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Edition 3: Friday 26th September 2025

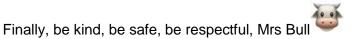
Dates for your Diary

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Tues 23 rd	classes (change of date)
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Weds 24th Sept	PDSA meeting (see below)
Thurs 25 th Sept	First Year 5 (& selected Y6
	children) swimming lesson
Mon 29 th Sept to Fri 3 rd Oct	Harvest week
Tues 30 th Sept	Individual school photos
Mon 6 th Oct	EYFS First News Photo
Thurs 9 th Oct	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils
Weds 15 th Oct	Year 4 parents Minstead meeting 3.30pm
Weds 22 nd and Thurs 23 rd Oct	Parents evening 3.30-6.30pm *
Fri 24 th Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
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*more info coming soon

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 98.7% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.9%.
- ✓ It's shaping up to be a very busy term. Please take note of the **diary** dates on this page and the diary section on page 3.
- ✓ The weather is very changeable at the moment. Please can you make sure children have a coat in school. Wellies are also needed to be able to access school grounds on a daily basis. EYFS and Year 1 store their wellies by class and other year groups have a shed on the playground. P.E kits also need to be in school each day.
- ✓ Next week, we'll be celebrating Harvest Festival and are asking if families are able to support this year's West Berks Foodbank collection. Please see the flier below for more information about donations. Donations can be brought in all week and will be displayed on Friday.
- We're looking to make our **lunchtimes** even more fun and are looking for **donations**: scooters in working order (with handle grips), large cardboard boxes (no staples) spades and trowels, babies, old wellies. Please put them in/by the blue OPAL donation box at the end of the car park.
- ✓ We had our first School and Eco council meetings this week. We talked about why they wanted
 the role and started thinking about what we want to achieve this year. Click the link for our first Eco
 Blog https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/eco-committee-meeting We are still a plastic free school
 which means we try and avoid: cling film, single use plastic bags, single use water bottles and
 glitter.
- ✓ Tuesday September 30th will be our individual photo day. Please can you make sure that children have their red school jumpers. If you would like a photo taken with a sibling in school please can you fill out the Microsoft form https://forms.office.com/e/amEXX879YC
- √ The school nursing team will be at Parsons Down for the annual Flu immunisation on Thursday 9th
 October. Please click on the link to register your child. https://pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/newsletters#flu-invite
- ✓ 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 https://www.westberks.gov.uk/school-admissions-places
- ✓ We'll be celebrating the end of the West Berks Library Challenge on Tuesday 7th October. Children are welcome to bring in their certificates if they'd like to join in our celebratory photo.



The Week in Pictures

Children enjoying playing outside, No Outsiders and our Harvest festival wish list.













Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 230 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Fruit Squash

Baked Beans

Dried Pasta

Tins Tomatoes/Passata

Tea Bags (small boxes)

Tinned Custard

Tinned Soup

Sweet Biscuits

Confectionary

Deodorant















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Tues 30 th Sept	Individual school photos
Weds 1 st Oct	EYFS Sept 2026 Tour at 10 am
Mon 6 th Oct	EYFS First News Photo
Weds 8 th Oct	Y5/6 Boys' football match (selected players)
Thurs 9 th Oct	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils
Thurs 9 th Oct	Giraffe Class parent drop in at 2.30pm
Sat 11th Oct	Thatcham Tornadoes Infant School Football Festival
	(selected players)
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Mon 10 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 10 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Tues 9 th Dec	10am EYFS Nativity (parents invited)
Thurs 11 th Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity (parents invited)
Thurs 18 th Dec	1.35pm End of term
Fri 19 th Dec to Sun 4 th Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 th Jan	Start of term
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th Feb	Half term
Fri 27 th March	1.35pm End of term
Mon 30 th March to Fri 10 th April	Easter holidays
Mon 13 th April	Start of term
Mon 25 ^{th to} Fri 29th May	Half term
Tues 21st July	1.35pm End of term
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A FUN AUTUMN ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY **THATCHAM Scarecrow Trail** OUR SCARECROWS ARE DOTTED AROUND THE LOCAL AREA FOR YOU TO FIND £3 Saturday 25th October -Sunday 2nd November 2025 Maps available from Thatcham Discovery Centre (Cash only - no change given) FUNDRAISING FOR





COME AND ENJOY SOME HALF TERM FUN FOLLOWING THE MAP TO FIND SCARECROWS!