INSTALLATION 31.3MWh

SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES & REMINDERS

NOTICE OF ADMISSIONS CONSULTATIONS IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY

RIVER ACADEMY

Consultation for the 2028/29 admission arrangements: **River Academy**.
Please refer to the attached documents for full details of the proposals, supporting rationale and information about how you can respond. Consultation information is also available on their website linked below.
CONSULTATION - ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2028/29 - River Academy
The consultation closes on **Tuesday 22 December 2026**.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Admission Arrangements for St Paul's Catholic Primary School for the 2028/2029 Academic Year.
Consultation period – Monday 9th November to Monday 21st December 2026.
ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONSULTATION FOR THE ADMISSIONS POLICY 2028 2029

THE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Consultation on the heights primary school admissions policy 2028-2029
The Heights Primary School is a primary school located in the Caversham area, in the Reading Local Authority. The school is part of Bellevue Place Education Trust (BPET), which is the admissions authority for The Heights Primary School.
In accordance with the School Admissions Code 2021, and as the school's admissions authority, the Bellevue Place Education Trust will consult on The Heights Primary School's admission arrangements at least once every seven years, even if there have been no changes during that period. The consultation on arrangements must run for a period of six weeks and be completed by 31 January 2027.



PARENTS' EVENING (GUARDIAN CONSULTATIONS)

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 3.40pm to 6pm
WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 3.40pm to 6.10pm

BOOKING INFORMATION:

- Bookings will go 'live' on Arbor from 8.00am on the 23rd November and close at 12.00pm on 5th December .
- Please book early and within that timeframe to avoid disappointment.
- Once the bookings have closed on Arbor, you will need to contact the class teacher directly. The school office will forward any email requests but cannot make any adjustments without the class teacher's involvement.
- Bookings for **separated parents**—unfortunately we are unable to accommodate separate consultations. We welcome both parents to the consultation, however parents are required to liaise and communicate directly with each other regarding making the booking. Please refer to our website for our Separated Parents Policy for further information. WHITEKNIGHTS POLICIES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Consultations will be held in the school hall.
- Timed slots to meet with your child's teacher will be for the duration of 10 minutes.
- We request that pupils and siblings are not brought to the consultations—allowing for focused and efficient conversations between parents/guardians and the teacher.

As ever, if you have a concern or a query about your child, you do not need to wait until the consultation to raise it. You are always welcome to contact to the school office who will arrange a meeting with yourself and the class teacher separate to the consultation. Equally, if your 10-minute consultation raises the need for further conversation, you can contact the school office to arrange a follow up meeting.



GET READY TO ROCK

JOIN AN

iROCK BAND



Sign up now to secure your child's place.

0330 174 2655

info@irockschool.com

Enrol now →

What is iRock?

iRock School of Music runs weekly in-school lessons at your school! Led by passionate and professional Band Coaches, children practise together for 30 minutes every week.

Music for all!

Never picked up an instrument? iRock band lessons are designed for children at any stage in their musical journey. Children build musical skills, confidence and teamwork as they work towards exam-free music qualifications and unforgettable performances.

Feel like a rockstar!

Every term, children come together to perform live as a band for their families and peers. iRock concerts showcase the skills they've developed in lessons while building self-esteem, strengthening confidence and giving them a real sense of achievement.

> **"Cannot praise iRock enough! The kids not only develop musical skills, they gain confidence performing and it's great fun in a band environment. Love the song choices too. Special thanks to their super Band Coach!**
>
> *Proud iRock parent, July 2026*

Choose your instrument...









DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This page contains useful information and important diary dates for parents. It will be updated regularly as new dates and information become available, so please do keep an eye on it. Whenever dates are added or amended, we will highlight these changes to help ensure they are easily visible.

