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Edition 12: Friday 5th December 2025

Dates for your Diary

Tues 9 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 10am
Weds 10 th Dec	Rock Steady Assembly 9.15am
Weds 10 th Dec	Christmas lunch and class parties
Thurs 11 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 2pm
Tues 11 th Dec	U9 Girls' Football @ Hungerford
Fri 12th Dec	Deadline for Christmas writing competition
Fri 12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
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	Term starts
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th Feb	Half term

**more info coming soon*

This week at Parsons Down...

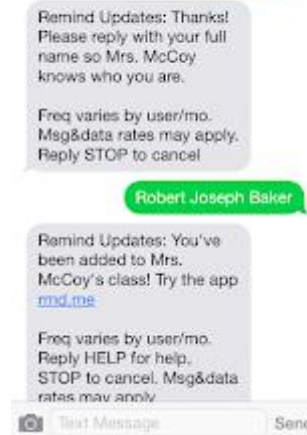
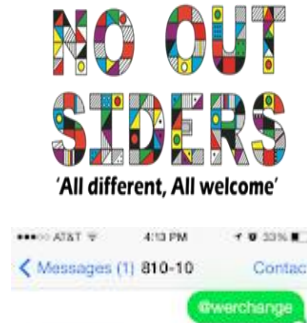
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.6% and for Key Stage 2 it was 93.6%.
- ✓ Children in Years 1 to 6 have been working incredibly hard on their **end of term assessments**. Termly assessment is not a new thing at Parsons Down but we have added to our assessment process to gain even more information about how well the children are doing and any gaps so we can adjust teaching accordingly. We'll update you in our next parents' evening before half term.
- ✓ **This week's sporting fixtures** have seen the U11 boys' and girls' teams braving some very muddy pitches! This was part of the ESFA league so nearer home this time. Both teams played incredibly well and we're very proud of them. The girls have made it through to the next round but unfortunately the boys were knocked out.
- ✓ We have launched our first ever **Christmas writing competition**. More details were emailed out on Friday. Infant pupils can enter by drawing a Christmas picture and labelling it OR write a short Christmas story (up to 300 words). Junior pupils are being challenged to write a short story (up to 500 words). Entries need to be brought in by Friday 12th December. The School Council will be judging the entries.
- ✓ The **Eco Council** continue to be busy. Well done to everyone who took part in the Cut your Carbon challenge and logged it on Purple Mash. We're busy awarding gems to those that took part. The children met earlier in the week with Miss Hargood and planned an Eco-friendly Christmas assembly for next week.
- ✓ The **School Council** have also been busy. In Monday's assembly they shared their trip to the launch of the West Berkshire Toy Appeal (see poster on page 2 or click on the link to find out more) <https://toyappeal.co.uk/> They've also volunteered their services at next Friday's PDSA Christmas fayre and to be this year's Christmas post box elves. It's really lovely to see them embracing community spirit.
- ✓ In this week's assemblies, we've been thinking about **kindness**: helping families less fortunate through the Toy Appeal, spreading some festive joy through singing and talking about the importance of being kind. I often refer to kindness as our super power and this week's No Outsiders assembly was a lovely example of how a little bit of kindness can change a community for the better <https://manninglive.com/stories/manning-high-school-students-using-text-program-to-send-positive-messages,20818>

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



The Week in Pictures

This week's Play Detective photos, Year 6 House Captains in action, No Outsiders, U11 boys' and girls' football teams, EYFS enjoying Wellie Wednesday (and the new mud pit!), Year 1 enjoying learning about the seasons and news from the PDSA



PDSA News

- Thank you for supporting our annual Christmas Jumper sale on Friday.
- The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 12th December from 3.15-4.30pm and we're looking for volunteers. Can you help? Click on the link to sign up https://volunteersignup.org/XFE9M?fbclid=IwY2xjawOP9mZleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETA4aVljNFA1SVNiSDhBMndac3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHnQil95bGHU0RuXsai2RUa4k7P58XM_1nH73AgcCzCLm4kyxo1DWIOtf0YQd_aem_c-wnu9qO7AVW2_COMnhITw

West Berkshire Toy Appeal 2025

Brought to you by The Swift Group and The Community Furniture Project
We need your help more than ever!
Call our Santa hotline
on 01635 571703
toyappeal.co.uk
Little gestures make a big difference.

Donation Points

- Camp Hopson**
7-11 Northbrook Street, RG14 1DS
- The Community Furniture Project**
Bone Lane, RG14 5SS
- Sainsbury's**
Hectors Way, RG14 5AB
- Waterside Youth & Community Centre**
Waldegrave Place, Northbrook St.
Newbury RG14 1DS
- Greenham Trust**
Newbury Greenham Park, RG19 6HS
- Newbury Building Society**
Northbrook Street, RG14 1AA
Thatcham, RG19 3JD
Hungerford, RG17 0DL

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In loving memory of Louise Purton

Charity Reg No. 279717



Christmas FAIR

LOTS OF FESTIVE FUN TO BE HAD!

- SURPRISE BAG STALL
- TOMBOLA
- BISCUIT DECORATING
- REFRESHMENTS
- DICE AND DELIGHTS
- LUCKY DIP
- CHRISTMAS SPINNER
- AND LOTS MORE!!

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
3:15 - 4:30PM

 **SCHOOL HALL / SEAL CLUB / THE POD**