



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

7th November 2025

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to Autumn 2. It has been so wonderful seeing all the children back in school, diving into their learning with such enthusiasm and creativity! Thank you to everyone who came along to our Science CommUNITY event earlier this week – it was so lovely to see so many families working together scientifically on different experiments across the school. We would love to capture your feedback from the event, here is a short Google form link to do so: <https://forms.gle/tVtmukyedpQEW7Nw8>

On Tuesday, Year 6 took part in their Crucial Crew Trip — an incredibly informative and engaging experience. The children learned a range of important life skills, including online safety, CPR, the effects of alcohol (with the chance to try out the beer goggles!), and how to stay safe near railways. A huge thank you to the Year 6 Team and the additional adults who helped supervise and make the day such a success.

On Thursday, children across the school took part in Outdoor Classroom Day. Taking the learning outdoors is something we are incredibly passionate about at Knebworth and the children so love being active and taking their learning outdoors. In Nursery the children took part in obstacle building, sand play and building towers. Some children also used their helmets to collect rain! In Year 1 they went outside and searched for different size and shape leaves. They then drew around them on paper and decorated them and compared the shapes of our leaves with their peers. Year 3 braced the rain and went out to put their compass knowledge to work ready for their geography lesson. They played Simon Says for each of the 8 compass points and had to locate an object in the direction of, using riddles. In Year 5, they went outdoors during their English lesson. The children's task was to come up with some sentences with expanded noun phrases, that were inspired by nature. Children looked at the trees and the Autumn leaves, whilst thinking about what they could hear, smell and touch. Year 5 produced some fantastic sentences during their lesson, which they will go onto use in their Cinquain poems. In Year 6, they went outdoors for their maths lesson. The children had to hunt around to find two and three step word problems and then answer them. The children loved being outside and were so focused and determined to find all of the questions, using their methods that they have been looking at over the past couple of weeks. Even when it started raining and they were offered the chance to come indoors and answer questions, the vast majority stayed out and absolutely won their battle with the rain! What a wonderful day!



For magical work this week, I have seen Isla in Nadal Class for her superb responsibility towards her maths learning. She took the time to practice the written methods for addition and subtraction at home so she could become even more confident! I have seen Alma, Elisita, Arlie, Sebastian and Knox in Zephaniah Class for their magical poems all about Bonfire Night – these were a joy to read. I have seen Luca in Thunberg Class for his wonderful maths learning at school. Luna in Nursery came to see me to share her poppy picture and her writing which was so lovely to see. Emmie in Seacole Class shared her brilliant setting description where she had worked so resiliently on using the different senses in her writing and this earned her the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week. Luke in Zephaniah Class shared his wonderful Bonfire Night poem which earned him the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week – well done Luke! Lastly Poppy came to see me to show me her Poppies! Every year Poppy in Nightingale Class makes poppies for her classmates and for the staff around school and this is such an incredibly kind gesture – thank you Poppy!





Thank you to Tallulah in Seacole Class, Ronnie in Chandi Class, Evie-May in Ayling Ellis Class and Harrison in Coelho Class for their beautiful Birthday Books. We cannot wait to read and explore these books within school – they look so wonderful!

Don't forget Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November. Children (and staff) are invited to wear odd socks with their school uniform to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day is an annual event that celebrates individuality and reminds us that it's great to be different.

Children in KS1 will be taking part in Kurling on Thursday 13th November and children in KS2 will be taking part in this on Friday 14th November. Children should wear PE kit on their Kurling Day.

Lastly, it is Children in Need on Friday 14th November. We'd love everyone to join in the fun by wearing something yellow and/or spotty along with their school uniform to celebrate Children in Need on Friday 14th November. Staff will be on the playground before and after school to collect any donations. Every penny raised will go straight to Children in Need to help make a difference.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS *Nightingale Class*

Y1 Coelho 97.1%	Y1 Zephaniah 97.9%	Y2 Chandi 91.5%	Y2 Henson 95.3%	Y3 Nadal 95.7%	Y3 Thunberg 94.1%
Y4 Johnson 95.2%	Y4 Turing 96.0%	Y5 Nightingale 99.5%	Y5 Seacole 99.2%	Y6 Bronte 96.0%	Y6 Byron 98.8%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery <i>Marley & Michael</i>	Ayling-Ellis <i>Olivia C</i>	Packham <i>Max</i>	Coelho <i>Charlie</i>	Zephaniah <i>Elliot</i>
Chandi <i>To be revealed next week!</i>	Henson <i>Riley</i>	Nadal <i>Ava</i>	Thunberg <i>Yoan</i>	Johnson <i>Ryan</i>
Turing <i>To be revealed next week!</i>	Nightingale <i>Poppy</i>	Seacole <i>Ollie</i>	Bronte <i>Bow & Hamish</i>	Byron <i>Imaan</i>

Top House Point Earners

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 19



Bulwer 37



Eudo 25



Lytton 23

Y1 Coelho Cali Stesha	Y1 Zephaniah Alma	Y2 Chandi Stanley	Y2 Henson Hannah	Y3 Nadal Theo Sahana	Y3 Thunberg Archie
Y4 Johnson Georgia	Y4 Turing Poppy Imogen	Y5 Nightingale Emily	Y5 Seacole Chloe	Y6 Bronte Ben	Y6 Byron Holly Rosie



This Week's Pencrafters

Luke in Zephaniah Class

Emmie in Seacole Class



Message from The FOKS Team

We are a bit disheartened by the lack of support for the Christmas activities we have organised, so we have made the difficult decision to cancel the morning Pottery Painting session and the 9am Cookie Decorating session. We're really hoping we can fill the remaining sessions before the final booking deadlines of:

Pottery Painting - Midnight TONIGHT (Friday 7 November)

Wreath Workshop - Thursday 13 November

Cookie Decorating - Friday 28 November

Please see posters attached for booking details, or our Facebook events page.

Please do remember, all profits made from FOKS activities go towards funding enriching experiences for the school children and we really can't do this without all parents and carers getting on board with the initiatives we try and run. These Christmas activities are instead of the usual Fayre and discos this year so please do try and attend where you can. We thank you in advance for your support.

My Child's Art order portal is now open too for you to order Christmas cards and gifts with your child's bespoke design on. Details can be found on the flyers given out this week (attached to newsletter too). The 10% Early Bird discount code is valid until Monday 17th November.

Many 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
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.
14 th November	Children in Need Children are invited to wear something yellow and/or spotty along with their school uniform to celebrate Children in Need on Friday 14 th November. Our lovely staff will be on the playground before and after school to collect any donations. Every penny raised will go straight to Children in Need to help make a difference
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 2pm to 3:30pm	FOKS Christmas Pottery Painting Event School Hall
25 th November 9:30 – 10:30am	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 9:30 - 10:30am	Prospective Parents Open Morning



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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 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 <i>12pm – Nursery - a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this.</i> <i>1:10pm – Reception & KS1</i> <i>1:30pm – KS2</i>
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	

