# THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW

23rd October 2026—Issue No: 8

FIRST WEEK BACK

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## ON THE MENU

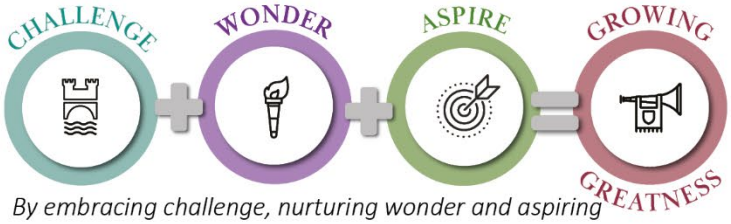
Available daily: Freshly Baked Bread, Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings, Salad Selection, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

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

DON'T FORGET

## INSET DAY

School closed for pupils on Monday 2nd November




*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 95.67% | PEARL 96.67% | AMBER 94.33% | JADE 92.67% |
| OPAL 96.00% | TOPAZ 93.00% | DIAMOND 88.00% | GARNET 98.67% |
| AMETHYST 95.33% | JASPER 94.48% | EMERALD 94.00% | SAPPHIRE 96.67% |
| OBSIDIAN 96.00% | RUBY 96.82% | TIGER'S EYE 97.00% | |

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 94.76% 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: 16/10/2026 TO 22/10/2026



**94.2%** 2.6MWh

**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.**

**5.8%** 0.16MWh

TOTAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SINCE INSTALLATION 31MWh

# SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES & REMINDERS







## IMPORTANT REMINDER: PE KITS

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of children forgetting their PE kits. Ringing home to arrange for missing kits to be dropped off takes up a considerable amount of time for our busy office team.

Please help us by ensuring your child has their full PE kit with them on their designated PE days.

To ensure our school day runs smoothly and to encourage student independence, we are introducing a new system starting **Monday 19th October**:

**First occasion:** The school office will ring home to request the missing kit.
**Second occasion onwards:** We will no longer ring home. If a pupil forgets their kit for a second time, they will unfortunately have to miss their PE lesson for that day.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping our pupils stay organized and ready to learn.

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS: RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

A reminder that the Berkshire Immunisation Team will be in school after the October half term break, on the 5th November to administer Flu immunisations for pupilS in Reception to Year 6.
Please remember to submit a **YES** or **NO** consent form (via the communications emailed to parents), even if your child has already had a flu vaccine since September 2026.
Families who have not submitted a form may receive reminders from the Immunisation Team, however **consent closes at 9am one full school day before the vaccination session.**




# WHITEKNIGHTS LIBRARY HALF TERM BOOK QUIZ!

1. What does the mouse say is his favourite food in The Gruffalo?
2. What country does Paddington bear originally come from?
3. What does the BFG stand for?
4. Who is this book character?



5. What is Harry Potter's mothers name?
6. How many Diary of a Wimpy Kid books are there in total?
7. Who was the author of *The Lorax* and *The Cat in the Hat*?
8. Name this famous book.



9. Which of these books were NOT made into a movie?

Alice in Wonderland  Wonder  Jungle Book  George's Marvelous Medicine

10. The new Gruffalo book by Julia Donaldson is called.....

The Gruffalo Granny  The Gruffalo Buddy  The Gruffalo Sister

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.**

| 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) |
| Thu, 5th November | 3pm – 4.30pm Eco Council Meeting at University of Reading |
| Thu, 5th November | Year 5 Trip to Lower Earley Library – Sapphire Class |
| Fri, 6th November | Year 5 Trip to Lower Earley Library – Emerald Class |
| 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 |
| Tue, 24th November | Year 5 Excursion to Winchester Science Museum |
| Thu, 26th November | EYFS PJ Party (TTBC) |
| Fri, 27th November | School Disco (TTBC) |
| **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<br>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<br>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)<br>Year 5 Carols Service @ St Barnabas (pupils only) |
| Fri, 18th December | Celebration Assembly 1.45pm<br>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

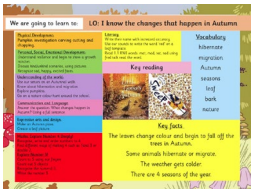
## NURSERY LITTLE GEMS

**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 – AUTUMN, LEAF MAN: November 2026]




## RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

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




**READING BOOKS AND READING FOLDERS**
We are very proud of the progress your children have made with their reading skills and we are very grateful for the support you have given them in doing this. From this Friday some children will have a reading book in their reading folder and some will have the sounds and QR code sheet. Please practice this with your child daily and record this in their reading record.

