



## Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### A message from the Headteacher

A BIG thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Knebworth Litter Pick last Saturday morning. It was so lovely seeing so many of you working together to keep our village clean and tidy. It is so remarkable how much litter was collected in just two hours! In school, Wednesdays is now our designated litter picking day and the children had so much fun this week working together responsibly to keep our school grounds clean and tidy.



In Monday's assembly Miss O'Reilly spoke to children in KS1 and KS2 about the very exciting BBC 500 Words competition! Children aged 5-7 and 8-11 are invited to join this short story writing contest. Children can write about anything they like – dragons, space, school, superheroes, mysteries, or even something funny or magical. The only rules are that it must be 500 words (or under), titles do not count as part of the word count and it must be independently written by the child. There will be a bronze, silver and gold winner for each age category. If your child plans on entering, please send their entrance (typed is best) to their class teacher by **Friday 24th October** so that this can be submitted in good time. Official entries close via the 500 words website on Friday 7th November. Good luck!

On Wednesday, Miss Breckenridge and Mrs Smith accompanied some Year 5 and 6 children to the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Cross Country Festival at Fairlands Lake. This festival is always a highlight of the Autumn Term and the children showed such fantastic resilience in their cross country running with some excellent personal times recorded. There were 17 schools taking part in the competition and the team results for Knebworth were as follows:

Year 5 Girls, 5<sup>th</sup> place  
 Year 5 Boys, 15<sup>th</sup> place  
 Year 6 Girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
 Year 6 Boys, 13<sup>th</sup> place



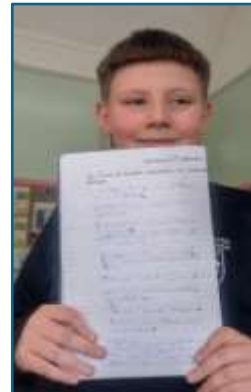
Well done to everyone who took part! A BIG thank you to both Miss Breckenridge and Mrs Smith for supervising and coaching the children on the day.

Yesterday, children in Years 1 to 3 were so lucky to have a wonderful teacher from Perform Drama come into school to take them on a fairytale adventure. The children had to use their singing voices and acted out a story to rescue the princess. It was great fun for everyone! Thank you to Mrs Day for organising such a wonderful learning experience for the children.





This week for magical learning I have seen Stanley in Chandi Class for his excellent traditional tale writing which earned him the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week, he was so chuffed with this honour! I have also seen Mohsina in Johnson Class for her excellent instruction writing showing how to operate a dragon machine – this was a joy to read and earned her the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week. I have also seen Luca in Thunberg Class for his wonderful sketching in Art, Theo in Nadal Class shared his superb work on using the written methods for the four operations in maths and Jack in Bronte Class shared with me his magical work in English with punctuating dialogue. Well done to everyone involved, it was so, so lovely celebrating your learning with you this week.



This academic year we are continuing our *Children as Leaders* initiative whereby pupils in KS2 take on leadership responsibilities across the school. This week Liz and Katie (our FOKS Co-Chairs) met with their FOKS Ambassadors so that they could come up with fundraising ideas, help with initiatives and events, as well as deciding on where and what funds will be allocated to and spent on. They were put to work straight away as they delivered all the Usborne Books some of our pupils ordered after the Book Cafe sessions, and they also took delivery of

£550 worth of free books we have donated to school already! Amazing work! Also, on Thursday in Nightingale Class Assembly, Francesca and Brooke spoke so passionately to their class about pollution in our oceans, a topic that is close to their hearts. Well done girls for leading such an informative class assembly. I wonder which children will be next to lead a Thursday Class Assembly?



This week we welcomed Miss Afford to The Knebworth Teaching Team, she is teaching Seacole Class and has thoroughly enjoyed her first week at Knebworth. Mr Shostak has joined the school's Governing Body as the Staff Governor representative and he enjoyed attending his first meeting last night. Lastly, Mrs Jenner, one of our Inclusion Assistants, has joined our Extended Care Team and we know she will be a wonderful asset to the team.

