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Edition 6: Friday 17th October 2025

Dates for your Diary

Tues 21st Oct	EYFS Sept 2026 Parent tour 10am
Tues 21st 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 23rd 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 o 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



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



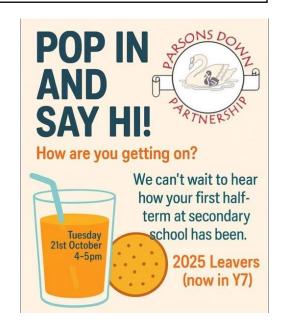














RECEPTION, YEAR 1/2/3

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

YEAR 4/5/6

5:45pm - 6:45pm £3.50

Items available to purchase from the PDSA Tuck shop

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