



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

27th February 2026

A message from the Headteacher



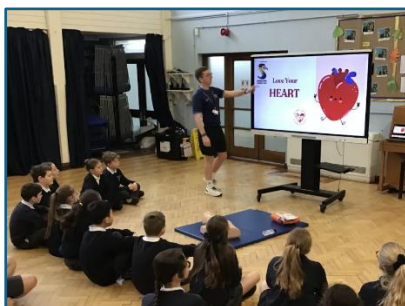
Welcome back to Spring 2! Last week, communities around the world celebrated the Lunar New Year with vibrant festivities, especially across East Asia and Southeast Asia. This year marks the Year of the Horse — a time of celebration, tradition, and new beginnings and an opportunity for families and communities to come together in the spirit of renewal and good fortune. This week, the children enjoyed a delicious Lunar New Year menu, kindly prepared by our fantastic HCL catering team. The meal was a wonderful way to mark the celebrations, and it was clear that the children thoroughly enjoyed

every bite! We would like to wish all those families in our local community who celebrate, a Happy Lunar New Year.

On Tuesday, Poppy, our wonderful Pets as Therapy dog, made her very first official visit to school. Children from across the school loved spending time reading to Poppy and learning more about her from her owner, Colin. It was a calm, joyful experience for everyone involved, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Poppy back into school again soon.



Also on Tuesday afternoon, Year 4 returned from lunch to discover their classrooms had been completely “destroyed”! Undeterred, the children eagerly searched through the clues hidden amongst the chaos and soon pieced together what had happened — the Vikings were responsible! Their classroom had been transformed into Lindisfarne monastery in 793 CE, bringing their history learning to life. Thank you to the Year 4 Team for an inspiring and memorable learning experience that truly sparked curiosity and excitement for learning.

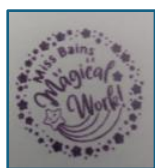


On Thursday, Year 5 enjoyed an engaging ‘Love Your Heart’ workshop with the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team (SSFT). The session taught the children the importance of responding quickly in emergency situations. They were introduced to defibrillators and learned some essential CPR techniques, giving them valuable skills and the confidence to help others in need. A BIG thank you to the SSFT for providing such an inspiring session for Year 5, the session really supported the children to learn important life skills in a fun and engaging way.

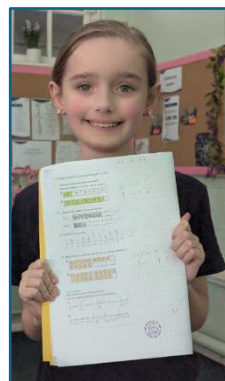
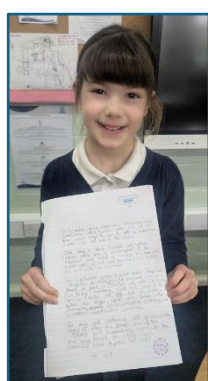
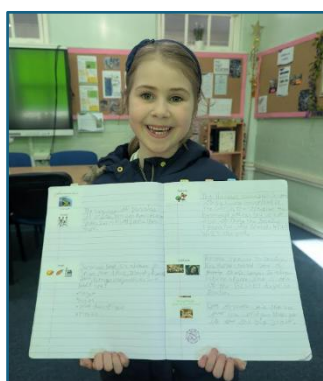


