



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

**Edition 22: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Dates for your Diary**

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
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	PDSA World Book Day Cake sale
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> and Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> March	11am-3pm Tree planting at Nature Discovery Centre
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Book Fayre
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Cross Country Event at Newbury Showground
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	PDSA selling Mother's Day gifts
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.10 Year 3 Class Assembly
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 ....**

- ✓ Spring has arrived! It has been so lovely to enjoy some spring sunshine and we've made the most of it! From EYFS and Year 1 cooking pancakes on the campfire to Year 4 basking in the New Forest sunshine at Minstead. It's been an action-packed week.
- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 94.2% and for Key Stage 2 it was 97.4%.
- ✓ Year 4 have had a fabulous week at **Minstead Study Centre**. Their curriculum has been brought to life as they've explored the local steam, walked through the New Forest and enjoyed a night time sing song around the campfire in the 'Round House'. We hope you've enjoyed following their adventures on our Blog <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/blog> I'd like to say a very big thank you to the staff that have enabled the trip to happen.
- ✓ On Thursday, we took members of the **eco-council to the lakes to plant trees** in the area next to the car park. This area was affected by ash dieback and the ash trees sadly had to be taken down. If you'd like to get involved in this project, pop along to the Nature discovery Centre this weekend. More info in the Blog <https://www.pdp.w-berks.sch.uk/post/tree-planting-at-the-nature-discovery-centre>
- ✓ We also celebrated **World Book Day this week**. On Thursday afternoon we had a shared reading opportunity and it was heart-warming to see children of different ages sharing a love of books. We also had **World Book Day Cake competition**. This was judged by the School Council and once again the standard was very high. Winners were announced on Friday and will have a £12.50 book token to spend at the forthcoming Travelling Book Fayre. Thank you to the PDSA for organising the event and for everyone who supported the cake sale on Friday.

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





## The Week in Pictures

The OPAL photos this week have been taken by Alice, Ally, Bella-Mae, Bethany, Matilda and Wren this week's Play Detectives, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 4 staycationers cooking pancakes, Year 2 dissecting seeds, Year 4 at Minstead, Year 6 re-enacting Viking raids, Eco Council planting trees and celebrating World Book Day









