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Edition 10: Friday 21st November 2025

Dates for your Diary

Mon 24 th Nov	U11 Boys' football match 1pm departure for Finchampstead
Mon 24 th Nov	Eco Council planting bulbs.
Weds 26 th Nov	EYFS 2026 intake open morning 10am
Thurs 27 th Nov	U11 Boys' football match 12.15 pm departure for Wokingham
Thurs 27 th Nov	Year 3 local area walk
Fri 28 th Nov	Solar Express Panto for EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3
Mon 1 st Dec	Christmas Post Box opens
Mon 1 st Dec	U11 Boys' Football 12.15 departure for Long Lane
Tues 2 nd Dec	U11 Girls' Football 1pm departure for Westende
Thurs 4 th Dec	Netball match at PDP 3.30pm
Fri 5 th Dec	PDSA Christmas Jumper Sale 3.15pm
Tues 9 th Dec	EYFS Nativity 10am
Weds 10 th Dec	Rock Steady Assembly 9.15am

**more info coming soon*

This week at Parsons Down...

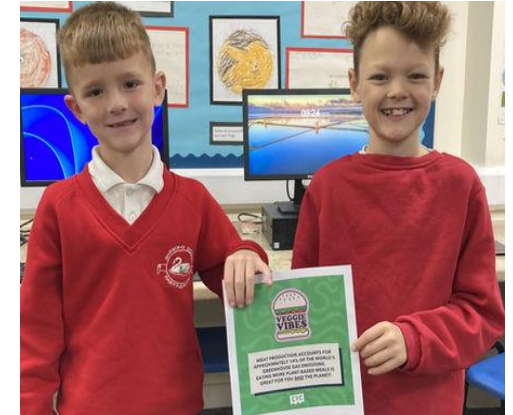
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 95.6% and for Key Stage 2 it was 95.8%.
- ✓ There are lots of new **diary dates (in red)** The second half of the autumn term is always a very busy one. We will try and collate all of the events into our traditional Christmas update and send it out shortly.
- ✓ **Sporting fixtures are continuing at pace.** This week it was the turn of **U11 Boys and Girls.** Two tough games and we're really proud of all of the children that took part. The County Cup is an annual tournament for us but it's really changed this year and we've been playing some new teams and travelling further. We're going to review the tournaments we take part in next year and look for some more more local games. We don't want the children to miss out but appreciate the pressure it puts on families and staff.
- ✓ The **Eco Council** continue to be busy. On Monday they will be working with Mrs Dillon and Miss Hargood and planting bulbs on the roundabout. On Tuesday they will be leading assembly. A busy week for them! It's not too late to take part in **"Cut Your Carbon"** 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 **OPAL project (Outdoor Play and Learning)** The children shared some of their favourite activities to do at lunchtime. On Monday we will be opening our new sandpit and mudpit. **To play in these areas the children MUST wear wellies and waterproofs (we will accept a change of trousers for older children but they will get very muddy, sandy and soggy).** We do have some spare wellies and waterproofs in Hedgehog class. Do you have any old wellies or waterproof you could donate? Please put them in our blue OPAL box in the car park. Thank you!
- ✓ It still 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**
- ✓ The Base, Greenham, have just launched this season's **'My Wild Life', their nature photography competition** for local photographers of all ages. It is completely free to enter. Entrants might capture images of insects in their back gardens with a camera phone, wildlife discovered on a family walk, or snaps of their beloved pets with their favourite camera. More details via the link https://thebasegreenham.co.uk/about/news/2025/my-wild-life-competition-2026?x-craft-preview=ideCjIPKwx&token=K4sKkPegV_Vg8_00litVK3-Gsb7Og2bs

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, U11 girls' football team, Year 5 enjoying being travel agents in English, Mudfest and news from the PDSA





PDSA News

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

- Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday for our first ever Mudfest. The mud pit opens on Monday!
- 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 and we're looking for volunteers. Can you help? Click on the https://volunteersignup.org/XFE9M?fbclid=IwY2xjawOP9mZleHRuA2FlbQlxMABicmlkETA4aVljNFA1SVNiSDhBMndac3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjlyMDM5MTc4ODlwMDg5MgABHnQil95bGHU0RuXsai2RUa4k7P58XM_1nH73AgcCzCLm4kyxo1DWIOtf0YQd_aem_c_wnu9qO7AVW2_COMnhITw