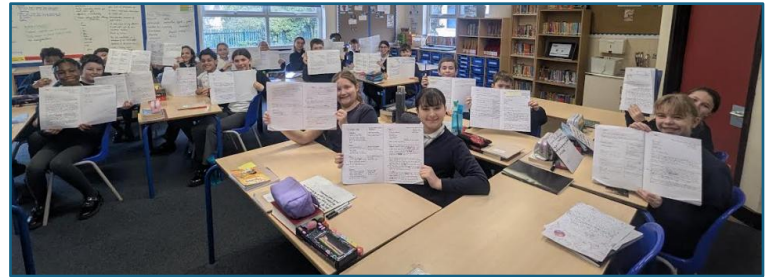
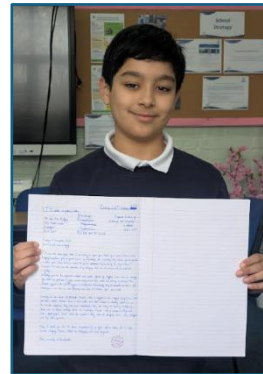
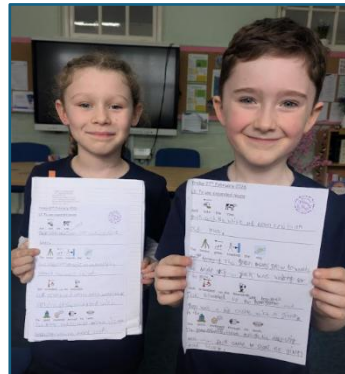
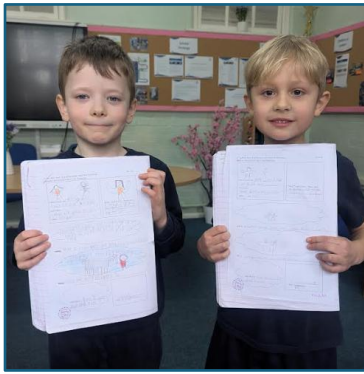
Also yesterday, Year 6 welcomed two deputy lieutenants to school to talk about the Commonwealth and British Values. The visitors explained the role of the King and the Royal Family, including their work supporting over 600 charities — a fact that the children found fascinating! The children then explored the Commonwealth values, discussed which two they felt were most important, and presented their ideas to the class. Many commented on how difficult the choice was, as all the values are so meaningful. The session ended with a fun discussion about what the children would show the King if he ever visited. It was wonderful to hear them share the areas of the school they are most proud of — a truly inspiring and thought-provoking experience!

This week, our Year 3 and 4 cricket team proudly represented Stevenage at the County Rapid Fire Cricket Finals and achieved a fantastic 4th place finish! Well done to everyone involved for their teamwork, determination and brilliant effort — we are so proud of you all!



This week, for Magical Learning, I have seen Olivia in Henson Class for the superb report she had written all about Jamaica which was filled with fantastic facts as well as headings and paragraphs to organise her writing. I have seen Emmie in Seacole Class for the Greek Myth she had written as part of her new English topic. Emmie spoke so confidently about the features of a Greek myth and it is clear she enjoyed writing it. I have seen Georgia in Coelho Class for her fantastic, non-fiction writing about elephants which included a great amount of research and this has earned her the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week! I have seen Esme and Reggie in Seacole Class for their magical work linked to finding equivalent fractions and decimals and it was so lovely to see how confident they felt explaining their learning to me. Ollie in Seacole Class shared his mathematical problem-solving work where he had worked systematically to find all the possible solutions to the problem — this was highly impressive. Jacob and Jack in Chandi Class proudly shared with me their English learning where they had retold part of a story using repetitive language. They also used pictures to aid their story telling and this were a real joy to read. Sophie and Albie in Thunberg Class shared their wonderful work on expanded noun phrases and it was clear they had worked hard to make their sentences more interesting to read. Jack in Byron Class is our KS2 Pencrafter of the Week for his excellent formal letter, written in the style of Professor Dumbledore, as he crafted a dramatic and convincing message expelling a student from Hogwarts — magical work! Brooke in Nightingale Class created such an excellent poster all about the Do's and Don'ts of Search Engines that I have placed it proudly on display in one of my magical frames — well done Brooke! Lastly, Mr Shostak and Miss Knappett were so impressed with all of Year 6's formal letters written in the style of Professor Dumbledore that I visited both classes myself. I too, was utterly amazed by the creativity, effort and flair in the children's writing. Well done everyone!





Thank you to Mihini in Nadal Class, Imogen in Turing Class, Scarlett in Nursery and Theo in Johnson Class for donating such beautiful Birthday Books to the school – these have taken pride of place in our school library. Also, as we approach March, Mrs Cooke has created her next Reading Spotlight, celebrating International Women’s Day. This spotlight features a

fantastic selection of texts highlighting strong, independent women — perfect for inspiring our readers and sparking thoughtful conversations about courage, creativity, and resilience.

Don’t forget World Book Day next Thursday 5th March and our CommUNITY event on Friday 6th March – scroll down to the dates section for further information.

