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Edition 12: Thursday 18th December 2025

Dates for your Diary

Fri 12 th Dec	End of clubs
Mon 15 th Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Tues 16 th Dec	St Mary's Carol Concert @ 2pm (children only)
Weds 17 th Dec	Y4,5 and 6 Christmas Movie afternoon
Thurs 18 th Dec	End of term. School finishes at 1.35pm
Mon 5 th Jan	Start of spring term 1
Tues 13 th Jan	EYFS vision screening
Fri 6 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day (families invited into school in a'noon) *
Weds 11 th and Thurs 12 th Feb	Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm *
Fri 13 th Feb	End of term 3.15pm finish
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th Feb	Half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	Start of spring term 2
Weds 4 th to Fri 6 th March	Year 4 residential to Minstead

**more info coming soon*

Over the past two weeks at Parsons Down...

- ✓ Last week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 98.2% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.1%.
- ✓ The **Eco Council** led last Monday's assembly and gave us some top tips for how to have a more environmentally friendly Christmas including: making homemade gifts and decorations, reusing decorations, shopping locally and trying to minimise food waste.
- ✓ The **School Council** have also been busy. They did a fantastic job at last Friday's Christmas fayre, the Christmas Post Box has also kept them very busy and they did a great job judging the writing competition. We rounded it off with them representing the children in kids v adults in today's Christmas challenge in assembly.
- ✓ We are so proud of all of our **EYFS children** for their spectacular performances in this year's nativity. All of their hard work paid off with two very polished performances. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and for your generous donations. We raised £209 which cover the cost of the licence and our spring term living eggs project.
- ✓ We had our last **sporting fixture** of 2025 which saw the U9 boys' football team in action. A huge improvement from previous matches and some fantastic teamwork. Well done boys!
- ✓ Thank you to everyone who took part in our **Christmas writing competition**. The winners were announced in assembly today, many congratulations to everyone who took part. The overall winners were Esme for the infant school and Melissa for the junior school.
- ✓ We've said a fond farewell to Mrs McCowie who made the difficult decision to leave PDP at the end of term. We wish her all of the best for the future. In January we'll be welcoming Mrs Marsh back from maternity leave which means that Miss Laxton will join Mrs Dillon as one of our regular supply teachers rather than having a weekly teaching commitment.
- ✓ **Clubs** have now finished for the term and the new club letter has been emailed out.
- ✓ It's been a very busy but festive end of term with Christmas lunch and class parties, the PDSA Christmas fayre, our annual carol service at St Mary's church and Christmas craft day. Thank you for all of well wishes and generous gifts. **We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and all of the best for 2026. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 5th January.**



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

The Past Fortnight in Pictures

EYFS children enjoying some active outdoor phonics, class parties, the cast of this year's nativity, Rock Steady, U9 boys' football team, Christmas lunch and the PDSA Christmas Fayre.



PDSA News

Thank you so much to everyone who came along on Friday! We hope you had a great time 😊

Thank you so much to everyone involved, all the PDSA, PDP staff & children and volunteers!



Christmas Lunch 2025

