



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

17th October 2025

A message from the Headteacher



The penultimate week of this half term started with Harvest Assemblies led by Reverend King who spoke about his favourite biscuit - the Jammy Dodger - to introduce Harvest. He asked the children to consider what ingredients are needed and talked through the process behind how his favourite biscuit is made. He then asked the children to reflect on where food comes from before it gets to our shelves, referred to our school lunches and the people who make our food, when we share food and give food to those who may not have it. Lastly, he asked us all to consider the message of Harvest - to show thanks for providing us with food and to be grateful for each ingredient. Thank you to Reverend King for such an informative and valuable Harvest Assembly.

On Wednesday Miss Breckenridge took a group of Year 6 children to participate in a Table Tennis festival run by the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team. The children had the most brilliant time showcasing their superb table tennis skills and we are so pleased that our Girls Team was awarded 3rd place and our Boys Team 5th place. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Miss Breckenridge coaching and supervising the children on the day.

Also on Wednesday, Mrs Wallace-Poultney and I along with the Year 5 and 6 Curriculum and DEI Ambassadors had the absolute pleasure of visiting The Nobel School to listen to Kit Brown speak as part of the Herts Voices Big Talk 2025. The Herts Voices programme connects schools with speakers from racially diverse backgrounds and is one of the ways they are working towards long-term societal change and this aligns so closely with our own school ethos and No Outsiders message. Kit is a local primary school teacher, a published author, a footballer and a content creator. He shared his journey to becoming a teacher and the life lessons he has learnt along the way including the importance of resilience. The room was bursting with inspiration and it was heartwarming to hear the positive influence that Kit's talk had on the students. Florence said "He has made me consider becoming a Teacher" and Noah said he had learnt from Kit that "Nothing is impossible."



The school has been a sea of red today in honour of Show Racism the Red Card Day – another integral part of our school calendar which we always look forward to each year. In Early Years they spoke about why they all had something red on and related it to loving everyone and being kind. In Ayling-Ellis Class they decided to draw red love hearts on their hands to share and show the love and Packham Class looked at the story of Elmer and talked about how important it is for everyone to be included, and to celebrate the differences which make us us. In Year 1, the children talked about what racism is and how to be anti-racist. They thought about how to be kind and respectful to everyone, and celebrated their differences and what makes them so special. They also made a 'rainbow fish' with lots of different coloured scales - including a special silver one! Year 2 looked at historical figures who made a significant difference to their lives now. In a circle, they passed around a heart telling each other something that makes their friends special before thinking of things that make them special too. In Year 3 they looked at why people might have prejudice against others, and designed a resilience shield with words and pictures which relate to tackling racism and prejudice – I had a sneak peek at these and they looked fantastic! Year 4 looked at prejudices, how they form and how they can challenge them. They researched some individuals who have been discriminated against and



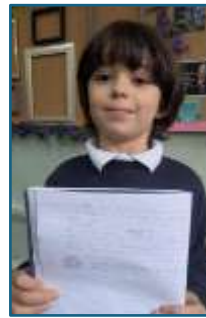


saw how they overcame this, changing opinions of others. Year 5 learned about what prejudice means and about important figures in history who have fought against this. Some of the children were eager to explore this further in their independent learning time this afternoon. Lastly, Year 6, reflected on prejudice and how this can lead to discrimination. They spoke about events that have happened around the world (past and present) which may lead people today to become prejudiced against certain groups of people. They reflected on influential figures and how they can use these as inspiration for the future generation. What an inspirational day - please do continue these discussions at home with your children and support our work as both a No Outsiders and an Anti-Racist School.



This week I have seen Una in Coelho Class for her superb use of plurals and verbs which earned her the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week – she was so, so proud sharing her learning with me. I have also seen Nellie in Nadal Class for her excellent writing in science where she used all the key vocabulary from the lesson to describe how fossils are formed and this earned her the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week. Theo and Yoan were last week's Pencrafters and their pictures were

accidentally missed off last week's newsletter so I have added their lovely faces below – well done boys! Lastly, I have seen Jude in Seacole class for his wonderful work in history where he was comparing ancient civilisations – well done Jude!



Thank you to Leo in Chandi Class, Frederick in Nursery and Zachary in Coelho Class for donating such wonderful Birthday Books to the school. We cannot wait to read and explore these books within school – they look wonderful!

Lastly, we are so looking forward to seeing parents and

carers in school next week for the Autumn Term Parents Evening Consultations – if you have not booked an appointment please do so via Arbor. When you are in, do take a minute to have a look at our new 'The Magical Knebworth Curriculum' display which showcases all of the magical work we have been undertaking as per my vision for the school. The children do love the stars and magic!



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





WINNERS: *Byron & Turing Classes*

Y1 Coelho 97.1%	Y1 Zephaniah 97.1%	Y2 Chandi 98.1%	Y2 Henson 95.7%	Y3 Nadal 95.7%	Y3 Thunberg 94.6%
Y4 Johnson 95.5%	Y4 Turing 99.2%	Y5 Nightingale 94.5%	Y5 Seacole 96.7%	Y6 Bronte 95.6%	Y6 Byron 99.2%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Verity & Isla

Ayling-Ellis
Archie-Ray & Flora

Packham
Myla & Carter

Coelho
Ezra

Zephaniah
Holly

Chandi
Noah

Henson
Max

Nadal
Elias

Thunberg
Sophie

Johnson
Isobella

Turing
To be revealed next week

Nightingale
Violet

Seacole
Esme

Bronte
To be revealed next week

Byron
Akorede

Top House Point Earners

HOUSE POINTS



Y1 Coelho Cali Arthur S	Y1 Zephaniah Abel Joshua	Y2 Chandi Stanley	Y2 Henson Phoebe B	Y3 Nadal Roisin Esmae	Y3 Thunberg Jessie
Y4 Johnson Amelia	Y4 Turing Izzy	Y5 Nightingale Francesca	Y5 Seacole Avery Aoife	Y6 Bronte Jack	Y6 Byron Meadow Matilda

This Week's Pencrafters

*Una in Coelho Class
Nellie in Nadal Class*



Children's Achievements



Grace in Nightingale Class took part in the library summer reading challenge and won the competition to meet the author Sean Taylor and attend a creative writing workshop run by him at the Welwyn Garden City Library. Amazing news Grace!

Grace had a lovely time and also received two signed books from him. It was also her birthday last week so she has kindly donated one of her books to the school as a Birthday Book – thank you Grace!



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 th -24 th October	My Child's Art Christmas Card creations in school
22 nd October 10 – 11am	Prospective Parents Open Morning <i>A chance for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.</i>
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)
w/c 3 rd November	My Child's Art Christmas Card order portal opens
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
23 rd November 10:30am to 12pm/2pm to 3:30pm	FOKS Christmas Pottery Painting Event School Hall
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.
27 th November 7:30pm	FOKS Christmas Wreath Workshop School Hall (adults only)
28 th November	Knebworth Village Christmas Light Switch On Come and support the FOKS stalls!





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>
13 th December 9am, 11am, 1:30pm	FOKS Christmas Cookie Decorating Izzy's Bakes and Brews, Knebworth
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	FOKS Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation)
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
<p>Knebworth School Term Dates can be accessed here: https://www.knebworthprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=39</p>	

