



Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.

Edition 4: Friday 3rd October 2025

Dates for your Diary

Mon 29 th Sept to Fri 3 rd Oct	Harvest week
Tues 30 th Sept	Individual school photos
Weds 1 st Oct	U11 Girls' Football match
Mon 6 th Oct	EYFS First News Photo
Weds 8 th Oct	U11 Boys' Football match
Thurs 9 th Oct	Flu immunisation EYFS to Y6 pupils
Sat 11 th Oct	Thatcham Tornadoes Infant School Football Festival (selected players)
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

**more info coming soon*

This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 97.2% and for Key Stage 2 it was 96%.
- ✓ The **weather** continues to be 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.
- ✓ A huge thank you to everyone who supported this year's **Harvest** Appeal for the West Berkshire Foodbank. Your generosity will make a huge difference to the local community. The donations will be collected on Friday. Thank you!
- ✓ On Wednesday our **U11 Girls' football team** had a strong start to the season. They played two matches and lost 1-0 against Falkland and beat Robert Sandilands 3-0. Just Hungerford to play as they couldn't make it on the day. Well done girls!
- ✓ We have sent home appointment letters for our forthcoming **parents' evening** on Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd October from 3.30-6.30pm. If you're a 'second' parent and would like an appointment/email or phone update, please contact the office or your child's teacher through the Year group emails.
- ✓ 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, children's pushchairs. Please put them in/by the blue OPAL donation box at the end of the car park.
- ✓ The school nursing team will be at Parsons Down for the annual **Flu immunisation** on Thursday 9th October.
- ✓ 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>
- ✓ After resolving the **parking** issues on Paynesdown Rd, Derwent Rd is now causing an issue for local residents. Please, please park safely and considerately.
- ✓ 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 **PDSA** have arranged a **clothing collection**. Bags (no special bag needed) can be dropped off at the office any day before 9am on Tuesday 14th October.

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

The Week in Pictures

Children enjoying playing outside, No Outsiders and Harvest Festival donations, U11 Girls' football team and Year 1 working hard during phonics.



NO OUTSIDERS
'All different, All welcome'



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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



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

14 October
TUESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- VVorkwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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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

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!