



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

27th March 2026

A message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of a busy and successful Spring Term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved and celebrated across the school. It has been a term full of hard work, creativity and resilience, and we are incredibly proud of all our pupils for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. We have shared so many magical moments this term, including World Book Day, our CommUNITY Geography event, British Science Week, another superb Take One Book exhibition, Young Voices, and the OPAL Parent Play session, alongside a whole host of trips, visitors and enriching experiences. All of these opportunities have so richly enhanced the children's learning journey with us, and I, for one, cannot wait to see what the Summer Term has in store. A HUGE thank you goes to the incredible staff team at Knebworth, who go above and beyond each and every day for the children in their care—you truly make our school such a magical place.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Term Parents' Evening consultations this week. It was so lovely to see so many of you there, sharing in and celebrating the children's many successes. I know that Juliet and Mark, two of our new Governors, also greatly enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of you. Thank you as well to everyone who has already completed our second pick-up and drop-off survey. We really do need as many responses as possible so that we can make a fully informed decision about whether to adjust the current timings. If you haven't yet had the chance to complete it, please do so here: <https://forms.gle/xpMvdL45YLqcuTqB8>



This week, our Girls' Football Team took part in a fixture which they narrowly lost. However, what was especially lovely to hear was that a member of staff from the opposing school commented on the excellent sportsmanship shown by our players, as well as the fantastic values they demonstrated throughout the match. At Knebworth, we know how truly wonderful our children are, but it is always particularly special to hear this recognised by others in the wider community. Well done, to all involved!

Children in Year 4 took part in the Level 1 Bikeability course across the week where they learned to prepare themselves and check their bicycle before a journey, set off and stop their bicycle correctly and pedal at different speeds. Well done to everyone who took part and a BIG thank you to FOKS for once again funding this opportunity for the children.

On Tuesday, children in EYFS and KS1 really enjoyed their toyshop themed drama workshop with the talented Perform drama group. Lots of fun was had as the children pretended to be toys in a magical toyshop and helped save the day! Do use your free taster session on the flyer to explore whether this might be something your child enjoys.





Yesterday, Year 6 took part in an exciting rowing session. The children completed two rounds of activities: in the first, they had to row faster to move higher on the screen and row slower (or pause) to drop lower, all while trying to “eat” fish and avoid sharks! In the second round, the challenge was to row as fast as possible for one minute to see how far they could travel. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with almost all saying they would love to take part again in secondary school—many were especially delighted to hear that the machines came from Barnwell!! A special mention goes to Alfie in Byron Class, who set a new Stevenage schools record for 2025/26 in both events—an absolutely magical achievement. Well done!



Reverend King visited Nursery to talk all about the Easter story. He spoke about how Jesus was placed on a cross, then he was in a cave and lastly, he rose which made all his friends really happy. The Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Easter story. Thank you, Reverend King, for such a special visit.

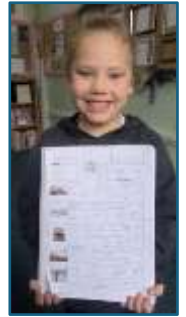
This week for Magical Learning I have seen Sahana in Nadal Class who shared her amazing research and home learning all about Albert Einstein. She also told me she has keen interest for physics and this definitely came through in our conversation! I have seen Momo in Thunberg Class for her beautiful and intricate design for her jumper linked to the No Outsiders text *The New Jumper* which I know the class enjoyed reading and exploring. Poppy in Nightingale Class came to share her diary entry this week, which described an exciting trip to a volcano. She has clearly been inspired by her recent learning in Geography, and it is so lovely to see her enthusiasm being reflected in her extended writing. Arlo in Turing Class wrote a fantastic poem all about Spring with wonderful vocabulary choices, this was a real joy to read. Mrs Isaac-Romani was so impressed by all of the poems in Johnson Class that I popped down to read them myself. Their use of imagery to capture and bring to life the feeling of Spring was simply magical—well done, everyone!



Year 5 have been working excellently on writing their own Greek myths this week and it has been a pleasure to see Aoife, Jude and Chloe in Seacole Class and Maya, Shay and Bella in Nightingale Class for their marvellous myths – their use of language, speech and editing made their myths a delight to read.



I have seen Aidan, Robin, Kieran and Grayson in Chandi Class for the superb Easter cards they made today and Pearlra for her science work where she worked brilliantly to show why plants are so important to us. This term, Year 6 have been using the magic of Harry Potter, alongside their trip to the Studios, to inspire their writing. I was so, so impressed with the work produced by Hamish, Polly, Charlotte and Jamymah as they described their experiences in the Forbidden Forest. Their use of imagery, ambitious vocabulary and suspense to create atmosphere was truly magical, and I could not have been prouder to read their published pieces. Jamymah has also been crowned the KS2 Pencrafter of the week! Lastly, Sofia in Coelho Class came to share her wonderful story. She had worked so responsibly on using capital letters, full stops, and a range of vocabulary, and it was so lovely to celebrate her success with her. She was also awarded the title of KS1 Pencrafter this week. I cannot wait to see who I see next term for magical work



Thank you to Teddy in Packham Class for donating such a lovely Birthday Book to the school, we cannot wait to read and explore this!

Date for your diaries: On Wednesday 29th April at 9:15am, Shelly Woods from the Emotional and Mental Wellbeing in Education team will be visiting school for a coffee morning. She will be sharing information about children's mental health services available in our local area. Please do come along to find out more—we would love to see you there!

