



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

24th October 2025

A message from the Headteacher

As I write this week's newsletter, I cannot quite believe that we have come to the end of the first half term of the new academic year! As I reflect on this first half term, it truly has been magical. We started September with the launch of our new redesigned school library which has proved ever so popular with the children. They really are devouring the new books on offer and are using the space as a quiet place to lose themselves in a good book! We have welcomed our new EYFS children and it has been so lovely seeing them settle into the beginnings of their learning journey at Knebworth and we are all so proud of them. We also opened The Beach as part of our OPAL provision which was a real proud moment for Mrs Clayton, Ms Benoit and I. The Beach was hand dug by staff, children and families showing the strong home-school partnership we have at Knebworth and it is so, so joyful seeing the children play so imaginatively in here at lunchtimes. We cannot wait for the magic that Autumn 2 will bring!

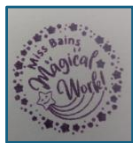


Over this week, many people all around the world including myself have been celebrating the festival of lights - Diwali. This is celebrated for many different reasons and Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists all celebrate. Children across the school have also been engaging in learning activities linked to this special festival. Sebastian in Henson Class and his mummy visited the nursery to talk to the children all about Diwali. They shared photos from their own celebrations, read a story and I know the nursery children and staff really enjoyed this.



Children in Years 1, 2 and 4 took part in a Diwali dance workshop which was thoroughly enjoyed by all and children in Year 1 also made divas with paper plates and created their own rangoli patterns. We wish all of our families who have been celebrating a truly Happy Diwali!

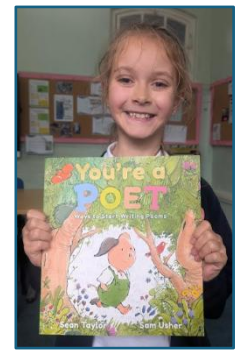
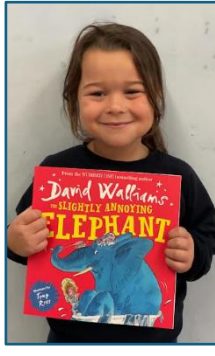
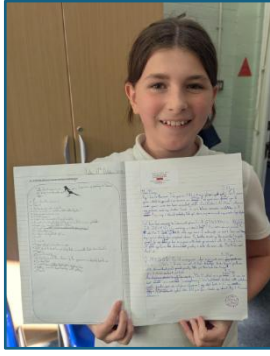
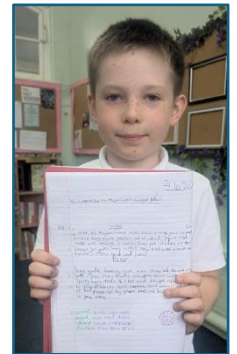
On Monday afternoon, Mrs Clayton and the Year 5 Kindness Ambassadors visited Knebworth Care Home and took part in Halloween biscuit decorating with the residents. This was such a heartwarming activity seeing old and young come together and we know the children had the most wonderful time.



For magical work this week, I have seen Momo and Alfie in Thunberg Class for their wonderful Christmas Card artwork, where they worked so creatively to create a design involving stained glass and baubles. I have seen Kiera, Jayda, Imogen, Sophia, Sylvie, Izzy, Poppy and Noah from Turing Class for their excellent work on the topic of pilgrimages in RE.

They had worked collaboratively in pairs to research this. I have also seen Noah in Chandi Class who shared his wonderful story he had written at home as he had been feeling so inspired to write – it truly was a joy to read. Isaac in Johnson Class proudly shared with me his history learning where he had been exploring how the Anglo Saxons had changed Britain for the better and worse, he had some excellent reasons for and against. I have also seen Sahana in Nadal Class for her excellent poster showing how important it is to be kind and her work has earned a place in one of my new magical learning picture frames! Lastly, I have seen Florence in Bronte Class who wrote a truly exceptional diary entry as an evacuee using informal language which earned her the title of KS2 Pencrifter of the Week and a place in another of my magical frames. Well done to all children I have seen this week – it is always so lovely sharing in your magical learning with you.





Thank you to Sunaya in Henson Class, Ava and Lysander in Ayling-Ellis Class, Kieran in Chandi Class, Nava in Zephaniah Class, Grace in Nightingale Class and Yoan in Thunberg Class for their beautiful Birthday Books. We cannot wait to read and explore these books within school – they look so wonderful! If anyone is looking for a new book to read then do take a look at Book Trust's Great Books Guide 2025-26 – there are some lovely books signposted in here.

