

THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW



18th September 2026—Issue No: 3

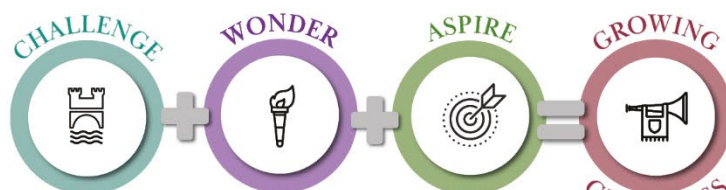
NEXT WEEK

Monday, 21st Sept	iRock Music Assembly
Tuesday, 22nd Sept	
Wednesday, 23rd Sept	
Thursday, 24th Sept	
Friday, 25th Sept	

**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
Macaroni Cheese with Garlic & Herb Bread Oven Baked Falafel Bites with Tomato Salsa & Rice Carrots / Peas Vanilla Shortbread & Yoghurt	Chicken in a Sweet Chilli Sauce with Rice Courgette & Carrot Pakora with Sweet Chilli Sauce & Rice Sweetcorn / Carrots Chocolate Sponge Cake & Chocolate Sauce	Cottage Pie with Mini Yorkshire & Gravy Vegetarian Style Cottage Pie with Mini Yorkshire & Gravy Carrots / Green Beans Cinnamon Swirl Traybake with Custard	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti Vegetarian Mince Bolognese with Spaghetti Broccoli / Sweetcorn Strawberry Jelly with Fresh Fruit Slices	Battered Fish with Tomato Ketchup & Chips Vegetable Frittata with Tomato Ketchup & Chips Peas / Baked Beans Iced Biscuit with Yoghurt



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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



EVERY CHILD



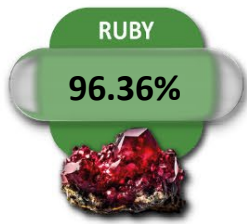
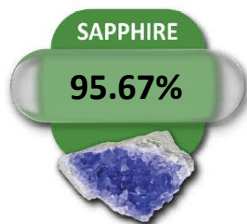
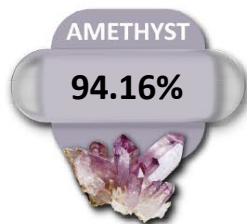
IN SCHOOL