Lastly, if you haven’t already, please take a moment to read the communications sent yesterday and today regarding social media and the school’s governing body. I am incredibly grateful to the members of our school community who have reached out personally to show their support — your kindness and compassion mean so much, thank you.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS *Johnson Class*

Y1 Coelho 93.2%	Y1 Zephaniah 96.6%	Y2 Chandi 93.0%	Y2 Henson 97.3%	Y3 Nadal 92.9%	Y3 Thunberg 98.3%
Y4 Johnson 96.3%	Y4 Turing 100%	Y5 Nightingale 94.3%	Y5 Seacole 98.8%	Y6 Bronte 87.6%	Y6 Byron 96.9%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Verity & Isla

Ayling-Ellis
Riley

Packham
Aliza

Coelho
To be revealed next week

Zephaniah
Yuven

Chandi
To be revealed next week

Henson
Ivy

Nadal
Emmeline & Hugo

Thunberg
Bronte

Johnson
Harry

Turing
Roman

Nightingale
Bella L

Seacole
Imogen

Bronte
Reggie

Byron
Beaux

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 24



Bulwer 43



Eudo 69



Lytton 37

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Harrison Denise	Y1 Zephaniah Holly	Y2 Chandi Robin	Y2 Henson Phoebe N	Y3 Nadal Lorelle	Y3 Thunberg Alfie
Y4 Johnson Sophia	Y4 Turing Stanley Leo	Y5 Nightingale Mia	Y5 Seacole Emmie	Y6 Bronte Ilda	Y6 Byron Darcy



This Week's Pencrafters

Georgia in Coelho Class
Jack in Byron Class



Children's Achievements



Well done to Mia in Nightingale Class who after three years has completed all ten Swimming levels and finished on a 1,600m swim! She will now be progressing onto Rookie Lifeguard lessons – superb news Mia!

Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Black Bean Brownies

Black beans are rich in fibre, which supports digestive health and helps children feel satisfied for longer. Using beans in baking reduces the need for refined flour while still creating a soft texture. A great recipe to make together and freeze for lunchboxes.

Ingredients (serves 2)

- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- ¼ cup honey
- ⅓ cup coconut oil (or butter, melted)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup cocoa powder
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup chocolate chips (divided)



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C). Grease an 8x8 inch baking pan and set aside.
2. Place the black beans, coconut oil, coconut sugar and honey into a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth and well combined.
3. Add the cocoa powder, salt, baking powder and vanilla. Blend again until smooth.
4. Add the eggs and blend until just combined.
5. Stir in ½ cup of the chocolate chips by hand.
6. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan and sprinkle over the remaining ¼ cup chocolate chips.
7. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the top is set and the brownies are just starting to pull away from the sides.
8. Allow to cool before cutting.



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
2 nd to 6 th March	FOKS Mother's Day Online Shop Opens Order a special gift for that wonderful woman in your life via our SumUp Online Shop. Pre-ordered gifts will then be handed out at school on Friday 13 March. Further details to follow after half term.
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.
6 th March	FOKS Y3 Cake Sale Cakes & Treats available to buy after school, organised by Year 3 children and parents.
11 th March	FOKS Enrichment Activity - KS2 assembly by Knebworth House's Education Officer: "Lady Constance Lytton and Women's Suffrage", in conjunction with International Women's Day.
12 th March 1:30 – 3pm	OPAL Parent Play Day An opportunity for parents and carers to come into school to find out more about the school's OPAL journey and play with their child! Further details to follow.
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. This is kindly subsidised by FOKS.
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. FOKS pre-loved uniform will also be on sale.
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.
27 th March	FOKS Easter Bonnet/Hat Competition <i>Spring into step and get your creative juices flowing to create an Easter bonnet or hat! Prizes will be awarded to EY/KS1 and KS2 Winners as judged by our FOKS Ambassadors. £1 to enter, further details to follow.</i>



27 th March	<p>Spring Term Ends</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 & KS1</p> <p>1:20pm – KS2</p>
30 th March to 2 nd April	<p>FOKS Easter Trail around Knebworth</p> <p><i>Solve riddles, find letters around the village and unscramble them to reveal a secret word to claim your prize! More details to follow.</i></p>
13 th April	INSET Day (School Closed)
14 th April	Summer Term Begins

