



## Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

16th January 2026

### A message from the Headteacher

Over the past two weeks, the children and I have spent time in assemblies exploring the importance of our school values. In particular, we discussed why our values of **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience** matter so much. The children shared some thoughtful and insightful responses, and here is a snapshot of what they told us:

*Our school values...*

*Keep us safe,*

*Keep us happy and show us how to be kind,*

*Allow us to learn,*

*Make us responsible for our actions,*

*Show us how we can learn from our mistakes and help us become responsible as we get older,*

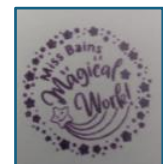
*Give us all something in common and unite us as one school community.*

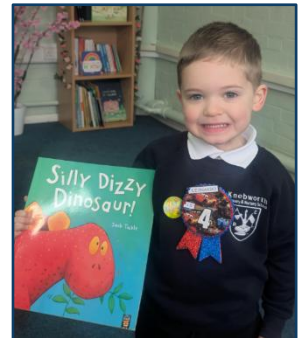
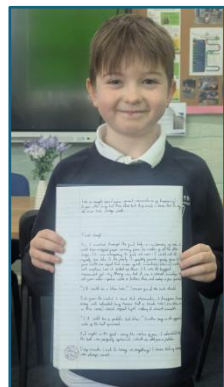
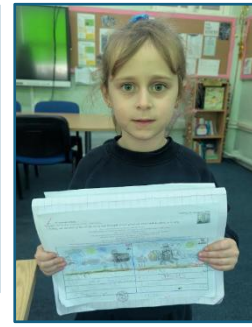
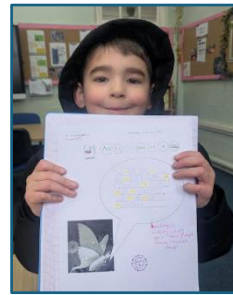
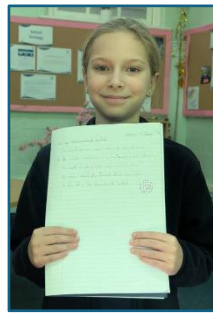
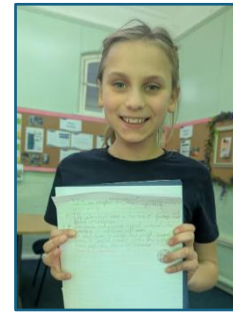
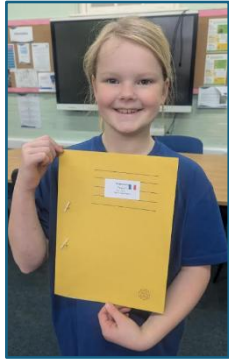
We also talked about how it feels when our values are not always followed and which value the children would most like to focus on in the year ahead. The children were incredibly open and honest in sharing their thoughts and articulated their reasons extremely well. Well done to all!



Today, Year 5 took part in a "distractions" session, which is based around road safety. The children discussed pedestrian dangers and how gadgets can be a distraction when walking. The instructor demonstrated this practically with an exercise, highlighting how unaware we can be when on our devices. He also commented how well the children engaged through the session and how detailed they answered his questions. Well done Year 5!

This week, during our magical learning, I was delighted to see Francesca in Nightingale Class, who proudly shared her wonderful French learning - I was particularly impressed by her strong written understanding of the French language. Reuben, Mohsina, Georgia, Coco and Luyanda in Johnson Class shared with me their beautiful art work using silhouettes as part of our Take One Book project. Immy and Hannah in Seacole Class came to share their excellent English learning where they had been learning how to use similes and metaphors effectively and their writing was such a joy to read. In Turing Class, Miss Dimmock was so impressed with the whole class's artwork that I popped into the class to see everyone's artwork which they were so proud to share with me. Lucas in Henson Class shared his excellent use of finger spaces when writing speech as part of English and it was so lovely to see how proud he was of his progress in this area. Cece in Coelho Class shared her thoughtful evaluation of our Take One Book text and explained what she liked and disliked in this story and this has earned her the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week – well done! Grace in Zephaniah Class proudly shared with me her wonderful use of adjectives and feelings within sentences and she went above and beyond with the number of sentences she wrote! Lastly, Hamish in Bronte Class has earned the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week for his superb writing where he had to write in the style of a podcast from the perspective of a worm linked to our Take One Book – I was so impressed with his use of ambitious vocabulary and his writing style – well done Hamish!





Thank you to Abigail and Flora in Ayling-Ellis Class, Ava in Packham Class and Arnie and Leonardo in Nursery for donating such beautiful Birthday Books to the school – we cannot wait to read and explore these in school!

