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**Edition 14: Thursday 19th
December 2024**

Dates for your Diary

Mon 16 th Dec	PDP Carol Service at St Mary's Church (children only)
Weds 18 th Dec	Christmas parties
Thurs 19 th Dec	1.35pm End of term
Mon 6 th Jan	Start of Spring term.
Mon 6 th Jan	Sports Clubs restart *
Thurs 9 th Jan	Year 5/6 swimming lessons start
Mon 27 th to Fri 1 st Feb	Year 6 Mock SATs *
Weds 12 th and Thurs 13 th Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 14 th Feb	3.15pm End of term
Mon 17 th to Fri 21 st Feb	Half Term holiday
Mon 3 rd to Weds 5 th March	Hedgehog class residential to Minstead
Weds 5 th March to Fri 7 th March	Badger class residential to Minstead
Fri 4 th April	1.35pm End of term
Mon 7 th April to Tues 22 nd April	Easter holidays

Over the past fortnight at Parsons Down

- ✓ Last week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 82.2% and for Key Stage 2 it was 92.3%.
- ✓ We are incredibly proud of **Giraffe class** for a fantastic Nativity play. They have worked incredibly hard and really brought the story of Christmas to life. Well done!
- ✓ On Monday 9th December, a group of **Year 5 and 6** pupils went to Kennet school to take part in an indoor athletics competition. They learnt some new skills and displayed fantastic teamwork skills.
- ✓ On Wednesday 11th December it was **Christmas Craft Day, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch**. A very busy day! A fantastic array of Christmas activities from Christmas trees to robins and even festive houses. Many thanks for your generous donations. We raised over £80 for Save the Children.
- ✓ Thank you to everyone who supported the **PDSA Christmas Fayre**. It was a fantastic festive event. Many thanks to Kylie and the PDSA team for all of their hard work behind the scenes and on the day.
- ✓ On Monday 16th we all walked to St Mary's Church for our annual **Christmas Carol service**. This is an annual tradition for us. We were treated to the Christmas story read by Max, Elsie, Lily and Logan in Year 6 and some beautiful singing.
- ✓ **Mr Allen** will be leaving us today. Whilst he has only been with us for a term he really feels like part of the PDP family. I wish him all of the best for his new role. **Miss Mills** is looking forward to joining the team as our new deputy head in January. **Mrs Delamere** is stepping down from her lunchtime role after 11 years. She will still work in Twilight. **Mrs Marsh** will also be starting her maternity leave. I wish them all of the best.
- ✓ We've been notified by the **Nature Discovery Centre** that the Park and Stride car park will be shut in January. Sadly, ash trees at the Nature Discovery Centre have been affected by ash dieback. They need to carry out essential tree felling work this winter. **This means the Nature Discovery Centre, including the car park, paths and playground, will be closed from Monday 6 January to Friday 17 January.** For further information about the work, please contact the Nature Discovery Centre on ndc@bbowt.org.uk or 01635 874381.
- ✓ **Club letters** for the spring term went home this week. We do have a few spaces. Contact Mrs Hoskins via the PE email if your child would like a space.
- ✓ If you have a child due to start school in EYFS or Year 3 in Sept 2025 don't forget that the deadline for applying via school admissions is 15th January <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>

Finally, wishing you all a wonderful Christmas holiday, Mrs Bull



The Week in Pictures

Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics Team, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Craft Day, Christmas lunch, Year 6 making biscuits, Openbox, Carol Service and No Outsiders.





NO OUTSIDERS
'All different, All welcome'



