



## Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the start of the Summer Term! I hope all our families enjoyed a restful and magical Easter break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back, already eager and full of enthusiasm for the final term of the academic year.

#### Headteacher Assembly

In Tuesday's assembly, the children and I explored the importance of our three core school values: **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**, and how we can demonstrate these in our everyday actions. Alongside this, we spoke about the vital role that **kindness** plays in everything we do—through our words, our actions, and the way we treat one another. These qualities are at the heart of what it means to be part of our school community. I also reminded the children of the OPAL rules they have created together, and the importance of taking pride in our school environment—particularly by treating our toilets with care and respect. By showing kindness and living out our values each day, we can ensure our school remains a positive, supportive and respectful place for everyone. Please do take the time to follow up on these conversations at home with your children, so that together we can continue to foster a strong and supportive home-school partnership.



#### Key Dates for Summer Term

Please take a moment to check the Key Dates at the end of this week's newsletter, where you'll find many of the important dates for the term ahead. There are lots of exciting events planned, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible—so do add them to your diaries!



#### OPAL Working Party – 13<sup>th</sup> June

As shared at our OPAL Parent Play Day before the Easter break, our final OPAL Audit will take place in June—and we would love your support to help make our outdoor spaces truly magical for the children. We are inviting all families and staff to join our **OPAL Working Party on Saturday 13th June from 10am to 12pm**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to come together as a community and make a real, lasting difference to the children's play experiences. Together, we'll be bringing exciting projects to life—adding the finishing touches to our beach chalet, enhancing the wildflower meadow, extending the stage area, and creating a herb garden and sensory space. Every helping hand will make a huge impact, and there will be a role for everyone, no matter how big or small. We will also be holding a litter pick on the day, working side by side with Knebworth Environmental Group to help keep our village tidy. These are the moments that show our children the power of community, teamwork, and care for their environment. Please enter via the main playground gates, where a member of staff will warmly welcome you. Do come dressed for the weather and bring gloves if you can. Let's come together, roll up our sleeves, and create something wonderful for our children—we can't wait to see you there!



### OPAL Donations

Please find attached our new OPAL donations list. Any donations are very warmly appreciated and will make a real difference to our children's play experiences. We would be grateful if you could help spread the word to family, neighbours, colleagues, or even local businesses—anyone who might be able to support us. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!



### KS2 Water Safety Assembly

This week, KS2 took part in an engaging and interactive assembly all about water safety. The children thoroughly enjoyed discussing which types of water are safe to go in and understanding the reasons behind this. They especially loved taking part in true or false questions, and were delighted when they got the answers right for the right reasons! It was a highly informative session, and the children left with a strong understanding of how to stay safe around water. A BIG thank you to The Stevenage Sporting Futures Team for facilitating such an important and engaging session for our children. We are very grateful for their time and expertise in helping our pupils learn how to stay safe around water.



### Magical Learning

This week for Magical Learning I have seen Jude, Marty, Jessica, Emmie, Imogen and Nathan in Seacole Class and James in Nightingale Class for their excellent book reviews using hyperbole and exaggerated language – these were highly entertaining and a real pleasure to read. I have seen Luna in Nursery who shared with me her magical picture poppy picture and her sentence writing which both she and I were incredibly proud of – well done Luna! I have seen Ali, Sophia, Eve, Hannah, Chiedza, Theo, Orlaith and Poppy in Johnson Class and Izzy, Alfie, Henry, Sylvie, Sophia, Bea, Frankie and Jayda in Turing Class all for their superb comic strips which showed their summary of a class book they have recently read. They could all confidently tell me the events of the story and their favourite parts. I have seen Ryley, Esmé, Aoife, Dylan, Hannah, Immy and Bluebelle, Reggie and Avery in Seacole Class for their maths learning where they have been adding decimals using the column addition method and applying this to problem solving. I have seen Ashley-Paul and Theo in Nadal Class for their excellent work on Haikus this week – they were the first children I saw for Magical Learning this term and they were delighted to hear this! Lastly, Gaia in Packham Class came to share her wonderful list she had written as she had been so inspired by the café her class have been creating in their play! I wonder who I will see for magical learning next week?





