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**Edition 23: Friday 21st March
2025**

Dates for your Diary

Mon 17 th March	U9 Girls' football team County Cup match KO 3.30pm at PDP
Thurs 20 th March	U11 Boys' football team County Cup match at Francis Baily
Thurs 20 th to 26 th March	Travelling Book Fayre
Tues 25 th March	Junior Cross Country Event at Newbury Showground
Weds 26 th to Fri 28 th March	PDSA selling Mother's Day gifts
Thurs 3 rd April	9.10 Year 3 Class Assembly
Fri 4 th April	Infant School Spring Fling
Fri 4 th April	1.35pm End of term
Mon 7 th April to Tues 22 nd April	Easter holidays
Weds 23 rd April	Start of summer term
Mon 26 th to Fri 30 th May	Half Term
Mon 12 th to Thurs 15 th May	Year 6 SATs week.

**More information coming soon*

In the past week at Parsons Down

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 96.9% and for Key Stage 2 it was 96%.
- ✓ Spring has arrived and once again we are arranging our annual '**Infant Spring Fling**' All of the infant children are invited to make and wear a spring bonnet/hat/head piece to school on Friday 4th April. They will be performing to the rest of the school as part of a special spring assembly.
- ✓ On Monday afternoon, the U9 Girls' football team played in the semi final of the county cup against St Nics and we couldn't be prouder of this group of girls. It was a hard fought match, which ended in a 3-1 loss, but the girls did not give up. The team spirit of the team showed exactly why they were in the semi finals, you should be so proud! Extra thanks to Mrs B for coming and refereeing for us.
- ✓ On Thursday afternoon, the bU11 Boys' Football team played away at Francis Baily in the next round of the County Cup. It was a very hard fought game, where at every touch, there was a battle for the ball. The game ended in a 2-1 loss, with the last winning goal coming in the last two minutes! We are all so proud of this team, they were so resilient. The level of football they all played was phenomenal and they showed amazing team spirit. It was a fantastic match. Thank you to all the parents for your support.
- ✓ The Eco Council have spent the past few weeks researching and preparing PowerPoints which they shared in today's assembly. They worked in pairs to present information on animals who live in Africa, the Amazon rainforest, the polar regions and India. There was much enthusiasm from the children, who were told that they would get to vote in class on which area of the world they would like find out more about. The area that gets the most votes will be the focus of our Wear It Wild day in the summer term <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/global-citizenship-assembly>
- ✓ We'd just like to remind you that we are a **nut free school**. This includes chocolate spread containing nuts. Please take care when choosing snacks and items for lunchboxes.
- ✓ The '**Travelling Book Fayre**' **has returned**. It will be in the hall from Thursday 20th to Wednesday 26th March after school. It is cashless. Payments are made via a QR code.

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



The Week in Pictures

The OPAL photos this week have been taken by Ben, Brooke, Jack, Ivy and Sammy this week's Play Detectives, No Outsiders, our U0 and U11 football teams, Eco Schools assembly and Topsy, our school tortoise, is out of hibernation.



NO OUTSIDERS
'All different, All welcome'