NOVEMBER 2026	
Mon, 16th November	1.30pm Guided School tour to prospective families
Wed, 18th November	Year 6 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Thu, 19th November	Year 5 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall) Year 5/6 Basketball Competition at Maiden Erlegh School (After School Selected Pupils Only)
Mon, 23rd November	YEAR 3 – Excursion to Butser Farm
Tue, 24th November	Year 5 Excursion to Winchester Science Museum
Thu, 26th November	EYFS PJ Party (TTBC) Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement Programme
Fri, 27th November	School Disco (TTBC)
Mon, 30th November	Irock Cocert 14:15pm in School Hall (Specific Parent will be invited by Irock)
DECEMBER 2026	
Thu, 3rd December	Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament (After School Invited Pupils Only)
Fri, 4th December	Lara School of Drama Performance in the School Hall 15:30 – 16:30
Mon, 7th December	Year 6 Geography Field Trip (within school hours)
Mon, 7th December	Parents' Eve in the school hall (3.40pm to 6pm)
Wed, 9th December	1.30pm Guided School tour to prospective families Parents' Eve in the school hall (3.40pm to 6.10pm)
Thu, 10th December	REInspired Visit to Year 1
Mon, 14th December	KS1 Christmas Performance—dress rehearsal
Mon, 14th December to Wed, 16th December	Year 4 Residential trip to Burwell Manor House
Tue, 15th December	KS1 Christmas Performance to parents in school hall—9.30am KS1 Christmas Performance to parents in school hall—2pm
Wed, 16th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thu, 17th December	EYFS Nativity Performance to parents in school hall —1.30pm (includes a SPLAT session) Year 5 Carols Service @ St Barnabas (pupils only)
Fri, 18th December	Celebration Assembly 1.45pm School finishes at 3.20pm for Christmas Break
Mon, 21st December to Thu, 31st December	Christmas Beak
JANUARY 2027	
Mon, 4th January	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Tue, 5th January	Pupils return to school for Spring Term 1

CLASS NOTICES & REMINDERS

ATTENTION

TOPIC OVERVIEWS AND HALF-TERMLY LETTERS

Please view the parent letter and Topic Overviews linked below. These documents include important reminders and details about PE, home learning, outdoor and nutritional learning, and upcoming excursions. We encourage you to make use of these valuable resources to help extend your child's learning beyond the classroom and at home.

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Y4 AUTUMN 2 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW

Y5 AUTUMN 2 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW

Y6 AUTUMN 2 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW

NURSERY LITTLE GEMS

SQUIGGLE WHILST YOU WRIGGLE



This term, we have started our new **Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle** programme! This fun and exciting programme helps to develop the children's **gross and fine motor skills**, which are important for their physical development and early writing skills.

The programme encourages children to use large movements with their whole bodies before developing the smaller, more controlled movements needed for activities such as drawing and writing. Each week, the children will learn and practise a **new movement**, using music and movement to make the sessions fun and engaging. We are very excited to see the children develop their confidence and physical skills throughout the term!

COLD WEATHER REMINDER



As the weather is getting much colder, please can we remind all families to ensure that children bring a **warm coat to nursery every day**. We enjoy spending lots of time learning and playing outdoors, whatever the weather, so it is important that the children are dressed appropriately to keep them warm and comfortable.

OUR STORY FOCUS – WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

This week and next week, we will be enjoying the wonderful story ***Where the Wild Things Are*** by Maurice Sendak. The children will be following Max on his exciting adventure to the land of the Wild Things and exploring the story through a range of fun activities.

We will be encouraging the children to talk about the characters and events in the story, share their ideas and use their imagination through storytelling, creative activities and play.

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Please view the **Knowledge Organiser** for the topics we will be exploring in class. We encourage parents to extend their child's learning beyond the class.



VIEW > NURSERY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER – AUTUMN, WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE: November 2026

RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

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[VIEW > RECEPTION KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER – ANIMALS: November 2026]



RECEPTION TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Just a reminder that a 39.00 voluntary contribution is required for all trips and activities that are being organised this academic year.

Chinese Dragon Dance Workshop – 5th Feb 2027
Living Eggs – 8th March 2027 – 19th March
Wellington Country Park – 9th June 2027

YEAR 1 AMBER & JADE

YEAR 1 HOMEWORK TIMETABLE

Please see the timetable for next half terms maths homework for Year 1.

Homework due date	Pages to complete
17th November	29 – 31
24th November	32 – 34
1st December	36 – 38
8th December	39 – 41
15th December	42 - 44

YEAR 2 OPAL & TOPAZ

YEAR 2 MATHS HOMEWORK SCHEDULE

Maths home learning will be set on a Monday and will be due the following Monday:

Homework due date	Pages to complete
16th November	26 – 28
23rd November	29 – 31
30th November	32 – 35
7th December	36 – 38
14th December	39 – 41
5th January	42 – 43

CELEBRATING WHITEKNIGHTS

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:-

YEAR 1 GEOGRAPHY

Year 1 has started learning Geography this week.

The children understood that Geography is learning about the world around us and the people who live there. We explored different maps of the world to see if we could spot any countries we already knew and many of the children were enthusiastic to locate countries where their family's are from. We also used symbols to help complete world map puzzles and used construction resources to make our own mini towns with shops, houses and even a car wash!

