



Issue 18

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow what a great term! However, it has certainly whizzed past as we now enter the final half term holiday of this academic year. It has been wonderful to embrace the VE Day celebrations this term starting with a visit from Hands on History. Year 6 then spent the day with Young at Heart enjoying dancing, singing, fish and chips and cream teas! This was followed by lots of activities in class learning about WW2 and producing great art work. The school was proud to support Warbleton Parish Council and Heathfield and Waldron Parish Councils with art work from across the school and a wonderful floral bouquet laid by Evelyn. And finally, this afternoon... our annual Maypole and traditional dance afternoon with a VE day twist! It was lovely to welcome so many of you along with the members of Young at Heart and Diane Goulds our Pearly Queen, to celebrate VE day. The afternoon was glorious with the array of colour, singing, dancing and our wonderful art gallery. Thank you to Friends for providing the refreshments and for the hard work of all of the staff and children to make the event happen. It was a beautiful representation of all of our thanks expressed to the VE celebrations.





## Y6 SATs

The year 6 pupils have completed their end of key stage 2 SATs assessments and we are SO proud of them all. They showed great determination and followed all of the instructions which allowed them to complete the tests without any hesitation. The children were AMAZING and pupil voice has reflected how confident they

felt during the tests. They are pleased they are over and now excited to start thinking about their end of year production and being ready for secondary school. Well done year 6!

**Uniform:** As we enter the last term of our school year, we are all aware of the growth the children have had through the academic year. However, it is important that children are wearing the correct uniform in school. There have been a few additional colours creeping in so I remind you that socks must be plain in colour, white, grey or black. Shoes/trainers must be plain and black. Jumpers/ cardis/ fleece must be green. It really helps if you can check to see if your child's name is visible in the clothing weekly. We are aware of parent's frustrations when a piece of clothing does not come home, but with so many unnamed pieces these are now in the 'lost property' box, situated in the school library entrance. We also need PE kits and Forest School clothing in school (please leave PE kits in school) – this change of clothing is so the children complete their full curriculum. Reminders will be sent at the start of the new term.



**Friends:** Please see the image to the left and save the date for our summer fundraiser which takes the form of a colour run! This will be a whole family (and friends) event, so please spread the word! Even if you are not a runner/ walker there will be lots to do and enjoy, fundraising vital funds for our school. Please remember Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm.

**Support:** We need your help! For term 6 we are launching our school reading challenge. More details will be shared on



our return in term 6, but as a school we need to see more interacting of reading to help embed taught knowledge and skills. There will be an information meeting for this on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm and repeated at 3.20pm.

**Volunteer roles:** If you are able to volunteer in any capacity at school including reading, gardening or as a helper at our ever-expanding Toddler group on a Thursday morning, please come in and speak to Mrs Saunders, in the school office for more details.

**Food safety:** I would like to remind all parents of the information that has been taken from the Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance document produced by the Department of Education, published in April 2025. The guidance states that when preparing food, it is important to avoid round shapes as these are a choking hazard. Please cut small fruits lengthways and then halve again (quarters). These fruits include: • grapes • raspberries • strawberries • cherry tomatoes. In addition cocktail sausages, sausages and Peperami should also be cut in half lengthways and then in half again. If you are preparing pack lunches and snacks please follow these guidelines so we can all keep the children safe.

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**Little Punnetts Class:** The children have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Once Upon a Time', exploring a range of traditional fairy tales with great enthusiasm! They've loved diving into these classic stories and bringing them to life through play and discussion. In our outdoor learning area, the children have done a fantastic job caring for the seeds they planted—making sure they're watered and getting plenty of sunshine. It's been so exciting to watch the changes and learn about the different parts of a plant as they grow. We've also been busy practising the Maypole dance, which the children loved performing to you all. We're sure you were as proud as we are! Finally, it's been a very busy couple of weeks in the nursery with some exciting changes.



A huge thank you to the incredibly talented Laura Rudd, who has brought her creative vision to life by painting beautiful new murals on our walls. The space looks amazing!



**Beech Class:** Beech class have had yet another busy term! Our topic theme has been Traditional Tales and in Drawing club we have created characters, settings and created new adventures for Jack and The Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood. In outdoor learning, we have weeded our vegetable patch and started growing some dwarf beans and beetroot seeds. We are checking them daily and watering them and they are just starting to sprout. We hope next term to be able to plant them out. We have enjoyed practising our Maypole dancing and we loved performing to a large audience; we hope you all enjoyed it!



