



## Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the 2025-26 academic year at Knebworth Primary School. I do hope all our families had the most wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation, and special moments with family and friends.

As we begin this chapter of a new school year, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our returning children and families – it is so lovely to have you back with us. Also, I would like warmly welcome all those who are new to our school community and joining us this September - we are truly delighted to have you with us. The Knebworth Team is so looking forward to supporting each and every child as they grow, learn and thrive throughout the year ahead and we cannot wait to see where their individual learning journeys will take them.



For those of you who don't know me, I am a big Harry Potter fan (which the children all know!) and an avid Tennis fan (Nadal is my favourite player.) I also enjoy travelling, photography, long walks, reading and spending time with friends and family. I am on the playground most mornings so please do come and say hello.

This year promises to be another year full of magical, memorable learning opportunities. We will be continuing our ever-popular CommUNITY events where parents and carers are invited into school to learn alongside their children – *dates for this term's sessions will be shared next week*. We will also be continuing our OPAL lunchtimes so please do ensure your child has a **waterproof coat and wellies in school each day** so they can take part in the magic of an OPAL lunchtime. Many of you know that we are proud to call ourselves a No Outsiders school, where all members of our school community are celebrated, feel valued and are represented and we will continue to build on the superb legacy that Mrs Lowry has left us.

At Knebworth, we believe that education is a partnership between school, home, and the wider community and we pride ourselves on our strong home-school partnership. Your support plays a crucial role in your child's success, and we encourage open communication, honesty and collaboration. Your child's Class Teacher is always your first port of call as they have the best day to day knowledge of your child. By working together, we can help every pupil reach their full potential, not just academically, but socially and emotionally as well. Do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

This week, Teachers in classes have been reacquainting the children with our three school values which are **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**. All our children know and live by our three values. A reminder that our school values apply not only to our children but to our staff, parents and the wider community. By having a connection with the school either by working here or sending your children here we do expect all adults to embody and live our school values.

As part of our work on our school behaviour curriculum and policy the children have been practising routines this week. The first of our routines we would like to share with you all is the routine of lining up which has three clear instructions for everyone to follow - *Single file, Face the front and Hands by our sides*. By having



shared routines across the school this allows for greater consistency and a shared understanding of our school expectations. As we embed more routines across the school, we will share these with you.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find most of the key dates for this Autumn Term – ***please add these to your diaries***. Where possible, we always aim to publish all key dates for parents and carers at the start of each term so adequate notice is given to all involved. These dates can be found in each of my weekly newsletters as well as on the school website. Please do keep an eye out for upcoming events and opportunities and get involved!

This year we will continue to hold weekly Silver Values Celebration Assemblies for children in Years 1 to 6. Parents will be invited to a Celebration Tea on a Friday afternoon at 2:45pm if their child has received a Silver Values Certificate that week. A text message via Arbor is sent to parents the Thursday afternoon before the Friday. We do appreciate this may be short notice for parents and carers so if you are unable to attend, we ask you let the school office know and we can arrange a more suitable date for you. ***Please ensure your contact details on Arbor are up to date; it would be most unfortunate if you did not receive the text message because the school doesn't hold the most up to date contact details.***



This year I will be continuing to award my Magical Work Headteacher Stamp and I cannot wait to see which children will be first to receive this most magical award! The first week of term has also seen two Birthday Books donated to the school! Thank you to Jessica in Seacole Class and Harry in Nadal Class for sharing their chosen books with me. I know your classes (and future classes) will wholeheartedly enjoy reading these stories.



Over the summer, we have had some changes to the staffing team at Knebworth. Mr Mudaly will no longer be returning to Knebworth. We thank him for his efforts and wish him all the best for the future. Miss Long who many of you know as an Inclusion Assistant in Reception and one of our Extended Care Leads is embarking on a new chapter in her educational journey, exploring a different type of educational setting. She has wonderfully supported countless children over the years and will be sorely missed by the team. Also, Mrs L Moss who has worked at Knebworth as part of both the MSA Team and the Extended Care Team is also leaving the team to spend some well-deserved time

with her family. We wish her all the very best for the future.

This September, we have welcomed Mrs Green, Mrs Dawson and Miss Needham to the Teaching Team at Knebworth. Mrs Green and Mrs Dawson are teaching in Reception and Miss Needham in Year 3. They have already settled into Knebworth life brilliantly and I know they are so, so eager to get to know the school community. Lastly, Mrs Maynard is happy to share the news that she and her family have welcomed a beautiful baby girl named Juliet. Both mum and baby are doing well and we cannot wait to meet baby Juliet.

As I end the first newsletter of a new school year, I would like to thank you all for entrusting us with your child's education. We are so thrilled to work with you and your children throughout this year and to make it one filled with growth, joy, success and of course magic!

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Years 1 to 6 Meet the Teacher sessions (dates were shared before the summer holidays but can be found below.)

Best Wishes,  
Miss S Bains



## Message from The FOKS Team

A warm-hearted welcome back to the new academic year and our first start to a new fundraising season as Co-Chairs!

Please see our attachment which shows a summary of what FOKS raised last half term (Summer 2) thanks to your generosity, and we've also summarised what the previous Chair and her team helped the school out with so you can see where your valuable donations go.

We're hitting the ground running this term with our first event - **Gala Day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September!** (see poster) Its shaping up to be a fun-filled day with so much going on from Bounce Land, musical acts and Old Skool Arcade fete games to keep you entertained; delicious pizzas, burgers, waffles, candyfloss and more to whet your appetite; a licensed bar run by The Station Pub and traditional lemonade, milkshakes and bubble tea to quench your thirst; pocket money stalls, tombola, an incredible raffle with over 25 prizes, including an iPad and £100 cash; and the return of the infamous Soak the Teacher - payback time!