All the children are excited to learn more about our immediate surroundings including the person-made reservoir just beyond our school boundary.





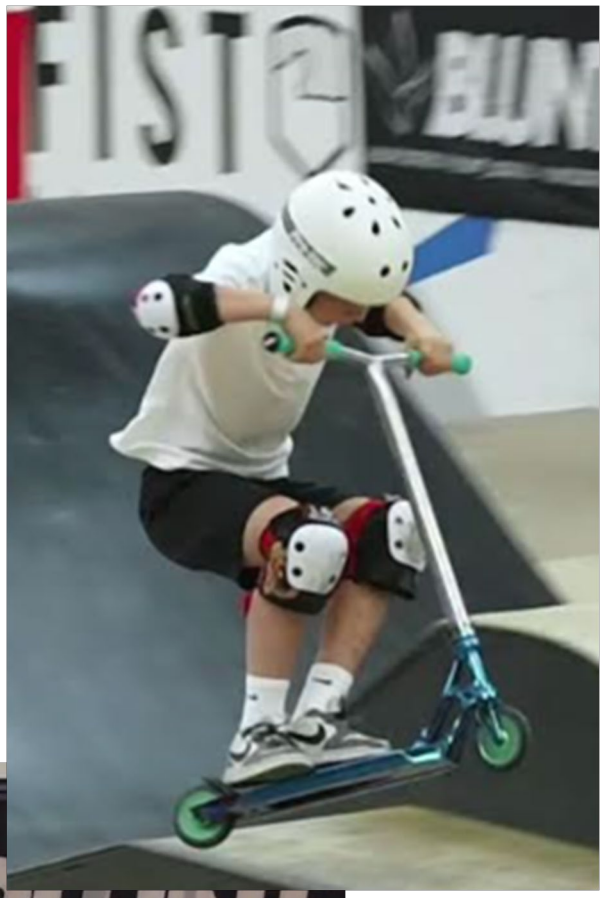






PUPIL SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

RIDING ON A HIGH



Alexander has achieved some fantastic results in competitive scootering:

- **1st place** in the national ScootGB Championship – November 2026.
- **2nd place** in the international Scootjam Youth Elite Championship – October 2026.

Riders are judged on the difficulty and variety of their tricks, consistency, style, speed, confidence and originality.

At just 10 years old, Alexander has secured the titles of **1st in the UK and 2nd in the world** – an outstanding achievement.

Well done Alex!





WPCA NOTICES

Whiteknights Parent Community – Group chat invite

Follow the link below to get added into year group specific chats:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/JLpBmNHDF9HAXZIHHlE5rr

Whiteknights WPCA Events link

Follow the link below to view events/trips/activities:
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wpca/



WPCA

Christmas Jumper Sale!

Get into the festive spirit with a Christmas jumper!



Friday 20th November

8.30-8.50am

3.15-3.30pm

In the cabin on the infant playground!

Cash and Card both accepted!

Thank you! ♡

WPCA

Reception Pyjama Party





Thursday 26th November
Straight after school
Collect at 5pm

Pizza - Mini disco - snacks - fun

£6 per ticket
- everything included -

Scan QR code to purchase

WPCA

WHITEKNIGHTS SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

YEARS 1-3: 4.30 - 5.30pm
£4 entry only, £5 entry and photo

YEARS 4-6: 6.00 - 7.30pm
£5 entry only, £6 entry and photo



UNLIMITED FREE SQUASH





SNACKS AND NOVELTIES ON SALE

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE WPCA

IN SUPPORT OF

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Monday 30th November at 6:15pm
Whiteknights School Hall

£40 PER PERSON

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Everything needed to make your own Christmas wreath (feel free to bring along extra bits you might like to add!)
- Bauble decorating station for the kids
- Mulled wine, mince pies & sausage rolls
- A whole lot of fun!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Please bring gardening gloves and secateurs if you have them!

THE HEXAGON, READING

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER @ 5pm

ALADDIN

JUSTIN FLETCHER
PAUL MORSE SAMANTHA DORRANCE
ADAM PETTIGREW JG DANIELS-WHITE HELÉNA FERREIRA



WPCA

ORGANISED BY THE WPCA

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

TICKET SALES CLOSE MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER

TICKETS £28.00 EACH

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS SO DON'T MISS OUT

SCAN TO BOOK