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**Edition 13: Friday 6th December
2024**

Dates for your Diary

Tues 10 th Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Weds 11 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Weds 11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Craft Day
Thurs 12 th Dec	10am EYFS Nativity
Thurs 12 th Dec	Openbox theatre for pupils in EYFS to Year
Fri 13 th Dec	PDSA Christmas Fayre
Mon 16 th Dec	PDP Carol Service at St Mary's Church (children only)
Weds 18 th Dec	Christmas parties
Thurs 19 th Dec	1.35pm End of term
Mon 6 th Jan	Start of Spring term.
Mon 6 th Jan	Sports Clubs restart *
Thurs 9 th Jan	Year 5/6 swimming lessons start
Mon 27 th to Thurs 30 th Jan	Year 6 Mock SATs *
Mon 17 th to Fri 21 st Feb	Half Term holiday

This week at Parsons Down

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 87.7% and for Key Stage 2 it was 93.6%.
- ✓ We are busy preparing for **Christmas**. Foundation Stage rehearsals are in full swing and they are looking forward to their performances next week. We're also busy learning the songs for our carol service at St Mary's Church and the Year 6 postal elves were very busy today sorting and delivering the Christmas cards.
- ✓ It was lovely to see so many families at the recent Year 6 SATs meeting. The PowerPoint that was shared during the meeting is now on the school website <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/year-6-sats-may-2025> Year 6 Mock SATs will be in January 2025 and more information will be shared in the new year.
- ✓ On Wednesday **Year 1** pupils took their learning over to the Nature Discovery Centre. They used a tens frame and natural resources to represent 8. "8 is made of 5 and 3, 5 and 3 make 8" were the stem sentences they practised. They also found a rather large scorpion like beetle and hunted for primary and secondary colours.
- ✓ We've been notified by the **Nature Discovery Centre** that the Park and Stride car park will be shut in January. Sadly, ash trees at the Nature Discovery Centre have been affected by ash dieback. They need to carry out essential tree felling work this winter. **This means the Nature Discovery Centre, including the car park, paths and playground, will be closed from Monday 6 January to Friday 17 January.** For further information about the work, please contact the Nature Discovery Centre on ndc@bbowt.org.uk or 01635 874381.
- ✓ We're looking for a some of our regular, **registered volunteers to help us walk** safely to the church for our annual carol concert on Monday 16th December and then our weekly swimming lessons at Kennet Leisure Centre (Thursday morning in spring term) if you think you'd be able to help please contact the office.
- ✓ **Don't forget that school closes for all pupils at 1.35pm on Thursday 19th December and Twilight Club will not be open on that day.**

Finally, be kind, be safe, be respectful, Mrs Bull



The Week in Pictures

Year 1 taking their learning outdoors at the Lakes, getting ready for Christmas and No Outsiders



NO OUTSIDERS
'All different, All welcome'



PDSA News

Our focus now turns to Christmas and a Christmas jumper sale and the Christmas Fayre which is scheduled for Friday 13th December after school.



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS NEEDED!

We are looking for preloved Christmas Jumpers. If you can donate one, please leave in reception by 9am on Friday 6th December

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRI 13TH DECEMBER | FREE ENTRY | 3:15 - 5:15PM

GIFT SHOP
SWEET SPINNER
SANTA TOMBOLA
NAME THE ELF
REFRESHMENTS
& MUCH MORE!

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WARMING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Thatcham Town Centre
Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December
An Exciting Weekend of Festive Activities

Friday 6th December
Christmas Lights Switch On
Entertainment from 5pm

Saturday 7th December
Christmas Market
Thatcham Broadway, 10am-3pm

Sunday 8th December
Civic Carol Service
St Marys Church, 3pm-5pm
Santa Fun Run
Organised by Rotary Club of Thatcham

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