### OPAL Star of the Week

This week's OPAL Star of the Week is Brooke in Nightingale Class. The Play Ambassadors have chosen her because she always follows the OPAL rules and shows the school values during lunchtimes. She lets other children play with her and is creative and uses her imagination. Lastly, she always has a smile on her face. Well done Brooke – we are all so proud of you!

### Magical Feedback

This week, our Year 5 children were visited by coaches from Stevenage Borough Football Club, who were extremely impressed with how polite, respectful, and well-mannered the children were throughout the session. It is always wonderful to receive such positive feedback from visitors outside our school community, and we are very proud of the impression our pupils continue to make. Well done Year 5!



### Dining Hall

As part of our ongoing work to strengthen lunchtime procedures and ensure the continued safety of children with allergies, we have allocated the first two tables nearest the entrance of the hall for these children to enjoy their lunch with their friends. This arrangement helps staff respond quickly and confidently should any medical attention ever be needed, ensuring children can be identified and supported without delay. I would like to reassure families that this measure is solely in place to enhance safety and care. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.

### Parent Governors

Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in the two vacancies on the school's Governing Body. We really appreciate your enthusiasm and willingness to get involved. We will be in touch within the next week with further details about the election process—so please keep an eye out for updates!





### Birthday Books

Thank you to Violet in Coelho Class, Ivy and Phoebe N in Henson Class and Finlee in Zephaniah Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to the school – we cannot wait to read and explore these.

### Drop off/Pick up Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the recent survey regarding drop-off and pick-up times. We really appreciate you taking the time to share your views. The Senior Leadership Team and I will be reviewing the feedback over the next few weeks, and we will keep you updated as we move forward.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone. For those in our school community celebrating, we wish you a wonderful time marking Vaisakhi with your loved ones.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Bains





**WINNERS:**

*Henson & Turing Classes*

Y1 Coelho 95.8%	Y1 Zephaniah 94.7%	Y2 Chandi 96.8%	Y2 Henson 100%	Y3 Nadal 94.9%	Y3 Thunberg 94.3%
Y4 Johnson 98.6%	Y4 Turing 100%	Y5 Nightingale 91.7%	Y5 Seacole 97.9%	Y6 Bronte 95.8%	Y6 Byron 91.8%

## Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

**Nursery**  
*Liam & Arnie*

**Ayling-Ellis**  
*Mayson*

**Packham**  
*Leo*

**Coelho**  
*Arthur R*

**Zephaniah**  
*Eric*

**Chandi**  
*Aidan*

**Henson**  
*Phoebe B*

**Nadal**  
*Sahana*

**Thunberg**  
*George*

**Johnson**  
*Harvey*

**Turing**  
*Finley*

**Nightingale**  
*Savannah*

**Seacole**  
*Jasper*

**Bronte**  
*Polly*

**Byron**  
*To be revealed next week!*

## HOUSE POINTS



**Aschil** 44



**Bulwer** 66



**Eudo** 44



**Lvtton** 30

## Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Arthur S	Y1 Zephaniah Elsie	Y2 Chandi Edward Stanley	Y2 Henson Theo	Y3 Nadal Giovanni Isabella	Y3 Thunberg Momo
Y4 Johnson Georgia	Y4 Turing Sylvie	Y5 Nightingale Thomas Mia	Y5 Seacole Penelope Emmie	Y6 Bronte Jamymah Leo Florence	Y6 Byron Matilda

**This Week's Pencrafters**

*To resume next week*



## Message from The FOKS Team

Spring is here and we've certainly got a spring in our step as we kick off the fundraising for the last term of the academic year!

