



Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.

Edition 18: Friday 13th February 2026

Dates for your Diary

Fri 6 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day (families invited into school in a'noon)
Mon 9 th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
Tues 10 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Weds 11 th and Thurs 12 th Feb	Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 13 th Feb	End of term 3.15pm finish
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th Feb	Half term
Mon 23 rd Feb	Start of spring term 2
Weds 4 th to Fri 6 th March	Year 4 residential to Minstead
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 6 th March	World Book Day Bake sale *
Mon 9 th March	Science Week *
Fri 27 th March	End of term 1.35pm finish
Mon 30 th March to Fri 10 th April	Easter holiday

**more info coming soon*

Over the past two weeks at Parsons Down...

- ✓ **Attendance** for this academic year so far for EYFS and Key Stage 1 is 96% and for Key Stage 2 it is 94.9%. We understand that there has been a tummy bug doing the rounds and chicken pox as well as the usual winter coughs and colds. Not sure if your child is well enough for school? Click on the NHS link for expert guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>
- ✓ We've had a **busy spring term**. It might be two short half terms but there's lots to pack in! I've tried to put as much as I can on the diary for you. We've recently introduced a **new science scheme** for Years 1 to 6. Pupils told us in our annual curriculum review last summer that they wanted more investigations in science to bring their learning to life and Plymouth Science has certainly delivered! Last week Year 4 tested the best places to dry clothes and Year 5 made rockets. This week we've also had a **RE week** and Year 6 were learning about imagery and were incredibly grateful to Ahmed and Zunairah in Year 5 talking to them about being a Muslim.
- ✓ Thank you to everyone who supported our **NSPCC Number Day**. It was so lovely to welcome so many of our PDP community into school to share maths games with the children. It brought maths learning into real life contexts, brought our community together, was fun and raised a fantastic £190 in the process. Thank you!
- ✓ 9th to 15th February is **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**. This year's theme is belonging. At Parsons Down we regularly share our vision: Learn Together. Grow together. Succeed together and I talk to the children about being a team and working together. Parents play a vital role in their children's physical and mental health. There are some useful resources on our website or click on the link <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>
- ✓ Talking of **belonging and teamwork**, it was lovely to welcome so many of you to our spring term **parents' evenings** last week. We hope you found the meetings valuable and they gave you an insight into how well your child is achieving at school (academically and socially) and what you can do to support them. We thought now would be the perfect time to gather your opinions. Please click on the link to share your views about life at Parson Down <https://forms.office.com/e/RaNWt4Fdwy>
- ✓ We've now come to end of our latest PSHE topic on **Keeping Myself Safe**. It linked in perfectly with **Safer Internet Day** and EYFS and Year 1 learnt about staying safe on line and Year 2 and above learnt more about living in an age of AI: the benefits but also the risk and how to stay safe. We have also spoken, in an age appropriate way, what we would do if we needed to keep them safe in school. This is our **Lockdown Procedure** when we blow three whistles outside and three internal bells inside. This means children need to return to their classrooms for their safety.
- ✓ We've started planning for **World Book Day**. We don't dress up on the day, we share books and stories. There will also be the return of the World Book Day Bake Off.

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



The Past Fortnight in Pictures

A sample of photos from the Play Detectives, NSPCC Number Day, Year 2 bridges, Year 5 science, Year 6 RE and our No Outsiders photos.



NO OUTSIDERS
'All different, All welcome'



