



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

3rd October 2025

A message from the Headteacher

Can we believe that we are already in October and that we have had four full weeks back at school already?! We are all so impressed with the children and the way in which they are learning their classroom routines as well as engaging in lots of magical learning – well done everyone! October also sees a new spotlight in our school library. This month Mrs Cooke has chosen to spotlight books linked to Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEI) a topic which is close to all our hearts at Knebworth and there are some lovely books on display which I know the children will enjoy exploring.



On Tuesday Miss Breckenridge and a group of KS2 children attended The Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Swing into Golf Festival. This festival was an introduction to golf and featured a carousel of activities including chipping, putting, swing school in the driving range and par 3 course play. The children had the most wonderful time learning these new golf skills and we were also awarded The School Games Values Award for Determination – magical news! Well done to everyone involved and to Miss Breckenridge for facilitating such a superb sporting experience.

For the first few weeks of term The Year 6 team have been busy discussing and nominating children to our annual leadership roles. This is always such a difficult choice because there are so many children who consistently demonstrate our school values and who make fantastic role models. However, they were able to reach a decision and we are very pleased to announce this year's Head Children and House Captains:

Head Boy: Leo

Head Girl: Mollie

Aschil House Captain: Sofia

Bulwer House Captain: Louis

Eudo House Captain: Harry

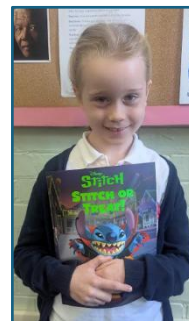
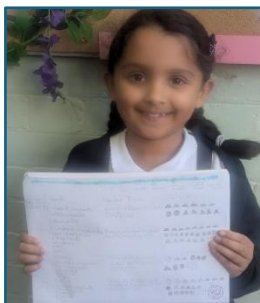
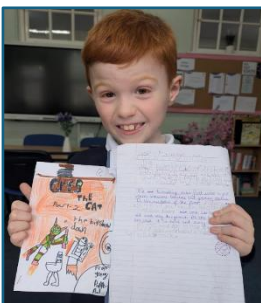
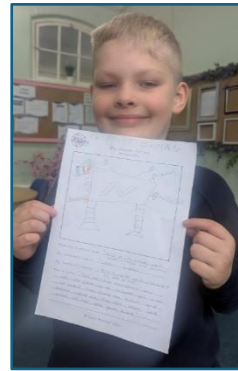
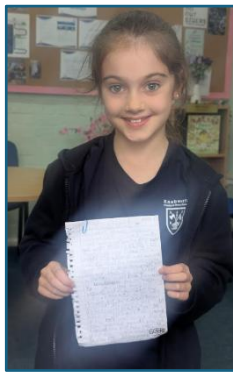
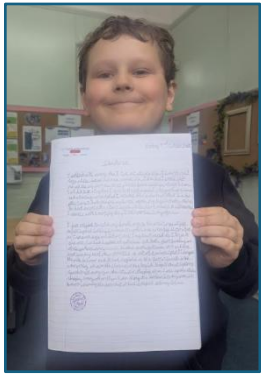
Lytton House Captain: Ilda

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and the theme for this year is Play! Children across the school had a wonderful time sharing and celebrating a range of poems with their peers. I had the pleasure of joining in with Coelho Class and their learning on this day. They were exploring a poem called The Magic Telescope and the children absolutely loved creating their own telescopes and going on a magical adventure.





This week I have seen so many children across the school for magical learning. Jacob in Nightingale Class shared with me his superb suspense writing which earned him the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week – he really did use the features of suspense writing incredibly well! Maya in Nightingale Class shared me with a wonderful story she had written at home where she had really focussed on the use of dialogue to move the action forward. Sam in Zephaniah Class was awarded the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week for his excellent sentence writing with accurate use of capital letters and full stops. Fabian in Henson Class was so proud to share with me his Computing learning where he had created a TV Robot which provides you with snacks and entertainment with very effective input and output functions. Ezra and Arthur in Coelho Class have worked so resiliently on their magic telescopes, their writing and their Kandinsky artwork this week and it was so lovely sharing in their successes with them. Harvey in Johnson Class is continuing to create his brilliant series of comics and he has worked so responsibly on his setting descriptions this week. Lastly, Sahana in Nadal Class shared with me her maths homework where she had challenged herself to *go deeper* into her maths learning and use a range of mathematical representations to show her understanding. Well done to everyone involved – what a magical week for learning!



Thank you to Bronte in Thunberg Class, Max in Henson Class, Bonnie in Chandi Class and Mia-Rose and Olivia in Ayling-Ellis Class for donating such beautiful Birthday Books to the school. I know these will be treasured for many years to come.

If anyone has any unwanted reading books or wellies that have been outgrown, please do drop them off to school or bring them along to our Sustainability Fair next **Saturday 11th October, 12 to 2pm** where we will be organising a Book and Welly swap.

Don't forget it is Sibling and Individual Photos next Thursday 9th October.

