



**Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.**

**Edition 17: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Dates for your Diary**

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NSPCC Number Day (families invited into school in a'noon)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Deadline for Year 4 Minstead payment
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 5 walk to lakes
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term 3.15pm finish
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Start of spring term 2
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 residential to Minstead
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day*
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Bake sale *
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term 1.35pm finish
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday

*\*more info coming soon*

**Over the past two weeks at Parsons Down...**

- ✓ I'm going to slightly change how I share **attendance** figures with you and give each school's attendance for this academic year. **Attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 is 96.7% and for Key Stage 2 it is 95%. Attendance is monitored weekly as regularly attending school is vital.
- ✓ We've got a **busy spring term**. It might be two short half terms but there's lots to pack in! I've tried to put as much as I can on the diary for you. We're in the final planning stages for the Year 4 trip to Minstead. Thank you so much to all of the families for returning your forms. The final date for payment is next Friday.
- ✓ Last week, I talked to the children in assembly about **rail safety**. In particular, about level crossings and electrified rail lines.
- ✓ Next Friday is our annual **NSPCC Number Day**. Children are invited to come into school wearing maths themed clothes: numbers, pattern etc.. We are collecting donations for the NSPCC with a suggested donation of £1. In the afternoon, it has become an annual tradition to welcome families into school to share a number game with their child eg Uno, Shut the box, snakes and ladders etc.. Please come in through the main reception (via Herons Way)
- ✓ We've sent an email to families of children with **special educational needs (SEND)** regarding reviewing their Support and Achievement Plans. Please do take this opportunity to work with us, gain an understanding of how your child is doing and the support we have in place to help them achieve their potential.
- ✓ We're also looking forward to welcoming families to our spring term **parents' evenings** on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Appointment letters will be sent home by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February.
- ✓ 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February is **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**. Parents play a vital role in their children's physical and mental health. There are some useful resources on our website or click on the link <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>
- ✓ We've started planning for **World Book Day**. We don't dress up on the day, we share books and stories. There will also be the return of the World Book Day Cake competition. More information will be shared shortly.
- ✓ The **Eco Council** are working with Mrs B and Miss Hargood to put together a digital recipe book. Has anyone taken part in Veganuary this month? Do you have a healthy vegan recipe you would like to share that would appeal to the whole family? Please share in the Facebook post comments or email Miss Hargood directly [ecocoordinator@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:ecocoordinator@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk).

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



# The Past Fortnight in Pictures

A sample of photos from the Play Detectives, EYFS children taking part in the Great British Bird Count, Year 2 history, Year 4 P.E and No Outsiders photos.

