



Issue 20

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we close this academic year, we have enjoyed reflecting on all that has been achieved. The school year seems to have flown past but has certainly been full of achievements. The nursery is now fully embedded in the school and it has been lovely to work so closely with our 2, 3 and 4 year olds. All children across the school have made great progress and have shown great resilience. The achievement for the Excellence Award for Healthy Schools reflected the hard work of the school and the emphasis of valuing each and every child as an individual. Wonderful links remain within and beyond the school to ensure opportunities are offered for all, which have been vast again this year.

The summer transition sessions have helped all children and staff prepare for our new school year and although there is still lots to do throughout the summer; the changes to the classrooms and outside space are very exciting. It has been lovely for the children to be involved in this process and sharing their ideas for the new designs.

It is always a proud moment to bid our Year 6 leavers all the best in their secondary school transition. As always, the year group have shown their readiness for their next step, although that moment seems to come around quickly. We send them all as resilient and hardworking pupils. Good luck and we hope to see you in the future so you can share your ongoing success.

To our nursery risers who now move onto their new schools, good luck! It has been lovely to see you become school ready and we look forward to seeing many of you start in Beech class in September. We also say goodbye to Finley who is moving to his new school in September. For some of our families whose journey with Punnetts Town now ends, as their children move onto new and secondary schools, we bid you a fond farewell and wish you every success. Thank you for all of your support and for trusting in Punnetts Town, it has been a delight to work with you.

**Elm Class** finished the year with an exceptional end of year production of 'The Greatest Show', the children made a great choice of production and were certainly carefully cast to reflect their personalities. The confidence that was shown was humbling – well done to you all, we were very proud to watch you. We also extend our thanks to the Village Players from Rushlake Green, who kindly donated £150, which we have put towards a new speaker with a selection of microphones – this really made a difference to our production and we are sure will continue to do so for further productions and events in future.



**Oak Class** have finished the year with a super Roman Day. Thank you for dressing up and embracing the day. The children certainly enjoyed learning more about Roman numerals, and how to make Roman bread. The children said it was hard work, and the bread needed a lot of kneading!





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**Hazel Class** have had a successful year as a class again this year. The children have matured and worked really hard. They have really enjoyed being creative through the year, which included entering and being successful in the St. Richards Church Art Competition, making willow structures during the Federation Art Day and not to mention their amazing outing to Hastings!

**Beech Class** have had a great first year at school. They have all settled into the school well and are ready for their move to Year 1. They have loved 'Drawing Club' and it has been wonderful to see the

progress in their drawing and writing skills. We also have some great mathematicians. Please check your emails over the next few days, for a link to download your child's learning journey from Tapestry.



**Little Punnetts Class** Wow, what an amazing end to the year! It has been lovely watching you all grow and develop over the past year. The children have been an absolute pleasure to have and have made us smile every day. We wanted to say well done again to the risers for their graduation—you all did yourselves and us proud. We wish you all the luck in the world on your new adventure; we know you will be amazing in your new school!



**Forest School and Outdoor Learning** has been a joy for all. The provision in place is certainly enjoyed and a firm favourite of the school is Eagle Eye, which is now being replicated by children in their independent play. The provision has evolved over the year and our trial in this final summer term of a full day is working well and will continue into the new school year. This year the whole school have taken part in potato growing competitions. Little Punnetts class and Beech class tied in first place at growing the largest potatoes weighing in at 116g each. Beech class had the heaviest crop weighing 1480g. Beech class also managed to grow 77 potatoes in their bag, making them the winners across the 4 schools in the competition, with Little Punnetts class finishing third in the same category. Well done to all.



**Forest School** Beech have enjoyed their time at Forest School this term learning new games such as 'matching pairs' and 'I went to forest school and saw'. They have made wonderful creations in the mud kitchen too.

Nursery have explored the Forest School area learning about different plants that we have on site and making natural crowns. They have also enjoyed learning and playing new games.



Oak Class have enjoyed Forest School this term, also exploring and enjoying outdoor time. They made royal natural crowns and enjoyed being kings and queens. The weather didn't dampen things for the children, they enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen and we even had our own Punnetts Town café! And as always, Eagle Eye has been a favourite again this term.