Well done to **House Bulwer** who collectively achieved the most points this term! The school was awash with Easter bonnets today! Thank you to everyone who took the time to make one and showcase their fabulous creative skills. I know the FOKS Ambassadors found it incredibly challenging to judge such wonderful entries. Scroll down to The FOKS section to see who the winners were!

At Knebworth, we are always passionate about finding ways for Children to be Leaders. Here is a short article from the children about this: *On Wednesday pupils from Year 5 led an assembly to raise awareness about our roles as Kindness Champions. We told the school about The Buddy Bench and how to use it. Also, The Small Garden was talked about. We answered lots of questions from the children and most of all we hope that we can help our school become an even happier and safer environment as we really love everything about our school. Well done Kindness Champions!*



As we come to the end of the term, we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs Shutlar, who is leaving her role in the play team to embark on new adventures. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication, and we wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Lastly, I would like to end the term by expressing just how proud I am to be Headteacher of this truly magical school. Despite recent unforeseen challenges, life at Knebworth has continued with energy and enthusiasm. Our children's routines, learning, happiness, and wellbeing remain at the very heart of everything we do — and that will never change. Wishing everyone a wonderful, restful Easter break. I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 14th April**.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Nightingale Class*

Y1 Coelho 97.0%	Y1 Zephaniah 96.9%	Y2 Chandi 93.7%	Y2 Henson 97.3%	Y3 Nadal 89.2%	Y3 Thunberg 92.9%
Y4 Johnson 90.4%	Y4 Turing 97.0%	Y5 Nightingale 100%	Y5 Seacole 93.8%	Y6 Bronte 90.0%	Y6 Byron 93.5%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates To continue next term

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 74



Bulwer 69



Eudo 69



Lytton 102

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Dmyana Freddie	Y1 Zephaniah Elisita	Y2 Chandi Anthony Kieran	Y2 Henson Georgie	Y3 Nadal Ava	Y3 Thunberg Jessie Momo
Y4 Johnson Alba	Y4 Turing Finley	Y5 Nightingale Violet	Y5 Seacole Harry Hannah Tallulah	Y6 Bronte Hamish Koby-Rae Reggie Jamymah	Y6 Byron Violet Molly Matilda

This Week's Pencrafters



Sofia in Coelho Class
Jamymah in Bronte Class



Children's Achievements



Well done to Oliver in Nightingale Class, who has recently competed in a County U10 Hockey tournament where his team achieved an impressive 2nd place finish. This fantastic result has secured them a place at the regional competition at the end of April — the highest level of hockey at U10. Oliver has been a valued member of the team for the second consecutive year, and this marks the second time they have progressed to the regional stage — truly magical news! We are so proud of you, Oliver!

Message from The FOKS Team

Thank you to all the children who made such wonderful Easter bonnets! The FOKS Ambassadors had such a hard time judging them this morning as they were all so colourful and unique. However, they eventually whittled it down to Teddy in Packham Class who won the EYFS/KS1 prize for his amazing Hot Wheels bonnet, and Esmé in Seacole class who won the KS2 prize with her Easter top hat full of rabbits, carrots, flowers and eggs! Enjoy your Easter treat prize bags and thank you for sharing your creativity with us.



The FOKS Committee would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your support this term. Don't forget, we still have our Easter Trail happening around Knebworth Village from Monday to Thursday next week (see poster attached). Have a wonderful Easter break.

Message from Knebworth Guides

1st Knebworth Guides Centenary Celebration!

Were you a member or volunteer at 1st Knebworth Guides?
Do you have any Guiding memories you'd like to share?

1st Knebworth Guides celebrates 100 years of Guiding in the village this year and to mark the occasion, anyone that was a Knebworth Guide or volunteer is invited to our centenary tea party on Sunday 26 April 2026.

You're welcome to drop in the Hut at any time between 2pm-5pm on the day to help us celebrate fun, friendship, adventure and service.

If you would like to attend, we would love to hear from you, please RSVP by email before the 10th April. Equally if anyone would like to get in touch with any of their Guiding memories, please email: knebworthguides100@outlook.com



Message from The Knebworth Environmental Group

The People's Emergency Briefing is a 45-minute film being launched nationally on the 7th April. There will be screening events happening across the UK throughout the year. It's a free event and everyone aged 16+ is welcome. There will be an event in Knebworth on the 11th April (poster attached).

The film brings together several UK scientists explaining changes we're seeing in weather, food systems and the cost of living, and how these might affect everyday life in the UK. After the film we'll have a short, open community discussion about what it means locally. Our MP Kevin Bonavia will join us to listen to reactions and reflections. It's an opportunity to learn, hear different perspectives and chat with neighbours.

This booking link has further details of the event; <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nationalemergencybriefing1/2118164>

Here is a short trailer about the film that has just been released: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jal-dHgh65Q>

Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Easter Nest Eggs

A simple and fun recipe to make with children over the Easter break. These nests are traditionally made with cornflakes, but using Oatibix Flakes adds a little more fibre, which supports digestion and helps keep energy levels steady.

Ingredients

- 200 g dark chocolate
- 100 g Oatibix Flakes
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil, melted
- Mini eggs or small decorations (optional)

Method

1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
2. Melt the dark chocolate gently, then stir in the coconut oil and maple syrup until combined.
3. Add the oat flakes and mix well until fully coated in the chocolate mixture.
4. Spoon the mixture evenly into the paper cases.
5. Press a few mini eggs or decorations into the centre of each nest, if using.
6. Place in the fridge for around 1 hour, or until set.



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
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

