



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

23rd January 2026

A message from the Headteacher

This week's newsletter must begin with a special mention of our truly magical KS2 Choir and their participation in the Young Voices concert at The O2 on Wednesday. This event is always a highlight of our musical calendar, and once again our children, along with Mr Williams, deserve huge applause for their dedication, enthusiasm, and outstanding performance. To capture the excitement of the evening, I asked Gabryella in Brontë Class to write a news report about the concert. Here is her wonderful account:

Going to The O2 was very fun. You get to sing, dance and talk with lots of people. The coach ride was amazing, we listened to songs, got to play with cards and a lot of other things. The first thing we did was eat our food when we arrived and that was my second favourite part of the day.

It was cold when we first arrived but then it became warmer as the day went on. We all got to see famous people at The O2 and one of them used to be in the choir. We sung lots of different songs, we got to dance, our parents came to see us and we all shined our little torch lights which shined so bright into the audience. Our t-shirts were also really cool, there were stars on them which glowed in the dark and that was my favourite part of the day! The good thing is that the concert changes every year with different songs so it is always such a wonderful opportunity each year. Thank you, Gabryella!

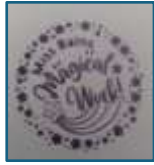


I also received a lovely email from one of our parents, which I would like to share with you below. "I just wanted to send a message to say thank you so much to everyone involved in organising and taking the kids to Young Voices last night. It's such an amazing opportunity for the children and my child had the best time ever. It's an experience she'll never forget. Thank you so much to Mr Williams for putting in so much hard work to make it happen." It is always so lovely to receive such positive compliments from our parent community. A BIG thank you to Mr Williams, Mr Shostak, Mrs Chambers and Mrs Wallace-Poultney for supervising the children on the day – this is so appreciated.

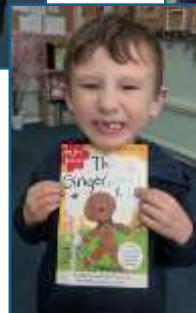
Also on Wednesday, I met with Liz and Katie, our wonderful Co-Chairs of FOKS, who shared some fantastic ideas for fundraising this term. Please do keep an eye out for their communications — their hard work and fundraising efforts are so, so appreciated.

On Thursday, Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the STEM Centre, which linked perfectly with their current science topic on space. The children were exceptionally well behaved and enthusiastic throughout the day, fully engaging in a range of practical activities - that explored the engineering and physics behind space exploration. They built a model to demonstrate how the Earth rotates around the Sun, learned about the Mars Rover, and even watched engineers testing new prototypes – wow! The children were fantastic and were a brilliant representation for our school so much so that one of the staff members at the STEM Centre passed on the following feedback - "Your children are very well behaved and polite. It is a great advertisement for the school." Well done to Year 5 — we know you are fantastic ambassadors for our school, and it is even more special when this is recognised by those beyond our school community.





This week, during magical learning, I have seen Emily, Ava and Emmeline in Nadal Class, Jude, Jessica, Aoife and Imogen in Seacole Class and Ronnie in Chandi Class for their magical recount/diary writing as part of Take One Book. All children wrote so excellently, and from the viewpoint of insects and I could not be prouder of the creativity and imagination in their writing. Jude and Ronnie's writing was so impressive that they have been awarded KS2 and KS1 Pencrafter of the Week and Emmeline's writing has been given pride of place in one of my magical frames – well done! I have also seen Savannah, Poppy and Brooke in Nightingale Class for their superb posters linked to road safety following on from their Distractions session – these are so wonderful and deliver such an important message – well done! Well done to Shay in Nightingale Class for his brilliant sketch of a marble linked to Take One Book – I was so impressed with his shading and tone! I have seen Marty in Seacole Class for his computing work where he combined many images to create a stop motion animation – fantastic work Marty! Lastly, I also seen Roxanne in Thunberg Class who has been using her Free to be Me mindfulness time to engage in some creative writing and it has been so lovely seeing her so inspired to write! What a magical week of learning!



Thank you to Teddy in Nursery, Charlie in Coelho Class, Mia in Bronte Class and Riley in Henson Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to the school – we cannot wait to read and explore these.