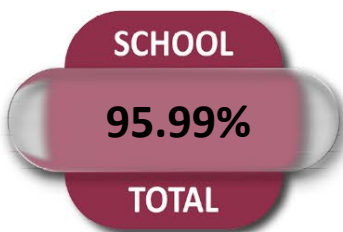
ON TIME



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.
Phone : 0118 987 2588



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

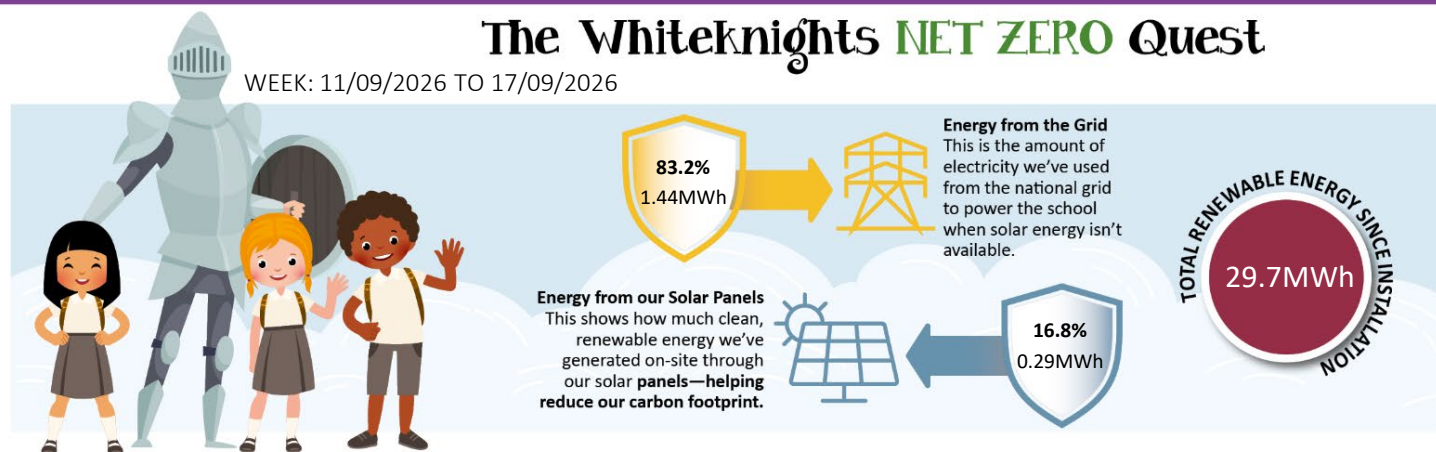


School activities



The Whiteknights NET ZERO Quest

WEEK: 11/09/2026 TO 17/09/2026





**SAVE THE
DATE!**

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.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Wed, 30th September	10am Guided School tour to prospective families
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OCTOBER 2026

Wed, 7th October	Year 3 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Tue, 13th October	Year 2 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Wed, 14th October	Year 1 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Fri, 16th October	Individual Pupil School Photos
Tues, 20th October	Year 6 Electricity and Circuits Workshop (in school)
Thu, 22 October	Year 4 SPLAT session (2pm - 3pm in the school hall)
Fri, 23 Oct	Non-Uniform Day (£1 voluntary donation) School finishes at 3.20pm for October half term break
Mon, 26th October to Fri, 30th October	OCTOBER HALF TERM

NOVEMBER 2026

Mon, 2nd November	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tue, 3rd November	Pupils return to school for Autumn Term 2
Thu, 5th November	Berkshire Immunisation Team to administer Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 6)
Mon, 9th November to Fri, 13th November	Year 6 Residential trip to Mill on the Brue
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)
Mon, 23rd November	YEAR 3 – Excursion to Butser Farm

DECEMBER 2026

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)
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 Break
JANUARY 2027	
Mon, 4th January	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Tue, 5th January	Pupils return to school for Spring Term 1

SLPAT DATES

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to the following SPLAT dates throughout the year. **Please put the following dates in your diary and look out for further information about each session in the weeks leading up to it.**

Note: SPLAT sessions start at 2pm in the school hall unless stated otherwise.



NURSERY	Thu 17 th December (Christmas Performance & SPLAT 1.30pm-3pm in school hall)	Thu 13 th May	Thu 10 th June
RECEPTION	Thu 17 th December (Christmas Performance & SPLAT 1.30pm-3pm in school hall)	Thu 18 th March (1.45pm-3pm in school hall)	Thu 24 th June (1.45pm-3pm in school hall)
YEAR 1	Wed 14 th October	Thu 11 th February	Wed 28 th April
YEAR 2	Tue 13 th October	Tue 9 th February	Tue 25 th May
YEAR 3	Wed 7 th October	Wed 3 rd February	Wed 19 th May
YEAR 4	Thu 22 nd October	Tue 2 nd February	Wed 26 th May
YEAR 5	Thu 19 th November	Fri 15 th January <i>Mill on the Brue Info</i>	Thu 17 th June <i>Showcase</i>
YEAR 6	Wed 18 th November	Tue 19 th January <i>SATs Info</i>	Wed 16 th June <i>Showcase</i>

SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES & REMINDERS

PLAY EQUIPMENT USE

Please note that children are not permitted to climb or play on the play equipment (jungle gyms) before or after school!

DONATIONS OF CLOTHING AND BOOKS:

Thank you for all the wonderful clothing and book donations since we returned to school. However, we are now overflowing and have no room to store anything more. Can we kindly ask that you refrain from donating anything until after the Christmas break.

PARKING AND DRIVING:

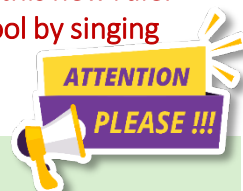
Can we kindly ask that you drive and park with due care and consideration to other road users, pedestrians and local residents. We have had numerous complaints about this recently!

SWEET TREATS IN SCHOOL FOR BIRTHDAYS

It is with regret that we have to ask that **NO** sweets, treats or snacks are bought in for children's birthdays.

The legislation stems from section 34 of the **Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026**, which officially went into effect in **September 2026**. Named in honor of Benedict Blythe, a five-year-old who tragically died from an allergic reaction at school in 2021.

To mitigate any risk, we are implementing this new rule. Birthdays will still be celebrated at school by singing happy birthday etc.



