



**Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.**

**Edition 13: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
2023**

**Dates for your Diary**

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Choir performing at Swings and Smiles Carol Concert
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Post box arrives
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am EYFS Nativity
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm EYFS Nativity
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PDSA Christmas Cake and Gift Sale 3.15pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch and class parties
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Carol concert at St Mary's Church
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Spring term

*\*More information coming*

**This week at Parsons Down...**

- ✓ It's been very busy as we hurtle towards the Christmas holidays. A huge well done to our EYFS children for their fantastic performance in this year's nativity. Also, thank you so much to everyone who has supported with our Christmas Bake and Gift sale and a huge thank you to the PDSA.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 93.2% and for Key Stage 2 it was 94.5%. There are a lot of bugs doing the rounds. The NHS have created a handy guide if you're unsure if your child is well enough for school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- ✓ We are getting ready for our next set of **after school clubs** (More information on page 3). The clubs will start in the week beginning 8th Jan 2024, and the last club date will be on Thursday 1st Feb 2024. Children attending after school clubs will need to be collected promptly from the school reception area at 4pm. Please complete the Microsoft Forms below by Friday 8th December, if your child would like to sign up. There are limited spaces. Please ensure you complete separate forms for each of your children. If your child is allocated a space, we expect commitment and positive behaviour. Children must only attend a club when they have received a confirmation slip indicating a place has been allocated. <https://forms.office.com/e/aN9bMcYhD2>
- ✓ Today was **Christmas Jumper Day!** Children looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and their school uniform. This year the school council have chosen to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation. More information about the charity can be found here <https://www.make-a-wish.org.uk/>
- ✓ Well done to our brilliant **under 9 girls football team** who competed valiantly in Monday afternoon's Berkshire County Cup tournament. Narrowly beaten in the first fixture, they regrouped to win the second match 1-0. Awesome goals meant we finished with a real flourish and a 4-0 victory!! Hopefully we'll now progress to the next round after Christmas. Super proud of you all. GOOOOOOOO PARSONS DOWN!!!!
- ✓ Well done to our brilliant **boys under 11s football team** that competed with such determination in the first round of the Berkshire County Cup on Thursday. Drawn against Compton and Christ the King, we went 3-0 up in the first game only to be pegged back to 4-4 with less than a minute remaining on the clock!! Second match was much tougher, but we struck first through a fantastic free kick. Somehow, our super keeper, kept preventing them from scoring but, eventually the deadlock was broken. Despite then going 4-1 down, the team didn't give up. Sadly, our efforts weren't quite enough, with the game ending 4-3 however all our supporters were so, so proud of how well the team played and how brilliantly they supported each other, throughout the afternoon. GOOOOOOO PARSONS DOWN!!!!
- ✓ Often when **friendship** issues arise in year 5 & 6, they have stemmed from children sending messages in WhatsApp groups outside of school. We'd like to encourage all parents to talk to their children about how they use WhatsApp and other social media. Please find a parent guide to WhatsApp below. You can also find other online safety guides on the safeguarding page of our website. <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/safeguarding> Thank you for your support.

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



## The Week in Pictures

Our No Outsiders photo of the week, EYFS nativity, our U9s girls and U11 boys football teams.

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OUT  
SIDERS**  
'All different, All welcome'



### Clubs for January 2024

In the first half of the spring term, we are excited to be able to offer the following clubs.

Club	Year group	Teacher	Day/Time	Location
Running	Years 1 & 2	Mrs. Hoskins	Monday/3:15-4:00	Field/playground
Running	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs. B	Monday/3:15-4:00	Field/playground
Computing	Years 5 & 6	Miss Hall	Tuesday/12:45-1:15	ICT suite
Benchball	Years 3 & 4	Mrs. B	Tuesday/3:15-4:00	Hall
Dodgeball	Years 5 & 6	Mrs. B	Wednesday/3:15-4:00	Hall
Art	Years 3 & 4	Mrs. Neuman	Thursday/3:15-4:00	Raccoon
Choir	Whole school	Mrs. Hayward	Thursday/3:15-4:00	Hall
Arts and Crafts	Years 1 & 2	Mrs. Tillett	Thursday/3:15-4:00	Elk
Times Table Rockstars	Years 4 & 5	Miss Mapleston	Friday/12:45-1:15	ICT suite

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