



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

14th November 2025

A message from the Headteacher



On Sunday 13th November, I had the honour and privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of our school community at the Remembrance Service in Old Knebworth, accompanied by Leo and Molly, our Head Boy and Head Girl. It was also lovely to see Harry from Johnson Class laying a wreath on behalf of the Cubs, as well as so many of our pupils attending as part of local community groups such as Rainbows, Cubs, Scouts, and Brownies. They all looked incredibly smart in their uniforms and took part in the service with great respect.

In my Monday Values Assembly, we talked about the significance of Remembrance Day, why we wear poppies, and the meaning behind the different coloured poppies. On Tuesday, classes observed a one-minute silence, pausing to honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of the men and women who have defended our freedoms throughout the years, and to reaffirm our commitment to peace, gratitude, and unity.

Also, on Monday it was Odd Socks Day which brought awareness to the importance of celebrating differences, people's individuality, what makes us all special, and how to show acceptance of others in using kind words and actions. It was so special seeing all the children so proud to wear their Odd Socks on this day. Today, our school was bursting with yellow and spots for Children in Need! Thank you to all the families who donated so generously to support this wonderful cause.



On Wednesday, some children in Year 2 took part in a Superhero Athletics Festival run by Stevenage Sporting Futures Team. This was a fun, superhero themed carousel of athletics activities including running, jumping and throwing. The children had a fantastic time dressed as superheroes. Children in Reception to Year 6 have also enjoyed Kurling over the past two days and it was so clear they enjoyed learning a new sport. A BIG thank you to Miss Hall for organising such a magical sporting experience for the children.

The month of November sees our wonderful Reading Ambassadors and Mrs Cooke taking over the spotlight section in the school library with their book recommendations – I know the children have really enjoyed hearing about books that have been recommended by their peers. Thank you to Austin in Nadal Class,



William in Thunberg Class and Penny in Ayling-Ellis Class for their superb Birthday Books. We cannot wait to read and explore these books within school – they look so magical!





For magical work this week, I have seen Poppy in Turing Class for her writing in RE linked to Sikhism which earned her the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week. I also saw Elysa, Myla, Alexia, Gaia and Ruby in Packham Class for their magical writing – I was so impressed to see their letter formation and sentences. I have also seen Reggie, Isaac, Wrecker and Harry in Johnson Class for their learning about teeth – they all had lots of facts to share with me! Lastly, I have seen Alice in Henson Class for her wonderful use of rhyme and alliteration in her poem and this earned her the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week. I



wonder which children I will see next week!



Can you help?

The Knebworth Village Trust needs to appoint a new Independent Reporting Accountant to undertake the examination of the Trust's accounts following Martin Allen's change of role to Treasurer. If you are a qualified accountant with membership of the ICAEW and could spare the equivalent of around one day's work between mid-February and the end of March, the trust would be very pleased to hear from you. The Trust's accounts are relatively straightforward with the main income being from investments and the main expenditure being grant payments. The Trustees are hoping that someone will come forward who can do this work on a pro bono basis. Please do info@kvt.org.uk if you are able to help.

Join us for our Bedtime Stories event on **Wednesday, 19th November, from 4:30 to 5:30pm!** Pyjamas, comfy clothes, and teddies are warmly welcome. Teachers will be reading stories in their classrooms, FOKs will be serving refreshments, and Next Page Books will be hosting a Book Fair. The library will also be open, with The Reading Ambassadors running fun, reading-themed activities. We can't wait to see you all and share the joy and magic of reading at Knebworth!

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS *Nightingale Class*

Y1 Coelho 98.9%	Y1 Zephaniah 97.9%	Y2 Chandi 91.9%	Y2 Henson 95.9%	Y3 Nadal 95%	Y3 Thunberg 95.1%
Y4 Johnson 97.8%	Y4 Turing 98.8%	Y5 Nightingale 99.5%	Y5 Seacole 97.5%	Y6 Bronte 96.8%	Y6 Byron 96.5%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Teddy & Clemence

Ayling-Ellis
Sophie

Packham
Wren

Coelho
Cali

Zephaniah
To be revealed next week!

Chandi
Leo & Hailey

Henson
Georgie

Nadal
Elsie

Thunberg
Albie

Johnson
Mohsina

Turing
Keira & Frankie

Nightingale
Tuan

Seacole
Chloe

Bronte
Maryfavour

Byron
Harrison

Top House Point Earners

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 27



Bulwer 45



Eudo 27



Lytton 38

Y1 Coelho Denise Isaac	Y1 Zephaniah Dylan Nava Sebastian	Y2 Chandi Robin Edward Zayne	Y2 Henson Sebastian	Y3 Nadal Emily	Y3 Thunberg Ronnie G
Y4 Johnson Harvey	Y4 Turing Bea Sophia	Y5 Nightingale James Emily	Y5 Seacole Ollie	Y6 Bronte Ilda	Y6 Byron Akorede

This Week's Pencrafters

Alice in Henson Class

Poppy in Turing Class



Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Porridge

It's porridge season! Porridge is a brilliant breakfast for children (and adults too). It provides slow, steady energy to help with focus and concentration through the morning, and it's rich in fibre to support healthy digestion.

Start with good-quality oats

Jumbo oats are a great choice because they're less processed and keep you full for longer. Opt for organic oats, which are grown without chemical pesticides or herbicides.

Soak overnight for busy mornings

If mornings are hectic, soak oats in a little milk or water the night before. They'll cook faster, taste creamier and be easier to digest.

Add protein for lasting energy

Make porridge with milk or a plant-based alternative such as soya milk to add extra protein. You can also stir in nut butter, yogurt or sprinkle on some nuts or seeds (such as chopped walnuts, flaxseeds or chia seeds). This helps balance blood sugar and keeps children energised through the morning.

Add fruit for colour and flavour

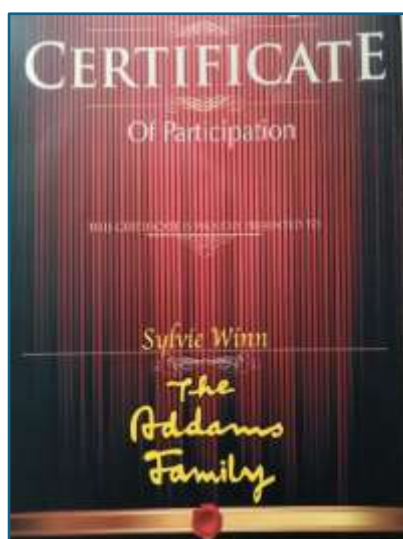
Fruit makes porridge naturally sweet and adds fibre and antioxidants. Try grated apple, banana slices or a few berries. Blueberries are a great choice for school mornings because they're rich in natural plant compounds called anthocyanins, which can help support memory and focus.

Sprinkle in a little cinnamon

Cinnamon not only tastes great but can also help to maintain steady blood sugar levels.



Children's Achievements



Well done to Amelia in Bronte Class who took part in Horizen Invitational competition over the weekend at Salto. She has been working really hard on her performance and we are so pleased to report that she won 3rd place in her category and 1st in the county! A magical achievement Amelia.

Well done to Sylvie in Turing Class who earlier in the summer auditioned for a part in the Rare Productions show *The Addams Family* and was cast in their show at The Gordon Craig Theatre. She rehearsed all summer and performed two shows during half term showing great dedication. We hear the show was incredible – amazing news Sylvie!

Well done to Jack in Bronte Class who achieved his yellow belt in karate over half term. Wonderful news Jack, we are so proud of you!



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
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 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 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 - a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this. 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>	