Lastly, we know how challenging it can be to keep up with the fast-changing digital world that our children navigate every day. Dame Rachel de Souza, the Children’s Commissioner for England, has produced a helpful guide for parents and carers to support you with this. The guide aims to make conversations about children’s digital lives easier and to help you feel confident in supporting your child. Please do take the time to have a look - <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and thank you all for your continued support of the school – we really do have the most magical school community!

Best Wishes,  
Miss Bains



DEEP ROOTS

RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RESILIENCE



Attendance Cup



WINNERS: *Johnson Class*

Y1 Coelho 97.5%	Y1 Zephaniah 95.2%	Y2 Chandi 92.7%	Y2 Henson 95.0%	Y3 Nadal 90.4%	Y3 Thunberg 93.1%
Y4 Johnson 100%	Y4 Turing 98.1%	Y5 Nightingale 96.2%	Y5 Seacole 96.7%	Y6 Bronte 95.6%	Y6 Byron 99.2%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery  
*Cedric & Ivy*

Ayling-Ellis  
*Mia-Rose*

Packham  
*Takara*

Coelho  
*Dmyana*

Zephaniah  
*Sebastian*

Chandi  
*Emilia*

Henson  
*Fabian*

Nadal  
*George*

Thunberg  
*To be revealed next week!*

Johnson  
*Luyanda*

Turing  
*Hattie*

Nightingale  
*Annie*

Seacole  
*Hannah*

Bronte  
*Ilda & Koby-Rae*

Byron  
*Jack*

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 24



Bulwer 39



Eudo 28



Lytton 33

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Denise Dottie	Y1 Zephaniah Knox Holly	Y2 Chandi Stanley	Y2 Henson Arthur	Y3 Nadal Giovanni	Y3 Thunberg Ava
Y4 Johnson Chiedza	Y4 Turing Izzy	Y5 Nightingale Violet	Y5 Seacole Immy	Y6 Bronte Benjamin	Y6 Byron Violet

This Week's Pencrafters

*Cece in Coelho Class*  
*Hamish in Bronte Class*



## Children's Achievements



A huge well done to Coco and Isla in Turing Class on their Cheer debut for Crush last weekend. Their polished routine showed fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm – we are so proud of them both!



## Key Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2026

Details for upcoming events will be sent nearer the time where and when applicable  
New/amended dates are highlighted in yellow

Date/Time	Event
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Young Voices Choir Trip to The O2
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 5 Trip to Stem Centre
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter Studios
4 <sup>th</sup> February 3:20 to 6pm	Take One Book Exhibition A chance for parents and carers to come into school to see their child's magical work on display!
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Virtual Reality (VR) Workshops for Years 3 to 5 Using cutting-edge virtual reality headsets, children will be able to explore different geographical locations and environments from around the world - all from the comfort of their classroom! Separate letter to follow.
16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term (School Closed)
24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>NO WRAPAROUND CARE OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b>  As part of our statutory requirements, all staff and volunteers will be undertaking safeguarding training after school on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February.  As a result, unfortunately, we are unable to run any after school clubs or wraparound care on this date. If your child normally stays after school, please do make alternative arrangements for this date.
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Children are invited to come to school dressed in any of the following ways - in full fancy dress as a character from a book, in their pyjamas with their favourite book or wearing their school uniform with their favourite book. We are looking forward to having an array of reading events on offer for the children.
6 <sup>th</sup> March 9:15 to 10am	Geography CommUNITY Event A chance for one parent per child to come into school to experience the magic of Geography at Knebworth.
14 <sup>th</sup> March 10am to 12pm	Litter Pick with Knebworth Environmental Group A voluntary litter pick throughout the village and school. Do come along to help keep Knebworth clean and tidy!
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Trip to St Albans Cathedral
23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Bikeability Children in Year 4 will be offered the opportunity to take part in a Level 1 Bikeability session which focuses on key cycling skills.
24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40 – 6:40pm	Parents Evening Spring Term 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 progress as we reach the end of the second term of the academic year.
27 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>Spring Term Ends</b></p> <p>12pm – Nursery - a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this.</p> <p>1:10pm – Reception &amp; KS1</p> <p>1:20pm – KS2</p>
27 <sup>th</sup> March	<p><b>FOKS Non-Uniform Day</b></p> <p>Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on this day for a £1 donation to FOKS. Our fantastic FOKS team will be on the playground before and after school to collect donations. All funds raised will go directly towards enrichment activities and resources for the children.</p>
13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>INSET Day (School Closed)</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Summer Term Begins</b>