Before we tell you about our summer line-up, please take a look at the picture attached that summarises what you helped us raise in Spring term (£869.73) and what we spent on resources, trips and enrichment opportunities for the children (£1,332.49). We're so proud we can help the school provide these experiences but, as you can see, we can't sustain this level of support if we haven't got the funds coming in. So, this is a plea really from us to you, SOS - Support Our School - if everyone engaged in our initiatives by volunteering their time or money, we'd be in a much better position to carry on our mission.

On that note, Summer term sees our two biggest fundraisers taking place –

**Bubble Bounce on Sunday 14 June**  
**and Knebworth Festival Fun Day on**  
**Saturday 20 June.** Save the dates for now and keep your eyes peeled for more information to follow soon!

Thank you,  
 Liz & Katie

### FRIENDS OF KNEBWORTH SCHOOL SPRING TERM 2026 FUNDRAISING SUMMARY

LOTTERY  
 +£78

MOTHERS'  
 DAY  
 +£152.43

EASTER  
 TRAIL  
 +£96.80

CAKE SALES  
 +£242.30

UNIFORM  
 SALES  
 +£43

NON  
 UNIFORM &  
 EASTER  
 BONNET  
 +£257.20

#### WHAT WE'VE DONATED SPRING 2026

Y6 YEARBOOK £500

Y4 BIKEABILITY MARCH 2026 £585

BOOKS FOR ENGLISH TOPIC LEARNING £47.49

Y5 TOLMERS WOOD TRIP CONTRIBUTION £200

**TOTAL DONATED: £1,332.49**



## Key Dates for your Diary – Summer 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
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS Tests <i>A set of statutory national curriculum tests in maths and English.</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 PGL Trip
25 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> May	May Half Term – School Closed
1 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET Day – School Closed
1 <sup>st</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Period <i>A statutory assessment focussing on children's times tables knowledge.</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos <i>Children to come to school in their school uniform for our annual Class Photos.</i>
8 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Period <i>A statutory assessment focussing on children's phonics knowledge.</i>
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Johnson Class at St Francis College for CSI Workshop
13 <sup>th</sup> June 10am to 12pm	Litter Pick with Knebworth Environmental Group & OPAL Working Party <i>A chance for our school community to come together to engage in some litter picking in the school grounds and the village to help keep Knebworth clean and tidy!</i>  <i>A great opportunity for our school community to come together and support our OPAL provision as we prepare for our final audit!</i>
14 <sup>th</sup> June	FOKS Bubble Bounce
18 <sup>th</sup> June 9:15 to 10am	COMMUNITY Wellbeing Event <i>A chance for one parent per child to come into school to experience the magic of Wellbeing at Knebworth.</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Knebworth Festival Fun Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm start	22 <sup>nd</sup> June - Years 5 & 6 Sports Day 23 <sup>rd</sup> June - Years 3 & 4 Sports Day 24 <sup>th</sup> June - Years 1 & 2 Sports Day 25 <sup>th</sup> 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>
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Turing Class at St Francis College for CSI Workshop





26 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Days
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	FOKS Summer Enrichment Day for KS2
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Trip to Celtic Harmony
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary School Transition Day <i>An opportunity for Year 6 to spend a day at their new secondary school.</i>
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Swap <i>A chance for children to meet their new Teacher for September and to spend time in their new classroom!</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports to Parents <i>Parents and Carers will receive their child's end of year report on this day.</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm & 6pm at Knebworth Village Hall	Year 6 Show to Parents <i>A chance for Year 6 families to see the wonderful Year 6 show which is always a highlight of the school year! Families only need to attend one performance on the day.</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> July	FOKS Summer Enrichment Day for EYFS & KS1
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Trip to Tolmers
16 <sup>th</sup> July Timings TBC	Music Afternoon/Evening <i>An opportunity for our choir and musicians to showcase their talents at this popular Music Afternoon/Evening.</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Summer Term Ends</b> <b>12pm – Nursery - a 1pm pick up can be accommodated on this date, please let Miss Leatham know if you require this.</b> <b>1:10pm – Reception &amp; KS1</b> <b>1:20pm – KS2</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET Days (School Closed)</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Autumn Term Begins

