



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

6th February 2026

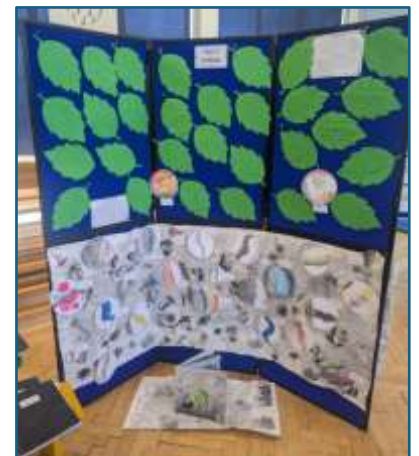
A message from the Headteacher



The week started with Mrs Clayton and our KS2 Reading Ambassadors visiting Knebworth Care Home to read with the residents as part of National Storytelling Week. The children shared a range of stories and poems, sparking lovely conversations and smiles all round, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the special opportunity to read together. Well done to everyone involved.

This week, Miss Breckenridge accompanied a range of KS2 children to Sportshall Athletics and Basketball Festivals organised by The Stevenage Sporting Futures Team (SSFT). All children had the most magical time taking part in these competitive sporting events, showcasing their superb sporting skills. We are delighted to announce that Knebworth School received the School Games Values Award for **Passion and Respect** at these festivals and were recognised above other schools for demonstrating these important values. Well done to all children involved, and a BIG thank you to Miss Breckenridge for continuing to inspire our children in the field of sport – we are so, so lucky to have you!

Thank you to all those in our school community who attended our Take One Book Exhibition on Wednesday evening. It was so lovely seeing families share and celebrate their children's wonderful art and writing. This year's text, *It Fell From the Sky*, really did capture the children's imagination and we are so, so proud of each and every child's contribution to our exhibition. The enthusiasm, creativity and thoughtful responses on display were a true reflection of the children's engagement with the story, and the hard work of both pupils and staff made the evening such a special celebration of learning. Miss O'Reilly and I had the honour of attending the Stevenage & North Herts Schools Writing Awards ceremony last night, alongside 12 incredibly lucky



children who were chosen to represent our school. Each child received a medal and certificate on stage in recognition of their truly magical writing during this project, and we could not be prouder of them.



Some of you may have noticed Francesca, Grace, Bella H, Brooke and Finley in Nightingale selling bracelets and bookmarks over the last few days. They raised an amazing £46.70, which they have so kindly donated to the school for OPAL resources. We are incredibly proud of their initiative, creativity and generosity, and would like to thank them for supporting our school in such a thoughtful way.

WiseUp to Switching Off – Free Digital Detox for Families

We're sharing this free, printable resource from WiseUp to support families in creating healthier, more balanced screen habits at home. *WiseUp to Switching Off* encourages positive conversations around screen use and wellbeing, helping children and parents find balance together. Download here if you are interested: <https://team.wiseup-teambuilding.co.uk/landing-page-page>



This week, for magical learning, I have seen Amelia in Johnson Class for her excellent travel brochure persuading people to visit Paris. I was really impressed with her use of paragraphs and headings, her facts and use of alliteration to draw the reader in and this earned her the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week! I have also seen Ollie, Imogen and Chloe in Seacole Class for their Science writing where they were all considering whether there is life on Mars – they all had compelling reasons for and against and their writing was a real pleasure to read! Chloe in Zephaniah Class shared with me her fantastic, descriptive sentences where she really impressed us all with her use of adjectives and this has earned her the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week! Magical work everyone!



Thank you to Wren in Packham Class and Roxanne in Thunberg Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to the school – both of their book choices look so, so wonderful. We are also pleased to announce that our February Book Spotlight is up and running! Mrs Cooke has chosen to highlight non-fiction and stories with a historical or scientific theme which the children have enjoyed exploring. Thank you, Mrs Cooke!



Thank you to all those parents and carers who have already answered our short survey around a proposal to adjust drop-off and pick-up times to better accommodate families with siblings. The survey closes on **11th February** so please do provide your thoughts so we can make an informed decision:

<https://forms.gle/Z3hNpsqrUqm2DqnX8>





Lastly, some of you may have noticed a new face in the office this week. We warmly welcome Miss Loveland-Edgar to the team, who is joining us as our Office Administrator. We are delighted to have her with us and look forward to working with her as she settles into her new role.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Johnson Class*

Y1 Coelho 94.3%	Y1 Zephaniah 92.2%	Y2 Chandi 96.5%	Y2 Henson 91.0%	Y3 Nadal 93.8%	Y3 Thunberg 95.8%
Y4 Johnson 99.6%	Y4 Turing 98.8%	Y5 Nightingale 98.1%	Y5 Seacole 97.1%	Y6 Bronte 93.6%	Y6 Byron 92.3%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Years 1 to 6 to continue next week

Nursery
*Liam &
Emily*

Ayling-Ellis
Riley

Packham
Ruby

HOUSE POINTS



Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Arthur R Harrison	Y1 Zephaniah Joshua	Y2 Chandi Ellena	Y2 Henson Hannah	Y3 Nadal Hugo	Y3 Thunberg George
Y4 Johnson Harry Poppy	Y4 Turing Bea	Y5 Nightingale Annie Shay	Y5 Seacole Esme Tallulah	Y6 Bronte Lacey Samuel	Y6 Byron Holly Lyla

This Week's Pencrafters



*Chloe in Zephaniah Class
Amelia in Johnson Class*



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
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