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





Attendance Cup



WINNERS: *Zephaniah Class*

Y1 Coelho 96.8%	Y1 Zephaniah 98.9%	Y2 Chandi 95.0%	Y2 Henson 97.7%	Y3 Nadal 96.0%	Y3 Thunberg 97.5%
Y4 Johnson 95.5%	Y4 Turing 97.6%	Y5 Nightingale 97.3%	Y5 Seacole 96.7%	Y6 Bronte 94.0%	Y6 Byron 97.7%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Joshua & Emily

Ayling-Ellis
Evie-May & Albie

Packham
Ava-Rose & Albie G

Coelho
Georgia

Zephaniah
Max

Chandi
Robin

Henson
Arthur

Nadal
Zachary

Thunberg
Ava

Johnson
Reggie

Turing
Imogen

Nightingale
Brooke

Seacole
Hannah

Bronte
Bow

Byron
Meadow

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 46



Bulwer 75



Eudo 69



Lytton 56

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Daisy Joe	Y1 Zephaniah Grayson	Y2 Chandi Edward Stanley Zayne	Y2 Henson Grace	Y3 Nadal Hugo Zachary	Y3 Thunberg Bronte
Y4 Johnson Orlaith	Y4 Turing Henry	Y5 Nightingale Emily	Y5 Seacole Penelope	Y6 Bronte Harry	Y6 Byron Lily-Rose

This Week's Pencrafters

*Sam in Zephaniah Class
Jacob in Nightingale Class*



Message from The FOKS Team

Well done to any child who has completed the FOKS Sponsored Read!

The time has now come to count up your minutes, collect your sponsorship money and hand both completed forms into the school office 'FAO FOKS Sponsored Read' along with the money (unless you're transferring to our bank account - add child's name as reference).

The deadline for this is **Tuesday 7th October** and then we'll announce the winners of the most minutes read and most money raised at an assembly very soon.

We're also busy behind the scenes planning some festive Christmas activities - watch this space for announcements coming soon!

Children's Achievements

Inspired by events on a recent trip to Cornwall, the Draxler family decided to learn more about the grey seals that live in our UK waters. These seals are often sighted here but are at threat of extinction through the rest of the world. They bought a book by a researcher who has been tracking and observing seals in Cornwall for decades and her research book called Seal Secrets is their home reading. They also learned there's a sanctuary that rehabilitates 40-70 baby seal pups who are left alone on the beaches each Autumn into Winter so Sierra in Thunberg Class and Jasper in Seacole Class decided to do a fundraiser to help these young pups. When the children were asked what they'd like to do for sponsorship they chose to do cartwheels! They got pledges from friends and family for each cartwheel through September raised a total of **£335!** Thanks to so much generosity, Sierra and Jasper are able to name and sponsor a seal pup of their own including a visit to the Cornish Seal Sanctuary to see it and learn how they get well enough to get back to the ocean and an invite to the pup's release back to the wild. While in Cornwall they also filled five bags of plastics off the beaches to make it friendlier to the animals. Well done Sierra and Jasper we are so proud of you!

Healthy Eating Spotlight

A big thank you to Caroline Farrell (Registered Nutritionist) for providing our weekly healthy eating spotlights!

Homemade Mini Loaves

Finding healthy, affordable school snacks for children can be a challenge. Shop bought options are often high in added sugars, low in fibre, and expensive. These two simple recipes are quick, budget-friendly, and only take 20 minutes in the oven thanks to their mini size. They're easy to prepare, use just a handful of everyday ingredients, and are perfect for popping into a paper sandwich bag or a lunchbox.



Mini Banana & Dark Chocolate Chip Loaves

Ingredients (makes 4 mini loaves):

- 100g melted coconut oil
- 100g caster sugar
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed
- 2 large eggs (or flax eggs for a plant-based version)
- 140g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 50g dark chocolate chips

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan). Grease 4 mini loaf tins.
2. Mash the bananas and mix with coconut oil, sugar, and eggs.
3. Whisk together the flour and baking powder. Fold into the wet ingredients.
4. Stir in the chocolate chips and divide between the tins.
5. Bake for 20 minutes, until golden and a skewer comes out clean.

Mini Irish Teacake Loaves

Ingredients (makes 4 mini loaves):

- 375g mixed dried fruit
- 275ml strong tea
- 225g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 egg (or flax egg for a plant-based version)
- 1 tsp almond essence

Method:

1. Soak the dried fruit in the tea overnight.
2. Mix in the egg (or flax egg), flour, mixed spice, and almond essence.
3. Grease 4 mini loaf tins and divide the mixture evenly.
4. Bake at 180°C (160°C fan) for 20 minutes, until firm and cooked through.



Tip: These loaves freeze beautifully. Just take one out of the freezer in the morning, pop it into a paper sandwich bag, and it will be perfectly defrosted and ready to enjoy by snack time!



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
7 th 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.
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
10 th November	Odd Socks Day Children are invited to wear odd socks alongside their school uniform to celebrate that everyone is different, to promote individuality, and send a powerful message of acceptance and unity against bullying.
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>

