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Edition 9: Friday 14th November 2025

Dates for your Diary

Mon 10 th Nov	Clubs start
Mon 10 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 10 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Mon 10 th Nov	School Councillors attend launch of Toy Appeal
Weds 12 th Nov	U9 Boys' football match 3.30pm
Mon 17 th Nov	Rhos Y Gwaliau meeting for Year 5 parents 3.30pm
Mon 17 th Nov	U11 Boys football match @ Depworth Middle
Weds 19 th Nov	PDSA meeting at The Spotted Dog 7.30pm
Thurs 20 th Nov	NWN First Class photo (Giraffe class)
Thurs 20 th Nov	Coffee morning in the POD with Mrs B and Homestart 8.45-9.30
Thurs 20 th Nov	U11 Girls' football match @ Westende
Fri 21 st Nov	Mudfest 3.15-4pm
Mon 24 th Nov	U11 Boys' football match

**more info coming soon*

This week at Parsons Down...

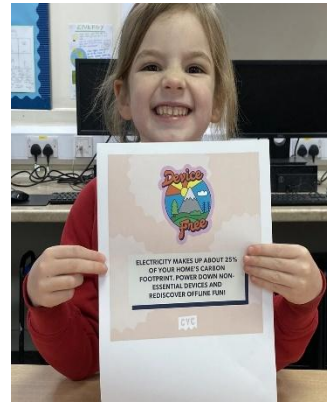
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.52% and for Key Stage 2 it was 96.33%. Attending school regularly is essential for both academic success but also for social reasons: a sense of belonging and friendships. We want to work with families to support with regular school attendance. Earlier this week, we emailed out attendance letters to some of our families where attendance is less than 90%. If you are concerned about your child's attendance please do come and talk to us.
- ✓ Sporting fixtures are continuing at pace. This week it was the turn of **U9 Boys**. We were only expecting to play one game and an additional match did come as a surprise! We are so proud of this group of boys. They battled hard, played their hearts out and grew as a team as each game went on. Unfortunately, they lost both matches but they should be very proud of rising to Wednesday afternoon's challenge.
- ✓ **Please come and join us for a coffee morning (8.45-9.30am) on Thursday 20th November.** Clare from **Home-Start West Berkshire** will be joining us for our usual Stay & Play session, chatting about the wonderful work Home-Start does within our local community, including home visits, family groups and postnatal peer support groups. She will also let us know about the opportunities within the organisation and how you could make a difference by volunteering, too! **There's no need to sign up for the event; our door will be open from 8:45am and EVERYONE is welcome.**
- ✓ The **Eco Council** are challenging 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. Please see our blog for more information: <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/can-you-cut-your-carbon>
- ✓ In this week's assemblies, we have been thinking about our new PSHE topic about **valuing differences and bullying**. We started the week celebrating our differences and our odd socks and on Friday I shared the story of Monty the Manatee with Giraffe and Zebra class which explores the themes of kindness and bullying <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeJEXcip0fE>
- ✓ On Monday, Mrs Bull and Mrs B took the **School Council to the launch of the West Berks Annual Christmas Toy Appeal**. The children were a credit to the school. We now need to plan and assembly and share how we can help support this vital charity.
- ✓ It feels a bit early to be talking about Christmas but Giraffe class have started learning their nativity songs! **The cut off date for ordering your child's Christmas lunch is fast approaching, orders MUST be placed by 28th November**

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

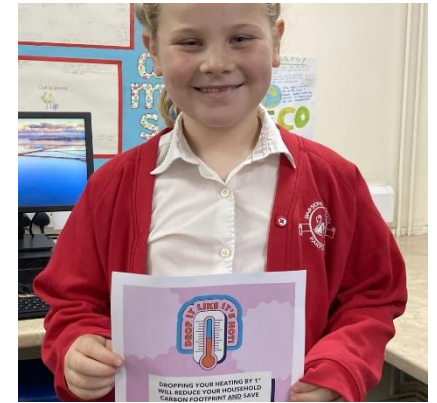


The Week in Pictures

This week's Play Detective photos, Eco Schools promoting Cut your Carbon, the School Council at the launch of the annual West Berks Christmas Toy appeal, U11 girls' and U9 boys' football teams, odd socks, Home Start Coffee morning and news from the PDSA



CUT YOUR CARBON



HOME START
West Berkshire

MUDFEST

Friday 21st November
3:15-4:00pm

Come along and help us dig a mudpit in our designated area!

Children are invited to play, explore, and create amazing art using natural materials in our designated activity areas!

Bring the whole family – Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and everyone in between are welcome to join the fun and lend a hand.

What to bring:
 Wellies/Practical clothing (it will be muddy!)
 A spade, if you have one

Refreshments will be available for sale – take a break and enjoy a drink or snack while the kids play!

Please meet us on the playground by the welly sheds before children go and play.
Your children need to be supervised at all times

What is a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'?

A reverse advent calendar is where you pick one item a day to donate to your Foodbank. This is a great way to show that Christmas is about giving as well as receiving. This year's calendar is about re-stocking our empty shelves, see our 12 Gifts of Christmas initiative for seasonal treats and extras

 1st UHT Milk	2nd  Jam	3rd Instant Coffee	4th Tinned Vegetables	5th Tinned Soup
 6th Cereal	7th Tinned Fish	8th Baked Beans	 9th Pasta	10th Instant Mash
11th Pasta Sauce	12th Sugar	13th Tinned Fruit	14th Non Bio Laundry	15th  Rice
 16th Deodorant	17th Fruit Juice (Longlife)	18th  Confectionary	19th Tinned Custard	20th Toilet Roll
21st Washing Up Liquid	22th Tinned Tomatoes	23th Tinned Meat	24th Rice Pudding	

What do I do with it when it is finished?

Please take it to our warehouse, 80 Greenham Business Park, RG19 6HW (Mon-Fri between 9am & 12pm)

Please deliver on or before Monday 22nd December

PDSA News

We're now busy planning for a next set of events: our first ever Mudfest and the Christmas Fayre.

- Come and join us at our next meeting, tis Thursday at 7.30pm at The Spotted Dog pub in Cold Ash.
- On Friday we have our first ever Mudfest. See the poster for more information.
- Once again, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper sale and are looking for donation.
- The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 12th December from 3.15-4pm



Christmas Jumper's needed!

We are looking for any Christmas Jumper donations

Please bring them to reception by Friday 5th December!




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, RG14 0DL

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