



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

13th March 2026

A message from the Headteacher

This week marks the exciting return of Young Aspirers for children in Years 1 to 6! Young Aspirers is a fun and inspiring booklet packed with a wide range of tasks and challenges for children to explore. Each year group has its own tailored activities, designed to reflect our school values while linking to different areas of the curriculum. Children can complete the activities at their own pace and celebrate their progress along the way. As they take on new challenges, they can earn certificates: Bronze for completing 3 tasks, Silver for completing 6 tasks and Gold for completing 10 tasks. Young Aspirers is a fantastic opportunity for children to try something new, push themselves beyond their comfort zones, and feel proud of what they achieve. We can't wait to see all the amazing tasks the children complete. Please do send in any photos of their activities—we would love to celebrate their achievements and share them in the newsletter.

On Monday, a group of KS2 children proudly represented the school at the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Handball Festival. The children had a fantastic time trying out this fast-paced and exciting sport in a competitive environment. Throughout the festival, they demonstrated brilliant enthusiasm, determination and some excellent teamwork. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another, developing new skills and embracing the challenge of learning a new game. Well done to all children involved and thank you to Miss Breckenridge for facilitating yet another superb sporting opportunity for the children.

On Wednesday, the Year 1 children enjoyed a lovely walk to the church, where they met Reverend Charles and learned all about the importance of baptisms in the Christian faith. The visit was a wonderful hands-on experience for the children. They had the opportunity to take part in their own Christening ceremony, helping them to understand the meaning and traditions behind baptism. The children also loved exploring the beautiful church and discovering more about the special features inside as part of their RE learning. A BIG thank you to Reverend Charles for making the experience so engaging and memorable, and for supporting the children's learning in such an immersive way.



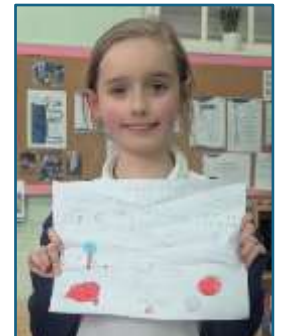
Also on Wednesday, FOKS kindly organised a special assembly for the KS2 children with the Education Officer from Knebworth House to celebrate International Women's Day. During the assembly, the children learned about Lady Constance Bulwer-Lytton, a remarkable woman who played an important role in the Suffragette movement. They discovered how she bravely campaigned for women to gain the right to vote and worked to improve prison conditions for women during the late 1800s and early 1900s. In fact, Lady Constance was arrested four times for standing up for what she believed in! The children really enjoyed learning about such a powerful and determined woman who once lived in our local community—even if she was a little bit rebellious! It was a fantastic way to mark International Women's Day and inspire the children with stories of courage and determination. Thank you to the FOKS Team for organising such a

magical learning experience for the children.





This week for Magical Learning I have seen Alfie in Turing Class for his wonderful writing in French which has earned him the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week – well done! I have seen Stanley and James in Chandi Class for the wonderful learning they have been doing outside of the classroom. Stanley has created a spinning plate showing different continents and the creatures that inhabit them and James was so inspired by his recent learning on Jamaica that he has created a superb book all about the country – it was so lovely sharing in both boys’ enthusiasm and creativity for their learning. Dulcie in Bronte Class shared with me her setting description which was simply magical to read, well done! Immy in Seacole Class shared the alternative ending she had written for a Greek Myth and her use of relative clauses, vocabulary and fronted adverbials was very impressive. Esmé in Seacole Class and Sara in Henson Class have also taken their learning outside of the classroom this week. Esme created a poster all about Isaac Newton and Sara practised her times tables to fantastic effort – thank you girls for being so passionate about your learning. Coco, Luyanda, Harvey, Alba and Ryan in Johnson Class and Seren in Thunberg Class all shared with me their English learning where they had been working hard to expand on their sentences and the imagery and vocabulary they used was simply amazing – well done all. This week’s KS1 Pencrafter of the Week is Elisita for her fabulous Wanted poster and remarkable range of adjectives to describe her monster! I wonder who I will see next week for Magical Learning!



Thank you to Lucas in Henson Class for donating such a fabulous Birthday Book to the school – we cannot wait to read and explore this book.

This week we have been celebrating British Science Week across the school. Children from all year groups have taken part in a range of exciting and hands-on activities designed to spark their curiosity and love of science. This year’s theme, “Curiosity – What’s your question?”, encouraged the children to explore, investigate and think like real scientists by asking thoughtful questions about the world around them. From experiments to investigations, the children have had a fantastic time discovering, exploring and learning together. If you would like to see some of the wonderful activities, they have been taking part in, be sure to head over to Class Dojo, School Story to take a look! A BIG thank you Miss Baylis and Mrs Misikin for their magical work in co-ordinating activities for the week.





Yesterday we celebrated our very first OPAL Parent Play Day, welcoming parents and carers into school to share in our journey so far. Together, we heard from our OPAL Mentor Sam and Mrs Clayton, about the incredible progress being made and, most importantly, everyone had the chance to experience the magic of an OPAL play session. It was truly special to see our whole school community come together in the spirit of play. The laughter, creativity and joy across the playground was so wonderful to witness, and the children were immensely proud to share the spaces, ideas and opportunities that make their OPAL lunchtimes so special. Moments like these remind us just how powerful play can be in bringing a community together.