This week in assemblies and in our Wellbeing lessons, KS2 have been focusing on the subject of bullying. They have been exploring what bullying is, how it differs from one-off unkind behaviour, how victims may feel, and the knock-on effects this can have on individuals and the wider community. Staff have discussed the importance of children speaking out if they or others are experiencing bullying, knowing who their trusted adults are, and understanding that bullying—whether in person or online—is never acceptable. Through discussion and reflection, children have been encouraged to show our No Outsiders ethos of empathy, kindness and courage, and to recognise the role we all play in making our school a safe, respectful and inclusive place for everyone. Please do talk to your children at home about this, so that we can continue to maintain a strong home–school partnership when addressing this important topic.



Francesca in Nightingale Class will be selling some bracelets in school on **Monday 2nd February** to raise money for the school — how kind and thoughtful! If your child would like to purchase one, please feel free to send them in with some money. Bracelets will be £2 each.

Thank you to, Aubrey Holt, for his dedication and support in his role as a school governor at Knebworth over the last few years – we are truly grateful for all that he has done for our school community and wish him all the best for the future now that he has stepped away from The Governing Body.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Nightingale Class*

Y1 Coelho 99.6%	Y1 Zephaniah 91.9%	Y2 Chandi 96.5%	Y2 Henson 96.0%	Y3 Nadal 91.9%	Y3 Thunberg 92.7%
Y4 Johnson 97.8%	Y4 Turing 93.8%	Y5 Nightingale 100%	Y5 Seacole 97.9%	Y6 Bronte 93.2%	Y6 Byron 97.7%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Jude & Sienna

Ayling-Ellis
Archie

Packham
Alexia

Coelho
Edward

Zephaniah
To be revealed next week!

Chandi
Maximus

Henson
Olivia

Nadal
Giovanni

Thunberg
Archie & Jessica

Johnson
Alban

Turing
Arlo

Nightingale
James

Seacole
Reggie

Bronte
Gabryella

Byron
To be revealed next week!

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 76



Bulwer 66



Eudo 53



Lvtton 81

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Cali Violet	Y1 Zephaniah Luke Grace B	Y2 Chandi Caia Stanley	Y2 Henson Arthur	Y3 Nadal Giovanni George	Y3 Thunberg Momo
Y4 Johnson Hannah Harry	Y4 Turing Seb	Y5 Nightingale Violet Annie Shay	Y5 Seacole Esme Imogen	Y6 Bronte Mia	Y6 Byron Akorede Violet

This Week's Pencrafters

Ronnie in Chandi Class
Jude in Seacole Class



Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Cranberry Banana Bread

This cranberry banana bread is a simple, family friendly bake that works well for lunchboxes or an afternoon snack. It uses naturally sweet ripe bananas with dried cranberries for a balance of flavours and is a lovely recipe to make with children.

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Sugar
- 1/3 cup Butter (room temperature)
- 2 very ripe Bananas, mashed
- 1/4 cup Milk
- 2 Eggs
- 240 g Plain Flour
- 2 tsp Baking Powder
- 3/4 cup Dried Cranberries
- 1/2 tsp Sea Salt

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 175°C and line a loaf tin with baking paper.
2. In a mixing bowl, whisk together the sugar and butter until well combined.
3. Mix in the mashed bananas, milk and eggs until incorporated.
4. Add the flour, baking powder and salt, then gently fold in the dried cranberries.
5. Transfer the batter to the loaf tin and bake for approximately one hour, or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. If the top browns too quickly, cover loosely with foil.
6. Allow to cool before slicing.

Enjoy!



Children's Achievements

The Draxler children have been looking after our community this week by litter picking and Verity said, "We don't want the rubbish to go down to the sea and hurt the animals!" Thank you to The Draxler Family for being so responsible in our community, you are so kind!



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
26 th January	Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter Studios
4 th 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 th 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 th to 20 th February	Half Term (School Closed)
24 th February	NO WRAPAROUND CARE OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS As part of our statutory requirements, all staff and volunteers will be undertaking safeguarding training after school on Tuesday 24 th 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 th 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 th 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 th 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 th March	Year 3 Trip to St Albans Cathedral
23 rd March – 26 th 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 th and 25 th 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 th March	Spring Term Ends





	<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 & KS1</p> <p>1:20pm – KS2</p>
27 th March	<p>FOKS Non-Uniform Day</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 th April	INSET Day (School Closed)
14 th April	Summer Term Begins