For those of our families in the school community who are celebrating we wish you all a Happy Rosh Hashanah and hope you have had a wonderful time with your loved ones.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Bains





**WINNERS:** *Nightingale Class*

Y1 Coelho 96.9%	Y1 Zephaniah 98.6%	Y2 Chandi 97.3%	Y2 Henson 99.3%	Y3 Nadal 95.7%	Y3 Thunberg 95.7%
Y4 Johnson 98.9%	Y4 Turing 95.4%	Y5 Nightingale 99.5%	Y5 Seacole 96.3%	Y6 Bronte 94.4%	Y6 Byron 95.8%

## Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery  
*Freddie &  
Luna*

Ayling-Ellis  
*Hunter &  
Abigail*

Packham  
*Olivia &  
Elysa*

Coelho  
*Remy &  
Violet*

Zephaniah  
*Millie*

Chandi  
*Stanley*

Henson  
*Zoe*

Nadal  
*Emily*

Thunberg  
*Jessica*

Johnson  
*Theo*

Turing  
*Amelie*

Nightingale  
*Joseph*

Seacole  
*Avery*

Bronte  
*Jack*

Byron  
*Sergio*

## HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 24



Bulwer 37



Eudo 30



Lytton 36

## Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Edward Annabelle	Y1 Zephaniah Logan Eric	Y2 Chandi Bonnie	Y2 Henson Sunaya	Y3 Nadal Sahana	Y3 Thunberg Alfie M
Y4 Johnson Aisha	Y4 Turing Isla	Y5 Nightingale Violet	Y5 Seacole Dylan	Y6 Bronte Jamymah	Y6 Byron Matilda

## This Week's Pencrafters

*Stanley in Chandi Class*

*Mohsina in Johnson Class*



## 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
20 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> September	FOKS Sponsored Reading Week
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children's Flu Vaccinations
30 <sup>th</sup> September 10 – 11am	<b>Prospective Parents Open Morning</b> 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> 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> 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> 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	World Mental Health Day
11 <sup>th</sup> October 12 to 2pm	Knebworth School Sustainability Fair
17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Show Racism the Red Card Day</b> 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 10 – 11am	<b>Prospective Parents Open Morning</b> A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
22 <sup>nd</sup> October & 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 3:40 – 6:40pm	<b>Autumn Term Parents Evening Consultations – <i>these will be face to face unless a virtual appointment is required</i></b> 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	<b>October Half Term (School Closed)</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
5 <sup>th</sup> November 9:15 to 10am	<b>Science CommUNITY Event</b> A chance for one parent per child to come into school to experience the magic of Science at Knebworth.
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Outdoor Classroom Day
19 <sup>th</sup> November 4:30 – 5:30pm	<b>Bedtime Story Event</b> 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 10 – 11am	<b>Prospective Parents Open Morning</b> A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Knebworth Village Christmas Light Switch On</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Occasional Day (School Closed)</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> December 11:30am	<b>Nursery Christmas Show to Parents &amp; Carers - <i>parents only need attend one of the two dates given</i></b>
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	<b>Reception Christmas Show to Parents &amp; Carers</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	<b>Year 1 Christmas Show to Parents &amp; Carers</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Children's Christmas Lunch</b> Children can order a Christmas dinner for their normal school lunch.
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	<b>Year 2 Christmas Show to Parents &amp; Carers</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> December 10-11am	<b>Prospective Parents Open Morning</b> A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> Children are invited to wear a Christmas/Winter themed jumper with their school uniform on this day
12 <sup>th</sup> December 11:30am	<b>Nursery Christmas Show to Parents – <i>parents only need attend one of the two dates given</i></b>
15 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm Years 3 & 4 2:30pm Years 5 & 6	<b>KS2 Carol Concert at St Martin's Church</b> KS2 children perform Christmas songs at the church and parents and carers are invited to attend.
19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Autumn Term</b> <b>12pm – Nursery - a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this.</b> <b>1:10pm – Reception &amp; KS1</b> <b>1:30pm – KS2</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>INSET Day (School Closed)</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>Spring Term Begins</b>
<b>Knebworth School Term Dates can be accessed here:</b> <a href="https://www.knebworthprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&amp;pid=39">https://www.knebworthprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&amp;pid=39</a>	

