



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

6th March 2026

A message from the Headteacher

The week started with a team of KS1 children attending the Stevenage Sporting Future Teams Rapid Fire Cricket Festival on Monday. The children showed fantastic teamwork throughout the day and were also recognised as the best fielding team – amazing work! All of the children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating great sportsmanship, enthusiasm and determination. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow throughout the event, and they should all be very proud of their efforts. A BIG thank you to Miss Breckenridge for yet again facilitating such a superb sporting opportunity for the children.

This week, Year 5 visited St Martins Church and completed a range of activities related to the Easter story. They learnt about different parts of the Bible story and were provided with booklet activities. They also planted seeds to represent new life and experienced their very own Last Supper. Thank you to St Martins and The Year 5 Team for facilitating such a memorable learning opportunity for the children.



Yesterday, the school celebrated World Book Day in spectacular fashion! The buzz on the playground in the morning was electric as children arrived dressed as their favourite book characters and, this year, we even had some inflatable costumes which caused great excitement! Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with costumes this year. During the day in school, many classes visited their link classes to share and read books together – this was so lovely to see. Every child also had the

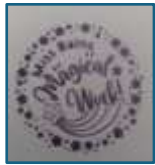
opportunity to choose a world book day themed book to take home and it was so special seeing the children's excitement when choosing their book. There were lots of discussions about favourite books, genres and authors, highlighting just how much the children at Knebworth enjoy reading for pleasure. Even our HCL catering team joined in the fun by dressing up as characters from *Peter Pan*! A big thank you to Mrs Cooke and Mrs Day for organising such a wonderful day dedicated to reading. Continuing the reading theme, thank you to Alexia in Nadal Class and Sophie in Thunberg Class for donating such beautiful Birthday Books to the school – we cannot wait to read and share these.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Geography CommUNITY event today. It was so lovely to see families from across the school engaging in Geography learning in such an enjoyable and meaningful way. Our school vision for Geography is: *"Children will develop a passion to understand and protect the planet we live on and a commitment to solve the inevitable problems facing its future. Geography underpins a lifelong conversation about the Earth as the home of humankind."* I hope you were able to see this vision in action throughout the event today. If you are able to spare a minute or two to provide us with some feedback, it would be greatly appreciated: <https://forms.gle/NP1dRueZRaqAMj1V7>



Please do take a look at the dates section at the end of the newsletter, where we have included the dates for this year's Sports Day so that parents and carers can make arrangements to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.





This week, for Magical Learning, I have seen Francesca in Nightingale Class for her superb piece of science writing all about why gravity is a force and how it can affect objects. I was so impressed with her use of topic vocabulary and her clear understanding of this scientific concept. This fantastic piece of writing has also earned her the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week – very well done! The whole of Seacole Class came to see me for their work on ordering and comparing decimals this week and it was so wonderful seeing their enthusiasm and confidence for this mathematical skill. Finley, Maya and Oliver in Nightingale Class shared with me their beautiful sketchbooks where they had been so creative in drawing an image inspired by the artist Hokusai and his Great Wave painting – these really were so, so magical! Phoebe in Henson Class has taken her learning outside of the classroom and has been working so diligently on her two times tables at home – such a fantastic example of our school value of responsibility. Leo and Noah in Chandi Class came to share with me their wonderful English work where they had worked brilliantly and Noah's retelling of a story using repetitive language has earned him the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week. Lastly, Jayda in Turing Class passed a recent Singing exam with a Distinction – wow, Jayda we are all so proud of you!



Next week is the Big Plastic Count which is the UK's biggest investigation into household plastic waste. From 9th to 15th March, thousands of people, schools and communities will be counting the plastic packaging they throw away – our school included! Our results will be used to call on the government and companies to reduce plastic waste and create a better future for young people. If you would like to join us and take part in this important event, please count each piece of plastic waste that you throw away or recycle next week using the Plastic Count Sheet attached to this week's newsletter. When you have finished, please hand in to the office or to your child's class teacher! Also, if you have any unused seed packets at home that are no longer needed, please do send them into school. Our Eco Ambassadors are keen to get planting!

A reminder that we have our OPAL Parent Play Day next **Thursday 12th March**. We will begin at 1:30pm with a short presentation in the hall, where we will share our OPAL journey so far. After this, parents and carers will be invited to join their children for some playful, hands-on time exploring our OPAL provision together. We are also delighted that our OPAL Mentor, Sam, will be joining us on the day to share in the magic and joy of OPAL. The afternoon will finish **at 2:45pm** and this event is for children and families in Reception to Year 6. Due to space limitations, we are able to welcome **one adult per child only**. We really hope you can join us - P.S don't forget your wellies and waterproof coat!

Lastly, I would just like to once again express my heartfelt thanks to those members of our school community who have reached out personally with their support this week – your kindness and compassion mean so much to the school and I. Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS:

Turing Class

Y1 Coelho 94.6%	Y1 Zephaniah 97.7%	Y2 Chandi 94.8%	Y2 Henson 95.3%	Y3 Nadal 95.6%	Y3 Thunberg 96.3%
Y4 Johnson 97.4%	Y4 Turing 100%	Y5 Nightingale 97.1%	Y5 Seacole 98.3%	Y6 Bronte 93.3%	Y6 Byron 93.1%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Cedric & Marley

Henson
Phoebe N

Packham
Albie

Coelho
Keir & Sofia

Zephaniah
Joshua

Chandi
James

Ayling-Ellis
Lexi

Nadal
Adam

Thunberg
Skylar

Johnson
Eve

Turing
Alfie

Nightingale
Thomas

Seacole
Immy

Bronte
Florence

Byron
Louis

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 27



Bulwer 36



Eudo 28



Lvtton 21

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Violet	Y1 Zephaniah Annie Grace B	Y2 Chandi Leo Ellena	Y2 Henson Alice	Y3 Nadal Gio Esmae Alfie	Y3 Thunberg Edward
Y4 Johnson Sophia Alban	Y4 Turing Sylvie	Y5 Nightingale Shay	Y5 Seacole Immy Bluebelle	Y6 Bronte Koby	Y6 Byron Beaux

This Week's Pencrafters



Noah in Chandi Class
Francesca in Nightingale 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
11 th March	FOKS Enrichment Activity - KS2 assembly by Knebworth House's Education Officer: " <i>Lady Constance Lytton and Women's Suffrage</i> ", in conjunction with International Women's Day.
12 th March 1:30 – 2:45pm	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	Spring Term Ends 12pm – Nursery - <i>a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this.</i> 1:10pm – Reception & KS1 1:20pm – KS2
30 th March to 2 nd April	FOKS Easter Trail around Knebworth <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>
13 th April	INSET Day (School Closed)
14 th April	Summer Term Begins
Advance Warning 22 nd – 25 th June	22 nd June – Years 5 & 6 Sports Day 23 rd June – Years 3 & 4 Sports Day





<p>All Sports Days will start at 1:30pm</p>	<p>24th June – Years 1 & 2 Sports Day 25th June – Nursery & Reception Sports Day</p> <p><i>*15-hour Nursery children are more than welcome to come back for the Sports Day or to stay all day. Please get in touch with the Nursery Team to arrange this.</i></p>
<p>26th & 29th June</p>	<p>Reserve Sports Days</p>

