



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

12th September 2025

A message from the Headteacher

The first full week of the new academic year has been simply magical! There has been a real buzz and enthusiasm for learning across the school with all children eager and enthused with their learning. Our EYFS children have started full time with us today and we cannot wait to support them on the very beginnings of their learning journey with us. At the time of writing, they have enjoyed their very first lunchtime at Knebworth and it was so lovely seeing their siblings (and friends they have in school) come and say hello to them during lunchtime. Thank you also to all those parents and carers who attended the Years 1 to 6 Meet the Teacher sessions this week – it was so lovely to see so many of you in attendance.



Last Friday a group of our Year 6 children along with Miss Knappett and Miss Breckenridge enjoyed a day at the Rose Ladies Open Golf competition run by Justin Rose and his wife. Not only did they enjoy a morning of activities but they also were lucky enough to watch the competition and walk the course! Then they enjoyed a masterclass from and met Jae Bowers - a professional player who was awarded 10th place in her round. Jamymah in Bronte Class also won the hat design competition and had her design created into a hat which was then presented to her.

What a fantastic start to our sporting year! A BIG thank you to Miss Breckenridge and Miss Knappett for facilitating such a memorable experience for the children.

At Knebworth our school vision for reading is that *all children will develop a love of reading that will last a lifetime*. On Monday, children in KS1 and KS2 were introduced to the new library by Mrs Cooke and myself in assembly. We talked about how the library is organised, including some new features (genre spotlight, rent a shelf, beanbags and more) and shared the news about the many new books which have been added to the shelves. The children were so excited to see how the library had been redesigned and we know they have enjoyed their library sessions this week where they have been able to explore the library further. We cannot wait to see the children enjoying the new library space and hearing about all the amazing reading adventures they will be going on! A BIG thank you to Mrs Cooke for all her hard work and efforts (both before and during the summer holidays) in ensuring the library was ready for the children's return in September, it really is a magical space!



On Wednesday, children in Years 1 to 6 met Ally, an Usborne Books representative, who hosted a Book Tasting Cafe where the children enthusiastically browsed through a selection of fiction and non-fiction books. Your child's wish list should hopefully have made it home so please do talk to them about what books they enjoyed and use this link to purchase them or browse further options:

<https://usborne.com/gb/uevent?event=652460e1e2bb3061a9573dc1c8506c69> Orders close on the evening of **Monday 15th September**. Every order made at home; means the commission we make on sales can be used



for more new books for the library at school. Ally will also be at Gala Day this Saturday with even more books to browse and buy and she'll be back next Friday for our Ready, Steady Read Launch assemblies to kickstart our sponsored read event. A BIG thank you to Liz and Katie, our FOKS Co-Chairs for organising such a wonderful initiative for the children to be a part of.



The first week back has seen the first **Magical Work** stamps of the new school year! Well done to Harvey and Amelia in Johnson Class for their brilliant descriptive writing which really impressed their Teacher and myself. Well done to Stanley, Henry, Poppy, Noah, Finley, Sylvie and Harry in Turing Class for their wonderful fact files all about the artist Gaudi, it is clear you are enjoying learning about this artist. Well done to Caia in Chandi Class who also worked superbly on her writing this week which was a joy to read. It was a real pleasure to award you all the very first Magical Work stamps of the school year and I cannot to see which children I will see next week for Magical Work!



Also on Wednesday, our Year 1 children were on the playground to give much deserved cheers and applause to members of the Garden House Hospice Wellbeing Hub who were doing a 1km walking challenge to help raise funds. The walkers were all extremely appreciative of the opportunity to walk around our fitness trail on the playground and the fantastic support they received from our pupils. Knebworth is a school at the heart of its community and as such we always enjoy supporting our community and look forward to many similar events in the future.



Thank you to Emily and Sahana in Nadal Class, Howell in Coelho Class and Sebastian in Henson Class for donating such wonderful Birthday Books to your classes. Each and every one of these books was chosen for such a special reason and we cannot wait to read and explore these in school.

A date for your diaries: **5th November, 9:15 to 10am** is our next CommUNITY event for all years where parents and carers are invited into school to learn alongside their child. These will run in the same format as last year with entry and exit via the school office. Due to space in classrooms, we ask that only **one** adult attends per child. If you have multiple children in school then please split your time between classrooms or bring an additional adult i.e. two children in school, two adults attend with one adult per child. The theme for this event will be Science and we cannot wait to see you all there!

Don't forget our FOKS Gala Day tomorrow, 12 to 4pm! We are all looking forward to seeing which Teacher will be soaked – who is your money on?!

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.
Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Turing Class*

Y1 Coelho 96.9%	Y1 Zephaniah 99.3%	Y2 Chandi 99.6%	Y2 Henson 98.0%	Y3 Nadal 96.1%	Y3 Thunberg 88.2%
Y4 Johnson 98.5%	Y4 Turing 100%	Y5 Nightingale 99.0%	Y5 Seacole 95.0%	Y6 Bronte 98.8%	Y6 Byron 99.2%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

EYFS to start next week

Coelho
To be revealed next week

Zephaniah
Alma

Chandi
Pearla

Henson
Alice

Nadal
Nellie

Thunberg
Ronnie M

Johnson
To be revealed next week

Turing
Henry

Nightingale
Oliver

Seacole
Nathan

Bronte
Dulcie

Byron
Noah

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 50



Bulwer 53



Eudo 64



Lytton 60

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Violet Charlie	Y1 Zephaniah Peter	Y2 Chandi Robin	Y2 Henson Phoebe B	Y3 Nadal Roisin	Y3 Thunberg Ronnie G
Y4 Johnson Wrecker	Y4 Turing Jenson Sylvie	Y5 Nightingale Francesca	Y5 Seacole Immy	Y6 Bronte Koby-Rae Max	Y6 Byron Matilda Sofia



