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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of January, 2004

PEARSON plc
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

80 Strand
London, England WC2R 0RL
44-20-7010-2000
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant files or will file annual reports
under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F ☒ X

Form 40-F ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant by furnishing the information
contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes ☐

No ☒ X

This Report includes the following documents:

1. A press release from Pearson plc announcing Holding(s) in Company

LETTER TO: RNS

Notification of Change to Interest in Shares

We write in accordance with rule 9.12, under the continuing obligations section
of the Listing Rules, to notify you that we have today received information

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that, pursuant to section 198 of the Companies Act 1985, the shareholding of Franklin Resources, Inc. equals 40,785,075 shares, representing 5.0831% of the issued share capital of Pearson plc.

The registered holders of the shares are listed on the schedule below.

From: Stephen Jones (Deputy Secretary)
PEARSON PLC

SCHEDULE

PEARSON PLC

Outstanding Shares 802,371,835

| Registered Holder | No. of Shares | % of Class |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Bank of New York | 443,710 | 0.0553% |
| Chase Nominees Ltd | 32,038,098 | 3.9929% |
| Citibank Nominees Ltd. | 597,178 | 0.0744% |
| Euroclear | 7,398 | 0.0009% |
| HSBC Bank PLC | 42,440 | 0.0053% |
| Mellon Trust | 2,271,035 | 0.2830% |
| Merrill Lynch | 454,390 | 0.0566% |
| Northern Trust Company | 778,827 | 0.0971% |
| Royal Trust Corp of Canada | 1,251,076 | 0.1559% |
| State Street Nominees Limited | 2,900,923 | 0.3615% |
| TOTAL | 40,785,075 | 5.0831% |

END

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

PEARSON plc

Date: 5 January, 2004

By: /s/ STEPHEN JONES

Stephen Jones
Deputy Secretary