



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

**Edition 28: Friday 26<sup>th</sup>  
April 2024**

**Dates for your Diary**

Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Bags 2 School collection
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Non School Uniform Day
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Nationwide Money lessons for Y2 and 3
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Infant School trip to Rushall Farm *
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm EYFS Sept 2024 meeting
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	PDSA disco
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Class Photos
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Outdoor Classroom Day *
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 trip to Winchester War Museum
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	May Half Term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of summer term 2
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term

**This week at Parsons Down...**

- ✓ This week's **attendance** for EYFS and Key Stage 1 was 98.1% and for Key Stage 2 it was 94.7%. I have sent home letters to families where we are concerned about low attendance figures. I felt it was important that families are aware so we can work together to support regular attendance.
- ✓ Last week we introduced this term's PSHE topic, "**Being my Best**". Children will have weekly sessions to cover areas such as the importance of perseverance and determination.
- ✓ Well done to our **U9 girls football team** that secured **GOLD MEDALS** at last Monday's West Berkshire Sports Network tournament. Go girls!
- ✓ Councillor Lillycrop, the Mayor of Thatcham, joined us in assembly on Tuesday to present an **Environmental Champion Award** to our Eco Council. Mrs Dillon's dedication to teaching was also recognised with a **Lifetime Achievement Award**. We couldn't be prouder. Many congratulations to everyone.
- ✓ As part of our Eco-Schools work, we are taking part in **No Mow May!** You will notice over the month that the grass on the roundabout and around the trees at the top of the field will be left to grow long. You can find out why No Mow May is important and how you can join in at home here <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>
- ✓ You may have noticed that **Topsy the Tortoise** acquired a new outdoor enclosure in the autumn term. We now need to add weeds and plants to her enclosure. If you work for a garden centre who would be happy to make a donation (or are happy to make your own donation) we would be grateful and bags of topsoil please.
- ✓ On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April contractors will be arriving to start work on our **sensory garden**. The area will be fenced off and it won't impact on access around the site but please be vigilant. All contractors have had safeguarding checks and are fully vetted.
- ✓ I appreciate the closure of part of Lower Way really impacted many families. I had been 'turning a blind' eye to families that were **parking in the old infant school car park** but it is now becoming very busy and the bus that transports children from Newbury sometimes has nowhere to park and the I College spaces are being used. I'm really sorry but please don't park there unless you have one our parking permits or you are a member of staff.
- ✓ On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May we are having a **non-school uniform day**. The PDSA are looking for donations for the summer fayre: sweets, chocolate, teddies, good quality second hand toys.

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



## The Week in Pictures

Our Eco Committee and Mrs Dillon receiving their awards from the Mayor, U9 girls' football team, a poster from the PDSA and our outdoor projects



**FREE  
NON-SCHOOL  
UNIFORM DAY**

**FRIDAY  
3RD MAY 2024**

All children are invited to come to school in non-school uniform in exchange for a summer fayre donation.

We would really appreciate any of the following items:

- Bottles - Sweets - Chocolate - Smellies - Gift Sets -
- Good quality second hand toys - Gift bags -
- Wrapping paper - Teddies

Donations to be given to class teachers please

**THANK YOU FROM THE PDSA :)**

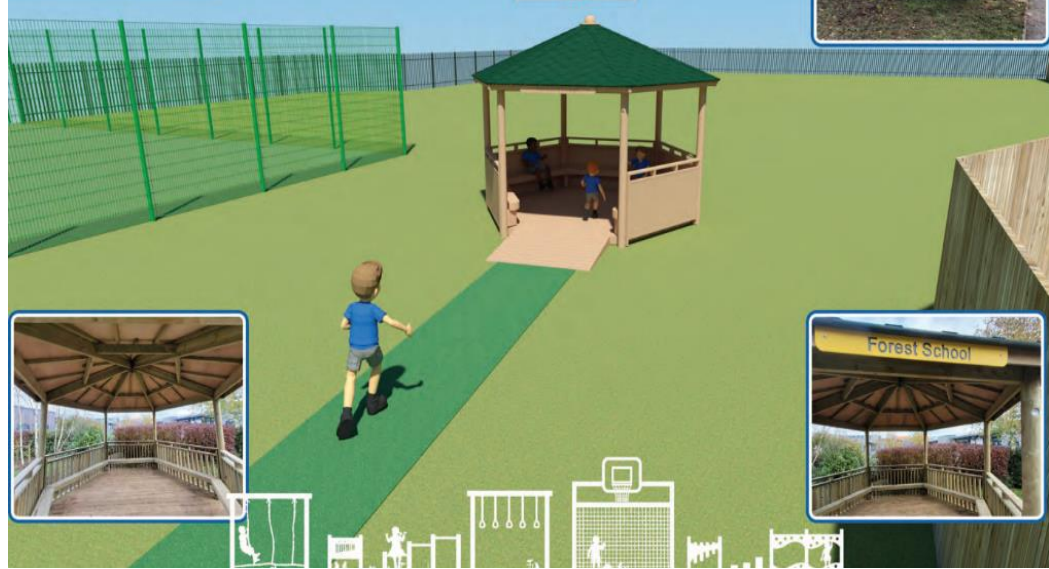
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### Area 1 - Sensory Garden



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### Area 2 - Outdoor Classroom



## PARSONS DOWN INFANT SCHOOL

PROPOSED PLAY AREA