It is very important that your child brings their reading record to school EVERY day.
You do not need to ask for your child's reading book to be changed, we will do this systematically based on their RWI programme at school.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Kelly and Mrs Lewis.

## 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 |
|---|---|
| **3rd November** | 23 - 25 |
| **10th November** | 26 – 28 |
| **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 |
|---|---|
| **19th October** | 16 – 19 |
| **3rd November** | 20 – 22 |

# YEAR 4 AMETHYST & JASPER

## Year 4 amethyst class

Children in Amethyst Class will begin their enrichment activities in the afternoons. A letter has been sent home detailing which group the children will be in and what they will need.

Please see the copy of the timetable.

| Amethyst Class | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Week commencing** | **Group 1** | **Group 2** | **Group 3** |
| **19/10/2026** | **Science lab** | **Sports Club** | **Outdoor & Nutritional learning** |
| **02/11/2026** | **Outdoor & Nutritional learning** | **Science Lab** | **Sports Club** |
| **09/11/2026** | **Sports Club** | **Outdoor & Nutritional learning** | **Science Lab** |

## BURWELL HOUSE INFORMATION EVENING

An information session for parents (and children) will be held after school on Thursday 5th November 2026. 15:30 start in Amethyst classroom.

# YEAR 5 EMERALD & SAPPHIRE

**YEAR 5 WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE TRIP**

Just a reminder that the voluntary contributions need to be paid by 30th October 2026. LETTER TO PARENTS

## YEAR 5 HOMEWORK PROJECT

Your homework project for this term will be to research a natural disaster, other than earthquakes and volcanoes that we learn about in school.

For example, you could choose to explore:

- landslides
- tsunamis
- sinkholes
- hurricanes
- typhoons
- heat waves
- Infestations

Your project should detail how these phenomena occur, including maps, labelled diagrams and any other illustrations you consider helpful.

It should also include at least one case study. You should report on the destruction caused and the further consequences this destruction had on the local area. (For example, at school, we learned that during the 1906 San Francisco earthquake service pipes were damaged. When leaking gas caused fires, the authorities had insufficient water to extinguish them.) Captioned photos or drawings will support your work here.

You are strongly encouraged to complete your research on child-friendly websites but please DO NOT be tempted to copy and paste their text or to use AI to write your project. Teachers can always tell when it's not your work!

It is entirely your choice how you want to present your project. Google Slides and photos can be submitted on Google Classroom but we invite you use your creativity! You could make a poster, write a song, build a working model… whatever takes your fancy!

This is a compulsory element of your homework, meaning that we expect everyone to have a go. The deadline is Friday 6th November and the amount of work you do should reflect this longer timeframe.



# YEAR 6 OBSIDIAN, RUBY & TIGER'S EYE

YEAR 6 – CLOSING DATE FOR APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IS 31ST OCTOBER 2026
Please see links to apply:
Reading Borough Council
https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/secondary-admissions/

Wokingham Borough Council
https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-and-applying-secondary-school-age-11

# 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 MUSIC LESSONS

In Year 1, for our music lessons, we have been learning how to play the boomwhackers to play different songs. Scan the QR code below to listen to us play a song. Can you guess what the song is?

# PUPIL SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



## JESSICA RAISES MONEY FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

We also wanted to say a huge well done to Jessica in Year 1 for running alongside her family in the AJ Bell Great South Run and raised £565 for Childhood Trauma Trust as her sister has been diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis type 1 (NF1). Well done Jessica!




# 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/

# 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 TODAY FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

**TICKETS £28.00 EACH**

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS SO DON'T MISS OUT

SCAN TO BOOK



Help raise funds for the school through My Childs Art

20% of all sales donated to the WPCA

www.mychildsart.co.uk

# CHRISTMAS CARDS

Complete an Artwork sheet
Return to classroom by:

## Wednesday 4 November



