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# Edition 8: Friday 7th November 2025

## **Dates for your Diary**

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET Day-school closed for all pupils
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct to Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Half Term Holiday
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Back to school
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> to Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Council selling poppies
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U11 Girls' Football match
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PDSA School disco
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Clubs start
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Councillors attend launch of Toy Appeal
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	U9 Boys' football match 3.30pm
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rhos Y Gwaliau meeting for Year 5 parents
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PDSA meeting at The Spotted Dog 7.30pm
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#### This week at Parsons Down...

- ✓ It has been lovely to **welcome the children back** rested and ready to learn. The second half of the autumn term is always a busy one. Keep an eye on the dates for your diary.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 97.7% and for Key Stage 2 it was 96.2%. Illnesses are doing the rounds. Not sure if your child is well enough for school? https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/
- ✓ Sporting fixtures are continuing at pace. We had a **last-minute football fixture for our U11 girls** on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. They took on a very strong side from the Coombes Primary School in Arborfield. They battled hard, didn't give up and showed an enormous amount of resilience. The final score was 4-0 to Coombes. Well done girls!
- ✓ The Eco Council would like to challenge families to take part in "Cut Your Carbon" during the month of November. This is a carbon-cutting challenge encouraging young people and their families to complete six simple actions to raise awareness and reduce their carbon footprint. We hope you enjoy this eco challenge! Please see our blog for more information: <a href="https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/can-you-cut-your-carbon">https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/can-you-cut-your-carbon</a> and our Eco conscious Year 5 swimmers <a href="https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/eco-conscious-swimmers">https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/eco-conscious-swimmers</a>
- ✓ In this week's assemblies, we have been thinking about respect and preparing for **Remembrance** Sunday and Remembrance Day on Tuesday. My thanks to the School Council who are doing a magnificent job of selling poppies. Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November will be the last day. There will be an age appropriate act of remembrance at 11am on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November for those pupils in Years 2 to 6.
- ✓ Once again, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** which marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week on **Monday 10th November**. Odd socks day is an important part of our annual calendar and it's an opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. **All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler!**
- ✓ This half term sees the official launch of The Good Grub Club, a joint initiative delivered by Parsons Down and supported by the West Berks Foodbank designed to educate, empower and inspire pupils to get cooking! This is linked to our Eco Schools work on Healthy Living. Our first recipe is Sausage & Bean hotpot <a href="https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/the-good-grub-club">https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/the-good-grub-club</a>



### The Week in Pictures

This week's Play Detective photos, Eco Schools promoting Cut your Carbon and Year 5 litter picking, the launch of the Good Grub Club, No Outsiders, Year 3 enjoying using the tablets in science and news from the PDSA





































## **PDSA News**

- ✓ Thank you for everyone who supported this year's scarecrow trail. It was a fantastic display of creativity.
- ✓ The Xmas4school orders have been sent home. Thank you to everyone who purchased something we raised £76;.If you would like your child's artwork please collect from the office.
- ✓ We hope everyone had a great time at Friday's disco! Thank you to all the PDSA team, PDP team and volunteers for making the disco happen
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We're now busy planning for a next set pf events: our first ever Mudfest and the Christmas Fayre.