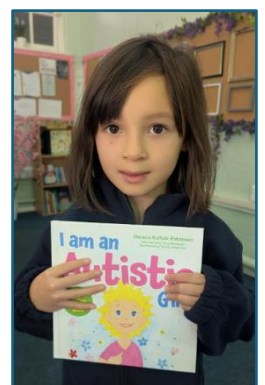
<https://files.booktrust.org.uk/docs/documents/GreatBooksGuide-2025-digital.pdf?v=1757069257>

Today, the wonderful Zoe from Henson Class came to see me, proudly showing a book she had brought to share with her classmates titled "I Am an Autistic Girl." At Knebworth, we are proud to be a No Outsiders school, and it was such a heartwarming moment to see Zoe speak so confidently about autism.

Don't forget our first CommUNITY event of the new school year taking place on **Wednesday 5th November, 9:15 to 10am** for all year groups. This is an opportunity for *one parent or carer per child* to come into school and to take part in some magical science learning. We cannot wait to see you all.

I wish all members of our school community a wonderful and restful half term break. I hope you all have the most wonderful time with your loved ones making special memories. Take care and stay safe and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd November, ready for the magic of Autumn 2!

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS *Turing Class*

Y1 Coelho 98.9%	Y1 Zephaniah 96.8%	Y2 Chandi 95.0%	Y2 Henson 94.3%	Y3 Nadal 94.3%	Y3 Thunberg 90.8%
Y4 Johnson 93.3%	Y4 Turing 100%	Y5 Nightingale 94.1%	Y5 Seacole 97.5%	Y6 Bronte 95.2%	Y6 Byron 91.2%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery <i>Rosalie & Yashane</i>	Ayling-Ellis <i>Ethan</i>	Packham <i>Nolan & Elsie</i>	Coelho <i>Joe</i>	Zephaniah <i>Grace</i>
Chandi <i>Edward</i>	Henson <i>Daisy</i>	Nadal <i>Esmée-Louise</i>	Thunberg <i>Alfie</i>	Johnson <i>Chiedza</i>
Turing <i>Noah & Sophia</i>	Nightingale <i>Shay</i>	Seacole <i>Emmie</i>	Bronte <i>Florence</i>	Byron <i>Zachary</i>

Top House Point Earners

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 67



Bulwer 96



Eudo 119



Lytton 99

Y1 Coelho Zachary Lillie-Mae Dmyana	Y1 Zephaniah Alma Chloe Sam	Y2 Chandi Noah	Y2 Henson Jai	Y3 Nadal Lorelle	Y3 Thunberg Ava
Y4 Johnson Harvey	Y4 Turing Sylvie	Y5 Nightingale Emily	Y5 Seacole Immy	Y6 Bronte Albie	Y6 Byron Violet



This Week's Pencrafters

Maximus in Chandi Class

Florence in Bronte Class



Message from The FOKS Team

It may be closer to Halloween, but Christmas songs have been melodically drifting out from the classrooms this week as the children have been enthusiastically designing their My Child's Art Christmas cards! We'll get them all sorted over half term hopefully, ready for orders to open when we return so you'll have plenty of time to order and send them before the big day.

Talking of Christmas, did you know it's only 62 sleeps away!?! We're trialling some different types of events this year (all linked to wonderful businesses in our community) instead of the usual fayre and discos so, over half term, why not get organised and book on to:

Pottery Painting, Sunday 23 November - in conjunction with 'PotStop', paint a plate for Santa, a mug for all those cosy nights in with hot chocolates, or some decorations to adorn your Christmas tree. We'll bring the goods; you bring the creativity!

Wreath Workshop, Thursday 27 November - one for the adults, with Blue Spruce wreaths and decorations kindly supplied by 'Waste Not, Want Not', make a night of it with friends, wine and artistic merriment for all!

Cookie Decorating, Saturday 13 December - expertly guided by Izzy from 'Izzy's Bakes & Brews', decorate six delicious cookies with Christmas yumminess and sparkle (coffee and cake on sale for the grown-ups to enjoy too!).

All details can be found in the posters attached to this newsletter.

Please do remember, the more you support FOKS's initiatives, the more we can support the school and your child with exciting and fulfilling opportunities. New books, new equipment, subsidising the Y6 Harry Potter trip, swimming and Bikeability have all been allocated for this and next term so we need your help to keep the fundraising going.

Thank you,

Liz & Katie



Children's Achievements



Well done to Edward in Thunberg Class who was awarded the chief scout Bronze Award which is the highest award you can achieve in Beavers. He has worked so, so hard to achieve this and we are all so very, very proud of him – well done!

Well done to Alma in Zephaniah Class and Daisy in Coelho Class who were awarded 2nd place in their Acro Gymnastics competition at the weekend. They were the youngest competitors and did their club (Horizen Academy of Gymnastics), their coaches and us so, so proud!



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
27 th October to 31 st October	October Half Term (School Closed)
w/c 3rd 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 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	Year 1 Christmas Show to Parents & Carers



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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 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 <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>

