THE WHITEKNIGHTS ARROW

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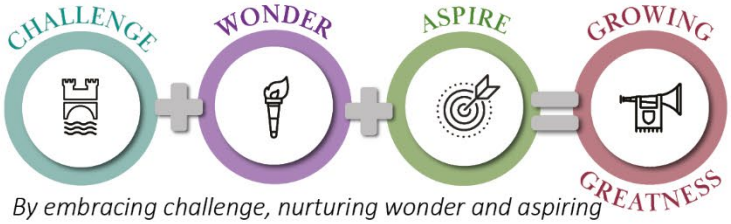
NEXT WEEK

Monday, 9th Nov	Year 6 Residential leave for trip to Mill on the Brue
Tuesday, 10th Nov	Year 6 Residential trip to Mill on the Brue
Wednesday, 11th Nov	Year 6 Residential trip to Mill on the Brue Whole-school Remembrance Day Assembly (pupils only-during school time)
Thursday, 12th Nov	Year 6 Residential trip to Mill on the Brue
Friday, 13th Nov	Year 6 Return from 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	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 ✓ ON TIME
✓ IN SCHOOL ✓ EVERY DAY

CRYSTAL 94.17%	PEARL 89.17%	AMBER 94.58%	JADE 98.33%
OPAL 97.92%	TOPAZ 95.00%	DIAMOND 99.14%	GARNET 97.92%
AMETHYST 95.82%	JASPER 96.64%	EMERALD 97.50%	SAPPHIRE 92.92%
OBSIDIAN 94.38%	RUBY 96.59%	TIGER'S EYE 98.75%	

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 95.61% 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



96.6% 2.27MWh

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.**

3.4% 0.08MWh

TOTAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SINCE INSTALLATION **31.2MWh**

SCHOOL WIDE NOTICES & REMINDERS

Daisy's Dream Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 16th December 2026



Wear your best festive jumper for charity!
Suggested Donation £1

Registered charity number 1177145

Daisy's Dream
Supporting children through bereavement

Spread the word! Our School Facilities Are Available to Hire!

Perfect for clubs, classes, events, and community groups.

- Sports Hall for events, classes
- Classrooms & Meeting Spaces
- Outdoor Playground, Field and Sports Areas

Evenings / Weekends / School Holidays

View availability & book online: visit our WEBSITE - Space Hire

Your REinspired contact

Sue Rees is Team Leader for three Primary Schools: Aldryngton, Earley St Peter's and Whiteknights in Earley, Reading.



Teachers and pupils at the schools we work with absolutely love the RE sessions we deliver for them where pupils enjoy learning about Christianity from the inside. The teachers see the benefits of this way of learning. It works because of our partnership approach between local churches and schools.

If you have questions or would like to get involved please contact Sue:

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Former Head of Earley St Peter's Primary School in Reading, says:

"At ESP School we greatly value our close links with REinspired. As a Church of England school we aim to provide our pupils with a varied and exciting Religious Education curriculum. We believe we do this within school. However, by working with REinspired we are able to offer the children far more that would otherwise be possible.

The children greatly look forward to their REinspired sessions, which are always well planned, presented and resourced and add to the children's perception that RE is an exciting subject. From a teachers perspective, the sessions provide a high level of expert input."



REINSPIRED







"Schools want the sort of partnership & involvement that REinspired has offered so brilliantly in Reading"
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Enabling schools & their pupils to develop spiritually & engage creatively with faith

What is REinspired?

We are a team of Christians from local churches who are passionate about bringing RE lessons to life for children in local schools. All our lessons, rooted in the RE syllabus, are lively and engaging as well as educational.

We use a rich variety of approaches to learning such as art, craft, music, drama, DVD clips & small group discussion to make the lessons accessible to all pupils.



As well as seasonal favourites such as Christmas & Easter, we offer more than 60 sessions a year on topics ranging from Noah for Foundation to Religious Experience for Year 13. When teachers want other topics we work with them to design a lesson to meet their particular needs.

"Schools should provide more opportunities to use field work and visitors in RE'"
Transforming Religious Education OFSTED 2010

Pupils are always told that we are not attempting to change what they believe but help them explore a topic that Christians believe.

What the children say...

"God is epic!"
Year 2 pupil

"...I would rather be doing RE than PE and that's saying something as I enjoy sport a lot!"
Year 5 pupil

Response to "should religious people be sad when someone dies?"
"No, because of the hope of heaven."
Year 6 pupil

What the teachers say...

"The activities set up for the children led to lots of creativeness from all of them."
F2 Teacher, Whiteknights Primary

"The session was well planned and the helpers were good at asking challenging questions relevant to the children's lives."
Middle School Teacher, Aldryngton Primary

"Children were really involved in the discussion, exploring answers to questions which are difficult to answer."
Year 6 Teacher, Earley St Peter's Primary

Keeping Children Safe

Our sessions always take place with school staff present and discipline and safeguarding remains their responsibility. Even so our team leaders and regular volunteer helpers are carefully recruited. After observation in 2-3 sessions, references are followed up for new helpers who also undergo a DBS check through their church or us.

How REinspired helps schools

Berkshire schools follow the locally agreed RE syllabus.

REinspired sessions, face to face and pre-recorded, fit the needs of this syllabus and, if required, can be tailored even further. Our visits provide an opportunity for teachers to compare and contrast themes, assess learning outcomes with their pupils, as well as encourage reflective thinking. Sessions enable children to meet and hear from people of faith which enhances their learning experience.

Contact us or visit our website and other social media sites if you'd like to learn more:

www.reinspired.org.uk
@re_inspired
Facebook / REinspired



Children love the way our volunteers bring RE to life

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, 16th November	Whole-school Remembrance Day Assembly (pupils only-during school time)
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	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)
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

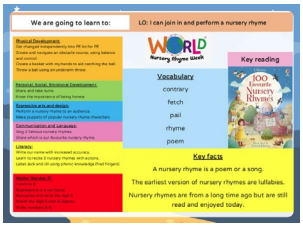
NURSERY LITTLE GEMS

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, WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE: November 2026



RECEPTION CRYSTAL & PEARL

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VIEW > RECEPTION KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER – WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK: 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



WPCA CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER
This week your child has made a Christmas card (similar to the image on the left). Parents will receive a QR code in due time. This will enable parents to view and order cards in time for Christmas, if they so wish.

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
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
9th November	23 – 25
16th November	26 – 28
23rd November	29 – 31
30th November	32 – 35
7th December	36 – 38
14th December	39 – 41
5th January	42 – 43

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**

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:-

ECO COUNCIL VISIT TO READING UNIVERSITY

Yesterday, after school the Eco Councillors (Years 1-6) visited the University of Reading Nature Park.

They became sustainability detectives and explored different ideas to promote biodiversity. We are hoping in the future to bring some of these ideas to Whiteknights.









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 ready for Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 16th December



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



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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