



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

30th January 2026

A message from the Headteacher

This week started in the most magical way with the Year 6 trip to The Harry Potter Studios Tour, which I was lucky enough to accompany! The children (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed learning how a book series was transformed into a world-famous film franchise. They were amazed by the incredible level of detail in the props and sets, and many of the children have returned inspired to read the first book — even those who have already read it before! Here are some quotes from the children about their experience - *"It was great seeing everything and even better as I love Harry Potter"* said Alfie, *"It was a really good experience and I would really recommend it to anyone who hasn't been there"* said Molly and *"I loved the dragon the most,"* said Rosie. A BIG thank you to The Year 6 team and all the adult helpers who accompanied the children on the day and helped make it such a memorable experience.



Also, on Monday, Nursery had a visit from Little City — a mobile role-play city that allowed the children to fully immerse themselves in their own world. There was a post office, vets, supermarket, hairdressers, dentist and many more experiences for the children to explore. Both the children and adults had an amazing time. *Sienna said, "We're being dentists and looking after teeth,"* and *Marley shared, "I'm making cakes for the shop."* A BIG thank you to Miss Leatham for organising this magical experience for the children — they absolutely loved it!

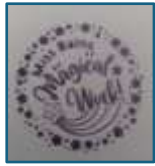
On Tuesday, Year 4 took part in a mental wellbeing workshop run by The Stevenage Sporting Futures Team. The children learned how different foods help us both physically and mentally, as well as the importance of maintaining a balanced diet — this included enjoying a fruit kebab! They also explored having a positive self-image and discussed things they are proud of themselves and their bodies for. *"I liked the tasks that we did — particularly the star jump movement break,"* said Finley, and *"I liked trying the food,"* said Alfie. Thank you to the Year 4 Team for organising such an important learning opportunity for the children.

A group of our Year 4 children will be running a bake sale after school on **6th February**, kindly giving their time and effort to raise money for the school – how thoughtful of them! Please do head over to their stall on the playground and show your support by picking up a tasty treat.

In addition, Francesca in Nightingale Class will now be selling her handmade bracelets during the **Take One Book Exhibition on 4th February**, so be sure to stop by if you'd like to purchase a bracelet (or two!).



It is always a pleasure to see our children's entrepreneurial spirit in action, and we are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm, creativity and generosity they show in raising funds for the school.



This week, for magical learning, I have seen Immy in Seacole Class for her superb science work, where she explained the movement and shapes of the moon using such wonderful vocabulary. I have also seen Bluebelle in Seacole Class for her excellent mathematical work, showing superb resilience when multiplying fractions. Emmie in Seacole Class came to share a lovely poster she had made about the school and all the things she enjoys.

Lastly, Caia in Chandi Class shared her wonderful work on multiplication, and it was so lovely to see how proud she was of her learning.



Thank you to Poppy in Nightingale Class and Luke in Zephaniah Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to the school – both of their book choices look utterly wonderful. We are also pleased to announce that our Birthday Books now have their very own section in the school library so that children from across the school can read and enjoy these books when they are in the library!

The next Messy Church session will be taking place at St Martin's Church Parish Centre on Friday 6th February from 3.00pm. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun crafts, story time and a delicious hot dinner, which we will share together. A small donation on entry would be greatly appreciated. Reverend King would be delighted to see as many of you there as possible, and we hope lots of families will be able to join us for this enjoyable and relaxed session.



Yesterday, we held our annual Take One Book Celebration Assembly. Teachers had the tricky job of selecting just three children per class for the Best Writer, Endeavour, and Progress awards across Years 1–6. The excitement was electric as winners were announced and it was so wonderful to see children celebrating their peers with so much pride. Congratulations to all our award winners - see the table below for the names. After the assembly, Miss O'Reilly and a school governor reviewed the winners' writing and carefully chose twelve children to represent Knebworth School at the North Herts Take One Book Awards Evening. Invitations were shared in class today—look for the names highlighted in purple below. We can't wait for the Awards Evening next week! Don't forget: our Take One Book Exhibition is on **Wednesday 4th February, 3:20–6:00 pm**.

Come along to celebrate the magical learning from every child—we are so proud of everyone's hard work and creativity! A HUGE thank you to Miss O'Reilly for her outstanding organisation of this year's project – once again, it has been a truly magical success!





Class Name	Best Writer	Endeavour	Progress
Coelho	<i>Reggie</i>	<i>Lillie-Mae</i>	<i>Una</i>
Zephaniah	<i>Alma</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Yuven</i>
Chandi	<i>Edward</i>	<i>Nathan</i>	<i>Freya</i>
Henson	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Toby</i>	<i>Georgie</i>
Nadal	<i>Emmeline</i>	<i>Hugo</i>	<i>Elias</i>
Thunberg	<i>Jessie</i>	<i>Archie</i>	<i>Pascal</i>
Turing	<i>Imogen</i>	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>Hattie</i>
Johnson	<i>Mohsina</i>	<i>Reuben</i>	<i>Wrecker</i>
Seacole	<i>Aoife</i>	<i>Imogen B</i>	<i>Jude</i>
Nightingale	<i>Ezra</i>	<i>Francesca</i>	<i>Varya</i>
Byron	<i>Sofia</i>	<i>Violet</i>	<i>Zachary</i>
Bronte	<i>Mia</i>	<i>Reggie</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>

Following parental feedback, we are considering adjusting drop-off and pick-up times to better accommodate families with siblings therefore we kindly ask all parents and carers to complete this short survey: <https://forms.gle/Z3hNpsqrUqm2DqnX8>

The deadline for responses is **11th February**. After this date a decision will be made and implemented after the February Half Term break.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Turing Class*

Y1 Coelho 90.7%	Y1 Zephaniah 91.1%	Y2 Chandi 90.0%	Y2 Henson 92.0%	Y3 Nadal 95.0%	Y3 Thunberg 96.7%
Y4 Johnson 97.4%	Y4 Turing 99.2%	Y5 Nightingale 97.6%	Y5 Seacole 92.5%	Y6 Bronte 95.6%	Y6 Byron 91.9%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Louisa & Freddie

Ayling-Ellis
Ava

Packham
Lyra

Coelho
Daisy

Zephaniah
Arlie & Isabelle

Chandi
To be revealed next week

Henson
Daisy

Nadal
Roisin

Thunberg
Olivia

Johnson
Coco

Turing
Bea

Nightingale
Francesca

Seacole
Avery

Bronte
Jamymah

Byron
Shakur & Sofia

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 34



Bulwer 65



Eudo 50



Lvtton 46

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Sofia Arthur R	Y1 Zephaniah Chloe Yuven	Y2 Chandi Noah Caia	Y2 Henson Zoe	Y3 Nadal Adam	Y3 Thunberg William
Y4 Johnson Harry	Y4 Turing Henry Izzy	Y5 Nightingale Poppy Violet Mia	Y5 Seacole Chloe	Y6 Bronte Harry Leo Polly	Y6 Byron Lily-Rose

This Week's Pencrafters
To continue next week



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
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 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 1:20pm – KS2
27 th March	FOKS Non-Uniform Day 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.
13 th April	INSET Day (School Closed)
14 th April	Summer Term Begins