Our OPAL Mentor, Sam, has created a short survey to gather your feedback. We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete it by **27th March**:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdSH7m8V4pWBuI3Flm7cS4EM_iOoJRYs64DYFiywZZ64Uhpw/vi_ewform

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended. We were absolutely delighted by the fantastic turnout and hope the afternoon gave you a clearer picture of what an OPAL lunchtime looks like at Knebworth. Finally, a very special thank you to Mrs Clayton and Ms Benoit. Their vision, dedication and unwavering commitment to championing every child's right to play has been truly instrumental in making opportunities like yesterday possible. We are so lucky to have you both leading the magic of OPAL at Knebworth.

I am delighted to share a message from our new Chair of the Governing Body, Mark Green—please scroll down to read it. At the same time, I would also like to extend a heartfelt welcome to Robert Staples and Juliet Whitehead, who are joining our school's Governing Body. Each of our new Governors brings a rich blend of governance experience, professional expertise, and a genuine passion for supporting our school community. We have already enjoyed our first meeting together and are excited about the journey ahead. All three are eager to connect with the Knebworth community, to learn about what makes our school so special, and to play an active role in shaping its future. I would also like to thank all the parents who have expressed an interest in becoming a parent governor. More details about next steps will be shared with the school community next week.

Next Friday 20th March is Red Nose Day! Children are invited to wear something red alongside their school uniform for a donation to Comic Relief. Donations can be handed to staff at pick up/drop off.

Don't forget our Litter Pick, 10am to 12pm tomorrow – we look forward to seeing some of you there.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone. For those in our school community celebrating, I hope you have the most magical Mother's Day!

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Byron Class*

Y1 Coelho 93.9%	Y1 Zephaniah 92.7%	Y2 Chandi 97.8%	Y2 Henson 96.7%	Y3 Nadal 95.6%	Y3 Thunberg 96.3%
Y4 Johnson 97.8%	Y4 Turing 98.8%	Y5 Nightingale 99.0%	Y5 Seacole 95.4%	Y6 Bronte 95.4%	Y6 Byron 99.2%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Divine & Entmont

Ayling-Ellis
Edward

Packham
Ava-Rose

Coelho
To be revealed next week

Zephaniah
Annie

Chandi
Zayne

Henson
Rosie

Nadal
Mihini

Thunberg
William

Johnson
Rory

Turing
Jayda

Nightingale
Ezra

Seacole
Emmie

Bronte
Ben

Byron
Lyla

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 24



Bulwer 37



Eudo 27



Lvtton 16

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Charlie Isaac Stesha	Y1 Zephaniah Finlee	Y2 Chandi Freya	Y2 Henson Sebastian	Y3 Nadal Hugo	Y3 Thunberg Edward Luca
Y4 Johnson Alba	Y4 Turing Sylvie	Y5 Nightingale Violet Shay Emily	Y5 Seacole Lily	Y6 Bronte Dulcie	Y6 Byron Meadow

This Week's Pencrafters

Elisita in Zephaniah Class
Alfie in Turing Class





Message from the Chair of the Governing Body

My name is Mark Green and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Knebworth School. It's a privilege to take on this role, and I'm really looking forward to working with the Headteacher, school staff, pupils, families, and the wider school community. I will be attending the parents evening on Wednesday 25th March – please come and say hello if you're about.

We also have a couple of other new governors joining the board Robert Staples and Juliet Whitehead. Each bring a wealth of experience and a passion for supporting the school and we are all so excited about the future of the school and delivering the best outcomes for your children.

As a governing board, our focus is always on helping the school to continue thriving; ensuring every child has the best possible opportunities, experiences, and support. I'm looking forward to the future and getting to know many of you as we continue to build on the many strengths of our wonderful school.

The governor profiles are on the [school website](#) if you would like to know more about us.

Message from The FOKS Team

It was Year 3's turn to run their cake sale last Friday and they raised £104 - an impressive amount considering the downpour that could have dampened their spirits! Well done Year 3 and thank you to those who braved the rain to get your cake fix! We'll announce the year group for the April cake sale slot shortly.

Thank you to those who ordered from our Mothers' Day Online Shop - gifts should have been handed out in class today ready for those lucky ladies to enjoy over the weekend!

We're also gearing up towards our Easter activities happening at the end of term and over the holidays. Firstly, it is non-uniform day on Friday 27th March so we will be collecting £1 donations in the playground before and after school.

On the last day of term, we're also holding our Easter bonnet/hat competition. So, you've got a couple of weeks to get your creative juices flowing and make an egg-citing Easter hat that any chick or rabbit would be proud to wear! Children who would like to enter can bring their creations and £1 to Miss Bains' Office by 9.30am on Friday 27th March. The FOKS Ambassadors will then choose a winner in EYFS/KS1 and KS2.

Lastly, over the Easter holidays, enjoy the Spring weather and take part in our Easter Trail. Pick up a trail sheet from The Station Pub between Monday 30th March and Thursday 2nd April, and work your way around Knebworth Village, solving the riddles, finding the letters and unscrambling them to make a word. Prizes can then be claimed back at The Station Pub. £1 to enter. Please see posters attached for more details.



Children's Achievements



Well done to Rosie in Henson Class who participated so brilliantly in her in Gymnastics Lion King show last weekend – we are so proud of you!



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
19 th March	Year 3 Trip to St Albans Cathedral
20 th March	Red Nose Day Children are invited to wear something red alongside their school uniform for a donation to Comic Relief. Donations can be handed to staff at pick up/drop off.
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 - 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
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 All Sports Days will start at 1:30pm	22 nd June – Years 5 & 6 Sports Day 23 rd June – Years 3 & 4 Sports Day 24 th June – Years 1 & 2 Sports Day 25 th June – Nursery & Reception Sports Day <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>
26 th & 29 th June	Reserve Sports Days