CLASS NOTICES & REMINDERS



TOPIC OVERVIEWS AND HALF-TERMLY LETTERS

Each half term we provide a topic overview and a cover letter 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.

They are shared through our newsletter, with direct links to the documents, and 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.

[N AUTUMN 1 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW](#)

[R AUTUMN 1 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW](#)

[Y1 AUTUMN 1 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW](#)

[Y2 AUTUMN 1 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW](#)

[Y3 AUTUMN 1 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW](#)

[Y4 AUTUMN 1 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW](#)

[Y5 AUTUMN 1 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW](#)

[Y6 AUTUMN 1 LETTER & TOPIC OVERVIEW](#)

NATIONAL CODING WEEK – RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

This week has been **National Coding Week**. If your child would like to have a go at practising or improving their coding skills, please encourage them to explore the range of coding activities available on the Purple Mash platform.

Pupil login information can be found in their home learning diaries.

← Searching for Coding

Other:

Activity  Y6 Coding Comprehension Coding Comprehension activity. This resource is part of the Purple Mash Computing Scheme of Work.	Activity  Traffic Light - 2Code Example Example program to be used with the Computing Scheme of Work 2021 onwards.	Activity  Jumping Monkey Help the monkey jump to the banana.	Activity  Frogger - Example Code Look at this code example and then use Free code Gorilla to make your own version.	Activity  Knights Castle Flowchart This is a resource for the Computing Scheme of Work - Y3
Activity  Example D Example for Computing Scheme of Work Lesson.	Activity  Example C Example for Computing Scheme of Work Lesson.	Activity  Example B Example for Computing Scheme of Work Lesson.	Activity  Example A Example for Computing Scheme of Work Lesson.	Activity  Repeat and Timer example Program demonstrating the end product of a year 2 lesson plan.
Activity  Flowchart - Example Algorithm This is a resource for the Computing Scheme of Work - Y3	Activity  Coded Solution - Convert From Binary See the code for the solution here.	Activity  Convert From Binary - Example Can you work out how to make a program to convert binary numbers to denary?	Activity  Coded Solution For - Convert Your Age To Binary You can see the code for the solution here.	Activity  2Code - World Cup Make your own football game in 2Code.
Activity  Example Code Snippet Program demonstrating part of year 5 lesson.	Activity  Spider Catcher Game Program demonstrating the spider catcher game first made in Y5	Activity  Lesson 1 - Storytelling Example Program demonstrating the end product of a year 5 lesson plan.	Activity  2Code Football Game Program demonstrating the end product of a year 6 lesson plan.	Activity  Christmas Code Oh dear! Santa has dropped some gifts. Use the arrow keys or swipe, to help Santa control his reindeer and collect the fallen gifts. How many can you collect before...

Games:

Game  Chip's Adventure Practise early coding with Chip!



NURSERY LITTLE GEMS

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 – YOU AND YOUR FAMILY: September 2026](#)



RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

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[VIEW > RECEPTION KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER – SUPERHEROES: September 2026](#)



YEAR 1 AMBER & JADE

YEAR 1 HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS AND SCHEDULE

In Year 1, we are going to start giving out some maths homework for the children to complete each week. This will be a few questions a week which links to the learning the children have been working hard on in lessons. The table below shows when the homework has to be due 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.

Homework due date	Pages to complete
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

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
21 st September	4 – 6
28 th September	7 – 9
5 th October	10 – 12
12 th October	13 – 15
19 th October	16 – 19
3 rd November	20 – 22



YEAR 2 DT LESSON - LIGHTHOUSE

Your child will be making a lighthouse in their DT lesson. Please send your child into school with a Pringles tube. These need to be in school no later than Friday, 9th October, ready for our lesson!



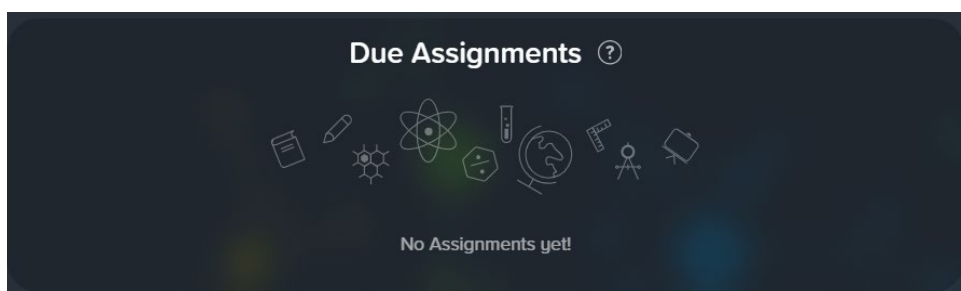
YEAR 3 DIAMOND & GARNET

ACCESSING CENTURY

1. Go to the Whiteknights website.
2. From there, you will go to the top right corner (like with AR) and find the Century tab.
3. To log in, use the same details as the school device login details (found on page 5 of the Home Learning Diaries).
4. Next, go to My Path.