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**Sports Day** this was a great day where the whole school became involved in the positive celebration of sport. The points accrued across the day was fantastic. Thank you to the Year 6 Leaders and staff who managed the day exceptionally. Well done to the Green team for winning overall!



1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Green	Red	Yellow	Blue
14,460	13,420	13,150	12,695

**Swimming Gala** – Well done to the swimming team who were sensational at last week's gala – we were a small team of 10 but the children did brilliantly well competing in a mixture of front crawl, back stroke, breast stroke and butterfly races. Well done.



## Library Summer reading challenge –

This year it is called the @Marvellous Makers' challenge. Please encourage your children to maintain reading throughout the summer holidays. Your child will have school reading books but in addition please visit the library and sign up to the challenge. We look forward to presenting the certificates in September. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**Friends** – Thank you again to Friends and all who support the fundraising activities that are provided for our school. We really appreciate all the efforts and time spent creating lots of fun and raising



such valuable money, which has accumulated to a whopping £5,108.98 this year! Our extended thanks are sent to our Chair Elaine Chaplin and the rest of the Friends team for their unbelievable commitment, thank you!

**THANK YOU!** I would like to express my sincere thanks to the staff team. The team really support each other to provide the best for all of the pupils at our school. There is a great devotion and passion invested by all. Thank you for making Punnetts Town School a wonderful place to work.

There are a few changes to the staff team for September which I have shared in previous correspondence. We thank Miss Sherwood for all of her hard work as a Learning Support Assistant and although she is reducing her hours we are delighted she will remain on the staff team in September to deliver Forest School. We welcome Mrs Field who will job share with Mrs Fletcher in Year 1 and Year 2. We also welcome Miss Hesling who will be working as a Learning Support Assistant in Beech class and in Little Punnetts class.

**Attendance:** Please see our attendance table below showing percentage data for the last three weeks. Our overall school percentage is 94.7%. Please keep your holidays to during the school holidays, these have impacted whole school attendance this year. There is new statutory guidance coming into effect from August 2024, our school policy will be updated during the summer holidays to reflect this.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 5	92%	84%	97%	99%	93%	95%	87%	95%
Week 6	91%	100%	91%	95%	94%	92%	89%	99%
Week 7	99%	100%	100%	97%	92%	100%	92%	97%



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## Achievements out of school:



Huge congratulations to Sophie who has achieved the best technique in her ballet class – well done Sophie.

Huge congratulations to Rose for finishing in second place in her solo dance. Rose danced in three group routines finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in two and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the other. She also received two special awards from the judges for two of her group routines! Well done!



Huge congratulations to Mila for competing in her first Mary Poppins ballet solo that she performed at the Royal Hippodrome.

Huge congratulations to Rhys! Rhys competed in the RDA National Championships. Rhys came 2nd in the under 16's of his category out of the whole country. Wow! What an amazing achievement!



## Star of the week:

Each week the adults and children reflect in their classes and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. I am pleased to share that in:

### Week 5:

Little Punnetts: Violet      Beech: Ollie      Hazel: Orla      Oak: Daisy      Elm: Arthur H

### Week 6:

Little Punnetts: Norman      Beech: Whole class      Hazel: Whole Class      Oak: Whole Class      Elm: Tyler

### Week 7:

EVERYONE! Well done!

Thank you to everyone for being the best you can be!

I hope you have a wonderful summer break. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you all in September. If you are moving on, we wish you continued success and happiness. Good luck!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Kind regards,

*C. Kinsella*

All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics. **Yellow highlight** will show new additions from the previous newsletter.

Term & Week	Date	Event
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>		
T1 W1	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>INSET</b>
	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>First day of term for all pupils Wrap around care restarts 7.30am – 5.15pm</b>
	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Oak (Y3/4) Meet the teacher 2.30pm and repeated at 3.20pm</b>
	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Beech (R) Meet the teacher and Curriculum meeting at 1.00pm Elm (Y5/6) Meet the teacher and Y6 Residential information at 2.30pm and repeated at 3.20pm</b>
	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Hazel (Y1/2) Meet the teacher at 2.30pm and repeated at 3.20pm</b>