



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

28th November 2025

A message from the Headteacher



The Christmas spirit has most definitely been in full swing throughout the school this week. Classrooms, corridors and communal areas are glowing with festive decorations, children are spreading kindness, and preparations for upcoming Christmas performances are filling us all with joy.

For those parents and carers with children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 you will have received communication this morning about booking tickets for these shows. To follow health and safety guidance and ensure there is enough space in the hall or nursery, **each child is allocated two tickets only** for their show. Please sign up for your tickets ASAP in The Arbor Shop. There is no booking required for the KS2 Carol Concert. We cannot wait to see you all later this term for these magical performances!

On Monday, children in Year 2 took part in The Christmas Journey at St Peter's Church. During this visit they found out more about the Nativity story and felt inspired to tell their own version in their Christmas Show. We are incredibly proud of all of the Year 2 children, who listened respectfully throughout and took part in all of the activities responsibly. They represented Knebworth beautifully. Well done Year 2! A BIG thank you to all the adults who accompanied Year 2 during both the morning and afternoon trip and made it such a success! To continue the Christmas theme, Mrs Clayton and some Year 3 children visited Knebworth Care Home to take part in some letter writing to Santa. The children worked so wonderfully with the residents on their letters and it was so lovely seeing young and old working together.



Miss Breckenridge took a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to The Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Rowing Festival on Tuesday. Each child rowed 250 metres, working together to achieve an impressive collective distance of 2000 metres. Teamwork was essential during the changeovers, and we are incredibly proud of how brilliantly each child performed. Also, this week - well done to the Girls Football Team who won their football match 4-0. We are so proud of you all! Thank you to both Miss Breckenridge and Mr Williams for facilitating two wonderful sporting experiences for the children.



This week, I had the pleasure of showing two members of staff from a local school around our magical OPAL lunchtime provision, as they are hoping to introduce OPAL at their own setting. Our visitors were full of praise for the wide range of activities available and were particularly impressed by how happy and engaged our children were during lunchtime. A big well done to The Play Team for their continued hard work and dedication to making OPAL such a success in our school.

In recent OPAL assemblies, Mrs Clayton has been talking to the children about scooters and balance bikes which is the next exciting step in our school's OPAL journey. This will be launched on *Wednesday 3rd December* - please do have a read of the separate communication that was sent earlier today regarding this.

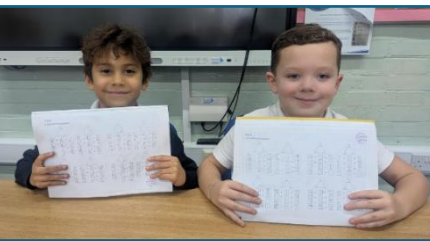
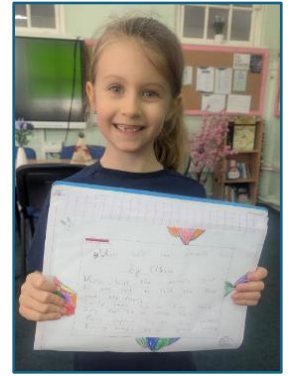
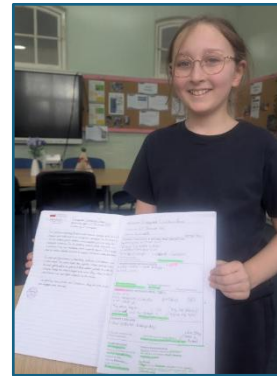
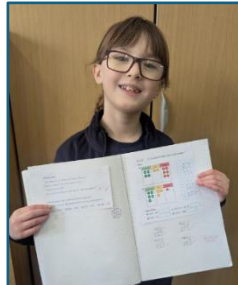
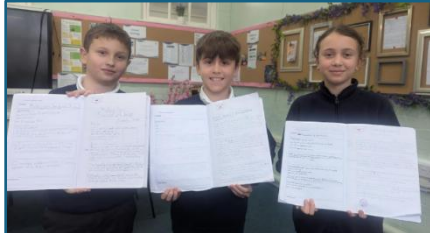


As we move further into the wet and muddy months of the school year, and children continue to enjoy full autonomy over their lunchtime play and the areas they choose to explore, it will be necessary for all pupils to keep a spare change of school clothes—including socks—on their peg or in their locker. This will ensure they have something dry to change into for the afternoon and are comfortable when accessing afternoon learning. If your child is particularly prone to accessing the muddier activities then a pair of waterproof trousers would be a wonderful idea!

Lastly, a date for your diaries. Some of you may have remembered that this January we opened up the school at lunchtime for parents and carers to come in and see our OPAL provision in action. We will be doing the same again next year so please do add **9th January 2026** to your diaries. This will be for children in Reception to Year 6 with further information to follow next week.