5. Here you will find a section: Due Assignments



6. This is where home assignments will appear.

Parents will shortly be receiving an email with instructions on how to access the homelearning – if you have any challenges accessing the assignments, please let us know so that we can assist your child in class.

YEAR 3 BUTSER FARM TRIP: 23RD NOVEMBER 2026

Just a reminder that the voluntary contributions need to be paid before 16th October 2026. Thank you. [LETTER TO PARENTS](#)



YEAR 6 OBSIDIAN, RUBY & TIGER'S EYE

YEAR 6 – MILL ON THE BRUE

A reminder that the final payment balances need to be paid by **Friday 25th September**.



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 LEARNING

Jade and Amber Class have both settled into Year 1 really well. We have really enjoyed learning about materials in Science. Especially when we used magnets to search for metal coins in the green water! We have also enjoyed Music so far this term. The children loved using their Boomwhackers to play 'We will rock you!' and also loved singing along too! Scan the QR code to hear us play!



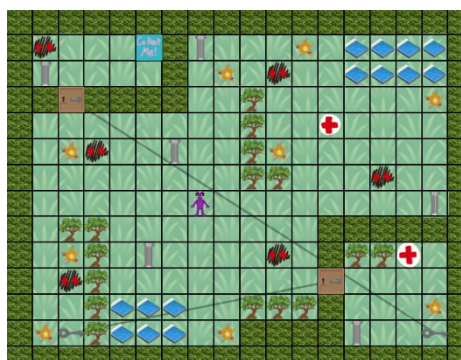
YEAR 1 COMPUTING

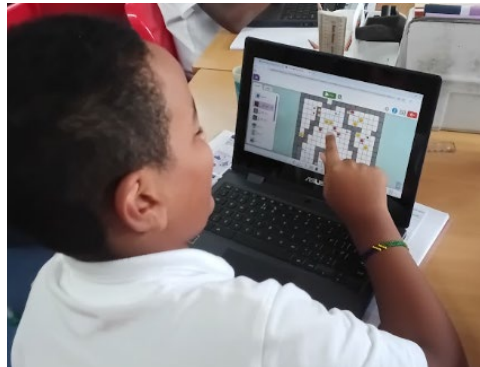
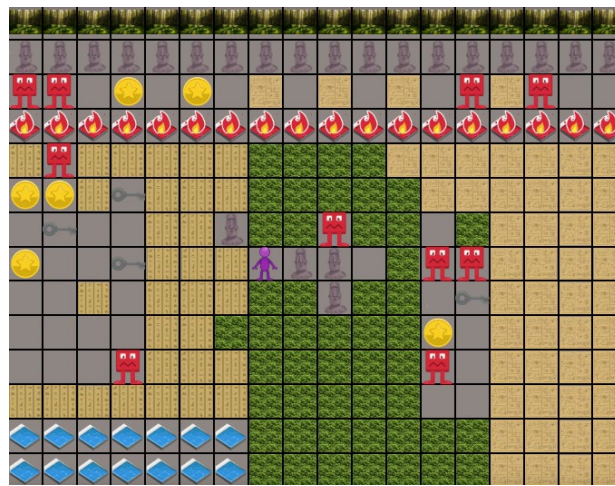
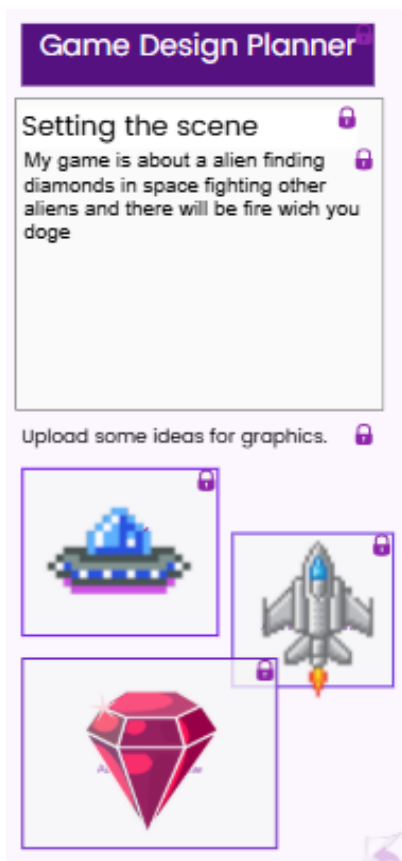
Year 1 enjoyed their first Computing lesson at Whiteknights. We began by talking about what devices the children use at home, such as mobile phones, tablets and games consoles, and what the children should do if they hear/see something that upsets them (whether at home or school). Pupils learnt how to programme the beebots to move from one location to another by pressing the correct buttons. Pupils also practised using the new vocabulary they had learnt to traverse the map we had drawn on the playground.