**Hazel Class:** Hazel class have had another wonderfully busy term. We have enjoyed our learning based on 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and are looking forward to learning about more traditional tales after half term. In science we have learnt about plants, particularly wild flowers and garden flowers, and deciduous and evergreen trees. Our enquiry question has been 'How can we sort plants into different groups?' and the children are now able to think of their own categories and sort plants themselves. The sunflower seeds that we planted a few weeks ago are now in our raised bed and we are hoping they will keep growing happily! In geography we have learnt about a local coastal city (Brighton), a coastal town (Hastings), an inland town (Heathfield) and a village (Punnetts Town). It has been interesting to explore the physical and human features of these places and to make comparisons between these different settlements. Our welly walk on Thursday helped the children to consolidate their learning about human and physical features, and we also enjoyed spotting different plants and trees that we have learnt about in class.





**Oak class:** Oak class have been very busy this term! We have been learning all about VE day and what it means. We then designed, and created our art work to celebrate VE day. We all worked hard to paint them and hope you like them! Also, as part of our VE day experiences we have learned about Pearly Kings and Queens and also used some 'Cockney rhyming slang' in our sentences, to everyone's great amusement! In Science, we have begun to learn about plants and are conducting an experiment about whether plants grow better on their own or with more than 1 seed in a pot at a time. We planted them on Tuesday and will let you know how they grow. Some of Oak class have also planted their VE Day wildflower seeds at home. Fearne has kept us up to date with photos of the progress of her seeds, which have grown really quickly, and she has even had two mushrooms growing in the pot too! We are also learning about Ancient Egypt. Harry said "We have learnt that they believed in the afterlife." Elle said she is really looking forward to Oak classes Ancient Egyptian day next term."



**Elm class:** Elm class have had another busy and exciting term. We have learnt more about WW2: rationing, evacuees, kindertransport, the Blitz, the roles of woman and have written some emotive pieces of writing - it has been a very interesting topic. We created red and purple poppies, a bouquet of paper flowers and Art work to celebrate VE day and support our local community. We

have learnt how to dance the Lambeth walk alongside our maypole dances, learnt wartime songs and about adaptation and evolution in science and created fact files on a chosen bird. Year 6 showed amazing resilience during their SATs week and enjoyed a game of rounders on the Friday – the first practice of many to hone their skills in preparations for their game against the teachers in term 6. Year 5 worked hard and were very proud of all the year 6's. Year 6 have chosen our summer production and all parts have been allocated, so we will be busy learning our lines over half term and in the weeks to come, and also have fun sourcing our costumes and making props.

**Attendance:** Good attendance really helps the pupils in their social, emotional, and academic learning. Please prioritise attendance at school and talk to us if you or your child has any concerns. We ask Nursery parents to inform the school of any absence in line with school policy, to ensure the school attendance records are accurate. Our target as a school is 96%.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School % overall to date
Week 4	98%	100%	94%	97%	94%	100%	98%	98%	97%
Week 5	99%	92%	88%	94%	98%	99%	90%	94%	94%

**Achievements out of school:** Please send in any achievements that your child has achieved out of school, so we can celebrate their success.



Well done to Rhys who competed at Hickstead this week and came first in both of his classes and qualifying for the Nation Championships in July! What a great achievement – well done Rhys.

**Stars of the week:** Each week the adults and children reflect on the week and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. These are presented in our celebration assembly every Friday and shared in the fortnightly newsletter.



# PTCP&NS Newsletter



## Week 4 & 5:

Elm: Ethan & all of Year 6 Oak: Jack Hazel: Leo Beech: Christopher Little Punnetts: Doris

Elm: Harriet Oak: Elle Hazel: Wilf Beech: India Little Punnetts: Beatrix

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

Wishing you a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for the final term of this academic year!

*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 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half term</b>		
T6	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	First day of term 6
T6 W1	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Reading challenge information meeting for parents 2.45pm and repeated at 3.20pm
	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Bikeability afternoon
T6 W2	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends Father's Day pop up shop
T6 W3	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (Reserve date 27.6.24)
T6 W4	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 to visit Young at Heart
	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent consultations Y5/6
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Change around Day – pupils to spend day in new class in readiness for September
T6 W5	W/C Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports sent to parents in Nursery & Reception
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/4 trip
	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Parent consultations Y1-Y4
	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 welcome evening at HCC
T6 W6	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Gala – details to follow
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Production
	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm - Friends summer fundraiser – Colour run, music and BBQ
T6 W7	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly
T6 W8	Monday 21 July	Y6 signing shirts
	Tuesday 22 July	Mufti Day and ice cream
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term 6
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Summer holidays</b>		
T1	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET day (pupils not in school)
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term 1