For magical work this week, I have seen Koby-Rae, Samuel and Polly from Bronte Class for their excellent, factual newspaper reports linked to their WW2 topic – these were a real pleasure to read. I have seen Bronte in Thunberg Class for her wonderful maths learning on addition and subtraction and she used her new found skills to skilfully solve some tricky maths problems. I have seen Skyler for her magical poster all about the importance of keeping safe online, it was so clear she had worked incredibly hard and was proud of her final efforts. Ezra in Nightingale Class has been crowned the KS2 Pencrafter of the Week for her excellent newspaper report inspired by The WW1 Christmas Truce. She has written in a creative yet formal tone which hooks the reader and I was so impressed that once her report is finished a copy will be placed, pride of place, in one of the magical work frames in my office! I have seen Ellena in Chandi Class for her fantastically written list poem with amazing rhyming words and use of alliteration which has earned her the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week! Lastly, I have seen Ziggy and Archie in Thunberg Class for their maths learning focussed on using the inverse operations. The boys had worked so well on using number sentences and their maths knowledge to complete their task and were rightly so proud of their efforts. Lastly, it truly was so magical seeing all of the children this week and celebrating in your learning.



Thank you to Arlie in Zephaniah Class and Keir in Coelho Class for the wonderful Birthday Books they have donated to the school – we cannot wait to read and share these.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone. I am sure I will see some of you at the Light Switch On - I am so looking forward to seeing the children perform!

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS *Johnson Class*

Y1 Coelho 93.9%	Y1 Zephaniah 96.1%	Y2 Chandi 92.7%	Y2 Henson 93.7%	Y3 Nadal 90.1%	Y3 Thunberg 96.7%
Y4 Johnson 100%	Y4 Turing 97.6%	Y5 Nightingale 98.1%	Y5 Seacole 90%	Y6 Bronte 90.4%	Y6 Byron 98.5%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Ellie & Noah

Ayling-Ellis
Penny

Packham
Hallie

Coelho
Isaac

Zephaniah
Nava

Chandi
Emilia

Henson
Barney

Nadal
Alexia

Thunberg
To be revealed at a later date

Johnson
Thea

Turing
Klara

Nightingale
Grace

Seacole
Jessica

Bronte
Alfie

Byron
To be revealed next week.

Top House Point Earners

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 30



Bulwer 34



Eudo 32



Lytton 28

Y1 Coelho Violet Ezra	Y1 Zephaniah Elliot Rudi	Y2 Chandi Maximus	Y2 Henson Olivia	Y3 Nadal Emily Zachary	Y3 Thunberg Evie
Y4 Johnson Isobella	Y4 Turing Imogen	Y5 Nightingale Annie Maya	Y5 Seacole Chloe	Y6 Bronte Bow	Y6 Byron Molly Lily-Rose



This Week's Pencrafters

Ellena in Chandi Class
Ezra in Nightingale Class



Message from The FOKS Team

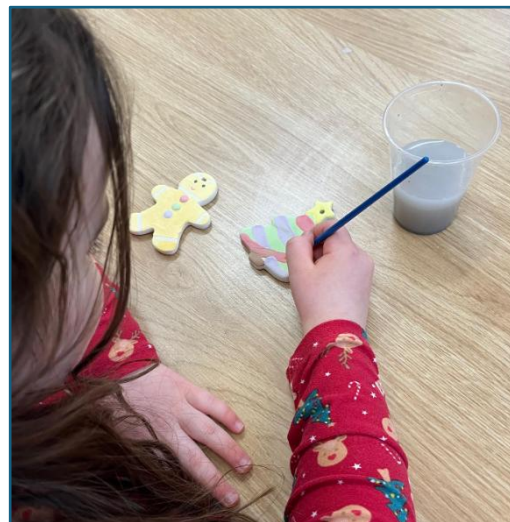


It's been Christmas central at the FOKS HQ this week and we are loving it! Last Sunday, we welcomed some creative families to our pottery painting session, kindly supported by 'PotStop', where plates, mugs and Christmas decorations received a festive 'glow up'. Then last night, amidst the smells of mulled wine, dried oranges and fresh fir tree, we hosted a wonderful wreath workshop supported by 'Waste Not, Want Not'. There will be a few doors across Knebworth and Stevenage with an extra touch of Christmas sparkle on today!

Unfortunately, Izzy from 'Izzy's Bakes and Brews' has had to pull out of leading the Cookie Decorating Workshop on Saturday 13th December. As a committee, we felt we couldn't do the event justice without the expert guidance, delicious cookies and venue that Izzy was going to provide, so we have made the decision to cancel the event completely. All attendees have been refunded but if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

That means our last bit of Christmas fundraising is at the 'Knebworth Lights Switch On' tonight. Please come and support our stall on the Church Green from 5pm - we've got games, lucky dip, refreshments and a Christmas pocket money shop! There will also be a stall run by some wonderful children in Y4 in the Church Hall so please do support where you can.

Thank you, Liz & Katie



Children's Achievements



Well done to Oliver and James in Nightingale Class who completed the Stevenage Scout Night Hike! The route was just over 8.5 miles and they completed various challenges on the way round. One of the challenges was a first aid scenario where they had to show what to do in an emergency situation. It rained all evening so they arrived back to base very wet and tired over an hour before their estimated ETA! Well done boys, we

are so proud of you both!

Well done to Ava in Packham Class who received a trophy at her ballet presentation at the weekend for her commitment and hard work in her ballet classes. Magical news Ava - 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
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 - <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>	