YEAR 5 CODING

This half term, we have taken inspiration from Super Mario Bros creator, Shigeru Miyamoto, and are designing quest-style multi-level games that include treasure to hunt and enemies to avoid! Please note, this is a work in progress!

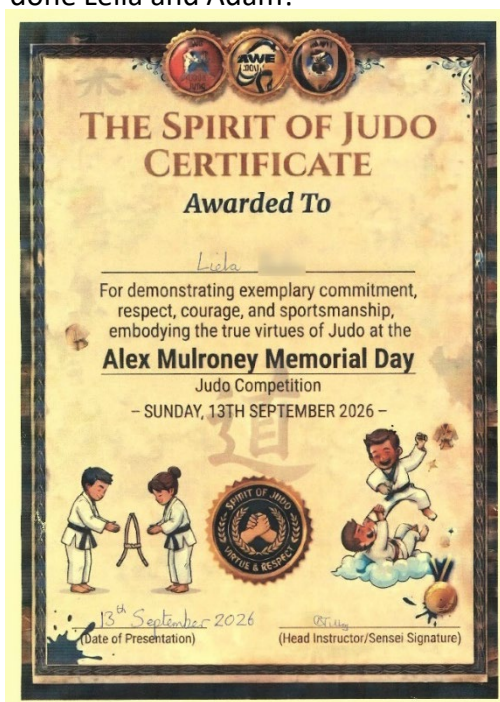




PUPIL SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

JUDO FUN DAY

Leila and her brother, Adam took part in the in the **Alex Mulroney Memorial Day (inter-club) Judo Competition** on 13th September and wanted to share their success with us – both of them received a memorial medal, an award and a trophy for their participation. Well done Leila and Adam!



WPCA NOTICES

Whiteknights Parent Community – Group chat invite

Follow the link below to get added into year group specific chats:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JLpBmNHDF9HAXZIHHE5rr>

**WANTED: WPCA
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
-  A small amount of your time

GET IN TOUCH & HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
WhiteknightsPCA@gmail.com
Deadline to apply: Friday 18th September 2026



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?

Keep our records
tidy and
transparent
(no accountancy
qualification required)



TRUSTWORTHY AND CONFIDENTIAL?

We value
discretion in all
our financial
dealings.

YOUR SKILLS CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

The WPCA supports special projects, trips,
and resources for our children.

HOW TO APPLY

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

Email us at: Whiteknightspca@gmail.com

THE HEXAGON, READING

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER @ 5pm

ALADDIN

JUSTIN FLETCHER

PAUL MORSE SAMANTHA DORRANCE

ADAM PETTIGREW JG DANIELS-WHITE HELENA FERREIRA



ORGANISED BY THE WPCA

TICKETS ON SALE TODAY
FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

TICKETS £28.00 EACH

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS SO DON'T MISS OUT

SCAN TO BOOK



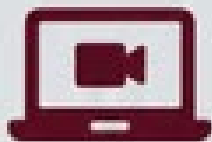


WHITEKNIGHT'S PARENT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)



Wednesday 7th October
8 – 8.30pm



Virtual meeting

Link shared nearer the time



**Voting for
committee members**
(Chair, Secretary,
Treasurer & Project Leads)



**Reflecting over
the last year to review
our successes and
areas for improvement**



**Share details
about our
finances**

We'd love to see everyone there!



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