



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

**Edition 20: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
2025**

**Dates for your Diary**

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Kennet Outreach Event
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.15pm End of term
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term holiday
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Hedgehog class residential to Minstead
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Badger class residential to Minstead
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Book Fayre
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	1.35pm End of term
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter holidays
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of summer term

*\*More information coming soon*

**In the past week at Parsons Down ....**

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94.4% and for Key Stage 2 it was 92.9%. I think everyone is shattered after a very busy ½ term! I hope you all have a very happy and healthy half term break and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready to learn on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.
- ✓ On Monday evening we sent a team of Y5/6 children to a **Kennet Outreach event**. This was for children who'd been attending Mrs B's weekly basketball club. They were mixed up with others schools, worked super hard to make new friends, work as a newly formed team and had lots of fun!
- ✓ Tuesday was **Internet Safety Day** and was a chance to focus on the online safety and wellbeing of children. In assembly, the children shared their knowledge and it is clear they know how to keep themselves safe online but they do need our support to do this. I have had to deal with 3 incidents of children being unsafe online outside of school in the last couple of days. The safeguarding section of our website has some useful links to support families <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/safeguarding>
- ✓ **OPAL** continues to go from strength to strength. The willow dome is settling in nicely and I've emailed all families an update about the next stage of OPAL. We are asking children to change into wellington boots if they would like to play in the loose parts area, meadow and garden areas after half term. Please see today's letter for more information.
- ✓ We're also busy preparing for **World Book Day**. Mrs Hayward emailed out a letter to all families today. At Parsons Down we don't dress up but we celebrate reading and sharing books. We have also sent home the World Book day tokens today.
- ✓ It was lovely to see many of you at **Parents' evenings** this week. We hope you found it useful and informative. The children have been working really hard.
- ✓ A letter was sent out to Year 4 families today from Miss Mills regarding the plans for Year 4 for the **Minstead** week. Excitement is building!

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



## The Week in Pictures

The OPAL photos this week have been taken by Thomas, this week's Play Detective, in No Outsiders we explored snow and the Year 5/6 basketball team.

**NO OUTSIDERS**  
'All different, All welcome'

