



Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.

Edition 2: Friday 19th September 2025

Dates for your Diary

Mon 15 th September	Clubs start
Mon 22 nd and Tues 23 rd September	Free PSHE workshops for all classes (change of date)
Weds 24 th Sept	PDSA meeting
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
Fri 24 th Oct to Mon 3 rd Nov	Half Term Holiday
Tues 4 th Nov	Back to school

This week at Parsons Down...

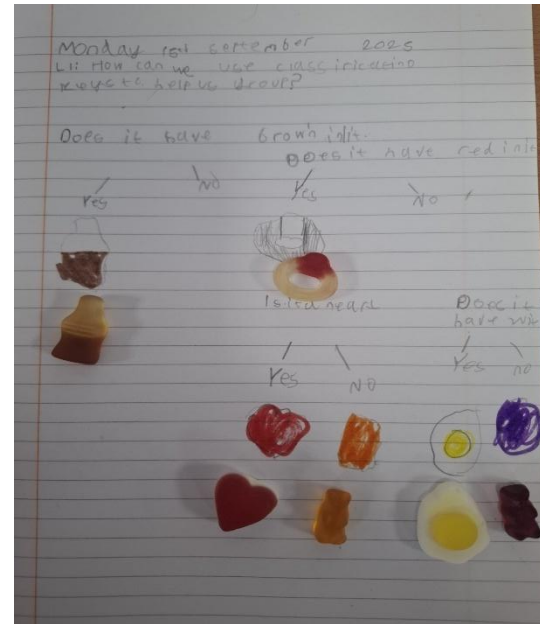
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 98.7% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.6%.
- ✓ It's shaping up to be a very busy term. Please take note of the **diary** dates on this page and the diary section on page 3.
- ✓ Year group newsletters were emailed out at the beginning of term. Each year group has an email address. You can normally expect a response within 48hrs. If a message is urgent please communicate via the school office in office hours (8.30am-3.30pm)
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ **Swimming** lessons for ALL year 5 pupils and a small group of Year 6 children start on Thursday 25th September.
- ✓ Our **Stay and Play** sessions for Parsons Down families with pre-school aged children started last Monday. It was lovely to welcome families in. Sessions take place each Monday and Thursday morning 8.45-9.30.
- ✓ We have now elected our **School and Eco councillors** for the year as well as appointing our Year 6 House Captains, Librarians and monitors. We're really looking forward to working with them this year.
- ✓ 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>
- ✓ Finally, don't forget about the **West Berks Library Challenge**. We will arrange a special reading celebration assembly when the challenge ends and it's not too late to take part.

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



The Week in Pictures

Children enjoying playing outside, Year 2 and Year 4 science and our Harvest festival wish list.



Harvest appeal



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

West Berks Foodbank
westberks.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1151996)



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Thurs 25 th Sept	EYFS Sept 2026 Tour at 5.30pm
Mon 29 th Sept to Fri 3 rd Oct	Harvest week
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 21 st July	1.35pm End of term

A FUN AUTUMN ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

THATCHAM Scarecrow Trail

OUR SCARECROWS ARE
DOTTED AROUND THE LOCAL
AREA FOR YOU TO FIND

MAPS
£3



Saturday 25th October -
Sunday 2nd November 2025



Maps available from
Thatcham Discovery Centre
(Cash only - no change given)

FUNDRAISING FOR:



**Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
& Oxfordshire
Wildlife Trust**



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



THATCHAM SCARECROW TRAIL

WE ARE HOLDING A SCARECROW TRAIL FROM
SATURDAY 25TH OCT - SUNDAY 2ND NOV 2025

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

MAKE YOUR OWN SCARECROW!



Register before 26th September by emailing:

pdsa@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

Please get in contact to discuss if you in
the catchment area



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