We still desperately need volunteers to help run the day so if you and your children can spare an hour or so, please let your FOKS Year group rep know asap. We'll be in the playground at various points next week selling tickets for the raffle so please come and get yours early if you can't attend Gala Day.

We've also got the start of our preparation for an Usborne Books Sponsored Read event later this month, with Book Cafe sessions in school next week. More details to follow.

And, we're excited to meet and welcome our new Reception and Nursery parents to The Station Pub next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am for our New Parents Coffee Morning (see poster).

We would really appreciate it if you could show your support for these fundraising initiatives so we can start the school year off with a bang!

Thanks,  
Liz & Katie

### 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   |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> September<br>3:30pm | <b>Meet the Teacher - Year 1 (hall)</b><br>An opportunity for Year 1 parents to meet the Year 1 team and find out about the year ahead. |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> September<br>3:30pm | <b>Meet the Teacher - Year 2 (hall)</b><br>An opportunity for Year 2 parents to meet the Year 2 team and find out about the year ahead. |





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| 9 <sup>th</sup> September<br>3:30pm            | <b>Meet the Teacher - Year 3 (hall)</b><br>An opportunity for Year 3 parents to meet the Year 3 team and find out about the year ahead.   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> September<br>3:30pm           | <b>Meet the Teacher - Year 4 (hall)</b><br>An opportunity for Year 4 parents to meet the Year 4 team and find out about the year ahead.   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> September<br>3:30pm           | <b>Meet the Teacher - Year 5 (hall)</b><br>An opportunity for year 5 parents to meet the year 5 team and find out about the year ahead.   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> September<br>3:30pm           | <b>Meet the Teacher - Year 6 (hall)</b><br>An opportunity for Year 6 parents to meet the Year 3 team and find out about the year ahead.   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> September                     | <b>Weekly Silver Values Celebration Assemblies for Years 1 to 6 begin</b><br>Each week, a child from each class will be awarded a Silver Values Certificate in school. They will then be invited to a Celebration Tea along with their parents. Please do look out for a text via Arbor on Thursday afternoons if your child has been chosen! |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> September                     | <b>All EYFS children are full time in school</b>  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> September<br>12 to 4pm        | <b>FOKS Gala Day</b><br>Do come along to support the FOKS team and their much-needed fundraising efforts for our school.  |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> September                     | <b>Year 4 Swimming Begins</b>   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> September<br>10am to 12pm     | <b>Litter Pick with Knebworth Environmental Group</b><br>A voluntary litter pick throughout the village and school. Do come along to help keep Knebworth clean and tidy!  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> September                     | <b>Children's Flu Vaccinations</b>  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> September | <b>FOKS Sponsored Reading Week</b>  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September<br>10 – 11am        | <b>Prospective Parents Open Morning</b><br>A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October                        | <b>Johnson Class Pedestrian Skills</b><br>An opportunity for children to practise road crossing skills under adult supervision. This will be led by Herts Active and Safer Travel Team.   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October                        | <b>Turing Class Pedestrian Skills</b><br>An opportunity for children to practise road crossing skills under adult supervision. This will be led by Herts Active and Safer Travel Team.  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October                        | <b>Children's Individual and Sibling Photos</b><br>All children across the school will have their photos taken. Please send your child in their school uniform on this day.   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October                       | <b>World Mental Health Day</b>  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> October<br>12 to 2pm          | <b>Knebworth School Sustainability Fair</b>   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> October                       | <b>Show Racism the Red Card Day</b><br>Children are invited into school wearing something red alongside their school uniform i.e. red t-shirt, red socks, red headband etc.   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October<br>10 – 11am          | <b>Prospective Parents Open Morning</b><br>A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.  |



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| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October & 23 <sup>rd</sup> October<br>3:40 – 6:40pm  | Autumn Term Parents Evening Consultations – <i>these will be face to face unless a virtual appointment is required</i><br>A 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their first half term of the academic year. |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> October to 31 <sup>st</sup> October                  | October Half Term (School Closed)  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November  | Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Outdoor Classroom Day  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November<br>4:30 – 5:30pm                            | Bedtime Story Event<br>Families are invited into school to hear some engaging stories shared by our amazing teacher team.  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November   | Catch up date for Children's Flu Vaccinations  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November<br>10 – 11am                                | Prospective Parents Open Morning<br>A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November   | Knebworth Village Christmas Light Switch On  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Occasional Day (School Closed)   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December<br>11:30am                                   | Nursery Christmas Show to Parents & Carers - <i>parents only need attend one of the two dates given</i>  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2pm                                       | Reception Christmas Show to Parents & Carers   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2pm                                       | Year 1 Christmas Show to Parents & Carers  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> December   | Children's Christmas Lunch<br>Children can order a Christmas dinner for their normal school lunch.   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December<br>2pm                                      | Year 2 Christmas Show to Parents & Carers  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> December<br>10-11am                                  | Prospective Parents Open Morning<br>A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas Jumper Day<br>Children are invited to wear a Christmas/Winter themed jumper with their school uniform on this day  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December<br>11:30am                                  | Nursery Christmas Show to Parents – <i>parents only need attend one of the two dates given</i>   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December<br>1:30pm Years 3 & 4<br>2:30pm Years 5 & 6 | KS2 Carol Concert at St Martin's Church<br>KS2 children perform Christmas songs at the church and parents and carers are invited to attend.  |





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| 19 <sup>th</sup> December    | <p>End of Autumn Term</p> <p>12pm – Nursery - <i>a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this.</i></p> <p>1:10pm – Reception &amp; KS1</p> <p>1:30pm – KS2</p> |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 | INSET Day (School Closed)  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 | Spring Term Begins   |

**Knebworth School Term Dates can be accessed here:**  
<https://www.knebworthprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=39>

