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Edition 6: Friday 17th October 2025

Dates for your Diary

Tues 21 st Oct	EYFS Sept 2026 Parent tour 10am
Tues 21 st Oct	Year 6 leavers 2025 are invited back 4-5pm
Weds 22 nd and Thurs 23 rd Oct	Parents evening 3.30-6.30pm *
Thurs 23 rd Oct	Non-school uniform Day
Thurs 23 rd Oct	PDSA meeting at The Spotted Dog 7.30pm
Fri 24 th Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Fri 24 th Oct to Mon 3 rd Nov	Half Term Holiday
Tues 4 th Nov	Back to school
Weds 5 th to Tues 11 th Nov	School Council selling poppies
Fri 7 th Nov	PDSA School disco
Mon 10 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 10 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Weds 19 th Nov	PDSA meeting at The Spotted Dog 7.30pm

**more info coming soon*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 98.1% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95%. Illnesses are doing the rounds. Not sure if your child is well enough for school?
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- ✓ Last Saturday, a team of **Year 1 and 2** pupils took part in a football tournament organised by Thatcham Tornadoes. I am so proud of all of them. They played brilliantly and considering they haven't played together as a team they did a magnificent job. We clearly have some very talented footballers. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to everyone who supported them.
- ✓ We're looking forward to seeing you at next week's **parents' evenings**. Appointment letters will be sent home on Friday 17th October. **Football club on Wednesday 22nd October is cancelled due to parents' evening.**
- ✓ We've recently been notified of some cases of **threadworm** (we're aware of cases in Year 1 and 4) Threadworms (pinworms) are tiny worms in your poo. They're common in children and spread easily. You can treat them without seeing a GP <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>
- ✓ In today's assemblies, we have been talking about **keeping safe**. We talked about the importance of: following the rules, being kind and respectful and the importance of speaking up if you notice something that doesn't feel right, tell a trusted adult.
- ✓ Thank you so much for the support for the **PDSA clothing collection**. We raised a magnificent £136.80 and saved 304kg of clothes going to landfill.
- ✓ Next Thursday, we are having a **non-school uniform day** in exchange for donations for the PDSA Christmas fayre. Please ensure that clothes are suitable for a busy school day and don't send your child to school in a Halloween costume, many thanks.
- ✓ Is your child due to **start school in September 2026**? Do you have a child in Year 2 or Year 6? Don't forget to apply for a school place via West Berks admissions. **The deadline for Year 6 parents is 31st October** <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/school-admissions-places>
- ✓ After half term, the School Council will be helping sell poppies in aid of this year's **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**. Poppies will be on sale at the end of the day. Any money brought into school should be in a named envelope. Unfortunately, we are unable to give change. Items range from a donation for a traditional poppy or sticker to the ever-popular slap bands.
- ✓ We're currently **recruiting for a Lunchtime Support Assistant** to join our fabulous Play Team and support our OPAL journey <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/job-opportunities-and-volunteering>

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



The Week in Pictures

Miss Pearce's Play Detective photos, Year 1 and 2 football team, Poppy Appeal, school disco, Bags to School, school disco



POP IN AND SAY HI!

How are you getting on?

We can't wait to hear how your first half-term at secondary school has been.

Tuesday 21st October 4-5pm

2025 Leavers (now in Y7)

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Charity Reg no: 279717

School DISCO

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

4:30pm - 5:30pm
£5
Includes: Entry, Foam glow stick and tattoo

5:45pm - 6:45pm
£3.50
Items available to purchase from the PDSA Tuck shop

RECEPTION, YEAR 1/2/3

YEAR 4/5/6

Children will need to bring inhalers/epipens/medication if needed due to not having access to these on the night

All children must be picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the session

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