



Learn together. Grow together. Succeed together.

**Edition 16: Friday 17th January
2025**

Dates for your Diary

Weds 22 nd Jan	Year 6 E Safety talk from PCSO
Mon 27 th to Fri 1 st Feb	Year 6 Mock SATs
Weds 29 th Jan	9am Sleep Clinic for parents
Thurs 6 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day *
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 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

**Additional information coming*

In the past week at Parsons Down

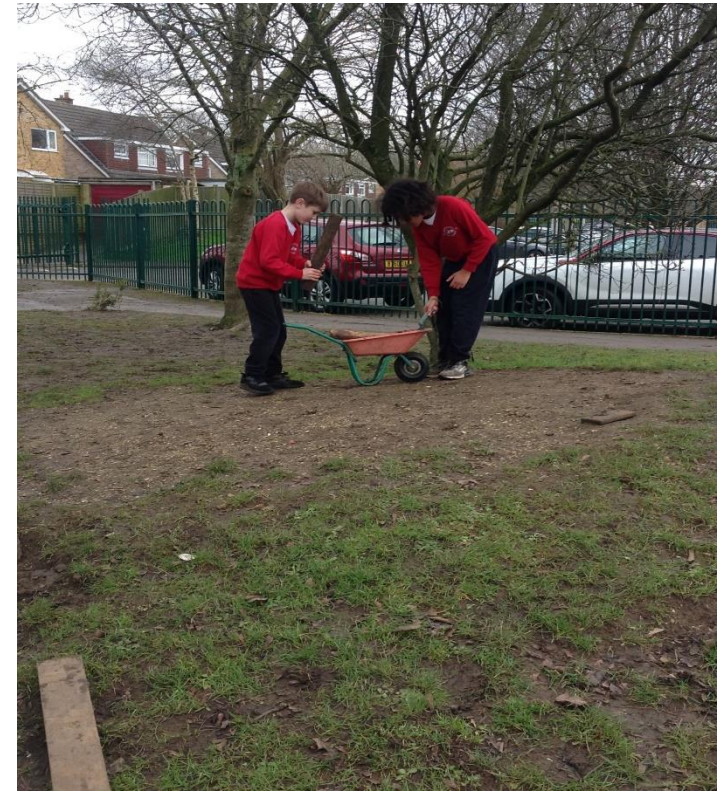
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 91.7% and for Key Stage 2 it was 94.2%.
- ✓ We've had a very busy week. You should have received your child's spring newsletter last Friday with lots of information about what to expect this term.
- ✓ This half term we're focussing on **keeping ourselves safe** in PSHE. I launched the theme last week and this week we had a routine fire drill. The children were brilliant. I was impressed by how sensibly they walked out of the building and lined up quietly. Well done PDP! If you'd like to know more about our **PSHE** topic and what we're covering this half term please click on the link <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/curriculum-documents>
- ✓ We've been continuing to enjoy Outdoor Play and Learning through the **OPAL** programme. We have had to temporarily shut the field as it is very muddy. We've opened up the garden and the meadow. The School Council have also introduced a weekly 'Play Detective' whose job it is to spot great play. You can see the photos in the photo section.
- ✓ **Swimming** started this week. Thank you for supporting us by making sure the children arrived on time. The first session went really smoothly and we're looking forward to next week.
- ✓ As part of our safety topic we have arranged for a local PCSO to come into school next Wednesday and talk to the **Year 6** pupils about keeping safe online. If you'd like more information about online safety we have a useful section on our website <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/safeguarding>
- ✓ We're encouraging the children to take part in this year's **Big Garden Bird watch**. It will be launched in assembly on Monday and there's more information about how to take part on the Blog <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/big-garden-birdwatch-2025>
- ✓ **Is your child struggling to get a good night's sleep?** This can have a huge impact on home and school. We've joined forces with the Mental Health Support Team and arranged an informal sleep clinic at 9am on Weds 29th January at school. It will last around an hour and if you're interested please contact our Family Support Worker, Amy on abannister@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

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



The Week in Pictures

The OPAL photos this week have been taken by our first ever Play Detective, Megan, Year 5 School Councillor. Her task was to capture a variety of children at lunchtimes. In No Outsiders we learnt about Muppet who recently won an award.



NO OUTSIDERS
'All different, All welcome'