This Week's Pencrafters

To start next week



Message from The FOKS Team

FRIENDS OF KNEBWORTH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

Gala Day

SAT 13TH SEPTEMBER
12PM - 4PM

KNEBWORTH SCHOOL

STALLS

BOUNCE LAND
£5 UNLIMITED BOUNCE

FOOD

'OLD SKOOL' FETE GAMES

RAFFLE

ENTERTAINMENT

SOAK THE TEACHER

LICENSED BAR

A fun family day out - £1 p/adult, 50p p/child entrance fee
All proceeds go towards Knebworth School

What's happening at Gala Day?

Bounce Land - Bouncy Castles, Obstacle Course, Drop Slide

Games Arcade - Come and play the games stalls and win tickets to spend on our Prize Stall - Pick a Lolly Stick, Bean Bag Target, Coconut Shy, Water Pong, Tin Can Alley, Guess the..... Sink the Treasure

Soak the Teacher - vote for Mr Shostak, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Rix, Mrs Duffy or Miss Breckenridge to get a soaking!

Raffle - win an Ipad 128G, cash prizes and voucher prizes

Food & Drinks - Pizzas, Burgers, Candyfloss, Bubble Tea, Ice Cream, Sweets, Cookies, Bar for the adults!

Stalls - tombola, gifts, pocket money stalls, glitter tattoos, face painting, crafts

Performances from School Choir and the Band, plus Wexli Performing Arts Club



Children's Achievements

Well done to Hannah in Johnson Class and Joshua in Zephaniah Class for completing the Summer Reading Challenge at our local library! We are so proud of you.

Well done to Jack in Bronte Class who has recently started karate. He was nervous and anxious to begin with but now loves it! He was so brilliant that he was awarded Student of the Week! An amazing example of our school value of Resilience in action!

Well done to Esmae-Louise in Nadal Class who completed the Fun Run for Harefield & Royal Brompton Hospital - a magical achievement, we are so proud of you!



Key Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2025

Details for upcoming events will be sent nearer the time where and when applicable
New/amended dates are highlighted in yellow

Date/Time	Event
13 th September 12 to 4pm	FOKS Gala Day Do come along to support the FOKS team and their much-needed fundraising efforts for our school.
17 th September	Year 4 Swimming Begins
20 th September 10am to 12pm	Litter Pick with Knebworth Environmental Group A voluntary litter pick throughout the village and school. Do come along to help keep Knebworth clean and tidy!
20 th to 30 th September	FOKS Sponsored Reading Week





23 rd September	Children's Flu Vaccinations
30 th September 10 – 11am	Prospective Parents Open Morning A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
2 nd October	Johnson Class Pedestrian Skills An opportunity for children to practise road crossing skills under adult supervision. This will be led by Herts Active and Safer Travel Team.
3 rd October	Turing Class Pedestrian Skills An opportunity for children to practise road crossing skills under adult supervision. This will be led by Herts Active and Safer Travel Team.
9 th October	Children's Individual and Sibling Photos All children across the school will have their photos taken. Please send your child in their school uniform on this day.
10 th October	World Mental Health Day
11 th October 12 to 2pm	Knebworth School Sustainability Fair
17 th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day Children are invited into school wearing something red alongside their school uniform i.e. red t-shirt, red socks, red headband etc.
22 nd October 10 – 11am	Prospective Parents Open Morning A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
22 nd October & 23 rd October 3:40 – 6:40pm	Autumn Term Parents Evening Consultations – <i>these will be face to face unless a virtual appointment is required</i> A 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their first half term of the academic year.
27 th October to 31 st October	October Half Term (School Closed)
4 th November	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
5 th November 9:15 to 10am	Science CommUNITY Event A chance for one parent per child to come into school to experience the magic of Science at Knebworth.
6 th November	Outdoor Classroom Day
19 th November 4:30 – 5:30pm	Bedtime Story Event Families are invited into school to hear some engaging stories shared by our amazing teacher team.
21 st November	Catch up date for Children's Flu Vaccinations
25 th November 10 – 11am	Prospective Parents Open Morning A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
28 th November	Knebworth Village Christmas Light Switch On
5 th December	Occasional Day (School Closed)
8 th December 11:30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents & Carers - <i>parents only need attend one of the two dates given</i>
8 th December 2pm	Reception Christmas Show to Parents & Carers





9 th December 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Show to Parents & Carers
10 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch Children can order a Christmas dinner for their normal school lunch.
11 th December 2pm	Year 2 Christmas Show to Parents & Carers
11 th December 10-11am	Prospective Parents Open Morning A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Children are invited to wear a Christmas/Winter themed jumper with their school uniform on this day
12 th December 11:30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents – <i>parents only need attend one of the two dates given</i>
15 th December 1:30pm Years 3 & 4 2:30pm Years 5 & 6	KS2 Carol Concert at St Martin's Church KS2 children perform Christmas songs at the church and parents and carers are invited to attend.
19 th December	End of Autumn Term 12pm – Nursery - <i>a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this.</i> 1:10pm – Reception & KS1 1:30pm – KS2
5 th January 2026	INSET Day (School Closed)
6 th January 2026	Spring Term Begins
Knebworth School Term Dates can be accessed here: https://www.knebworthprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=39	

