



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

8th May 2026

A message from the Headteacher

Even though it has been a slightly shorter week in school, it has still been just as magical, busy, and full of wonderful learning experiences as ever.

School Timings

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to share their feedback with us through the two surveys we carried out last term regarding our school drop-off and pick-up arrangements. We truly value hearing your views and appreciate the thoughtful responses we received from families across the school community. We are always looking for ways to support our children and families as effectively as possible.

After carefully reviewing all of the feedback, and recognising the importance of reflecting the majority view expressed by parents, we will be making a small adjustment to the start and end times of the school day for Key Stage 2 pupils. We appreciate that there were differing opinions shared, but we hope these changes will provide a more practical and convenient arrangement for the greatest number of families, particularly those with siblings across different year groups.

From 2nd June, the revised timings for children in Years 3 to 6 (KS2) will be as follows:

Drop-off: 08:45 (doors close at 08:50)

Pick-up: 15:15

We hope these slight adjustments will help improve the flow of the school day, reduce waiting times for families, and make the beginning and end of the day a little smoother for everyone, while continuing to ensure that every child is safely welcomed into and dismissed from school. **Timings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will remain unchanged.** As always, thank you for your continued support, understanding, and cooperation.

School Uniform

In my assembly this week, I spoke to the children about the importance of wearing our school uniform and shared the uniform guidance we have in place. Our school uniform is an important part of celebrating our Knebworth community; it helps children feel a sense of belonging, promotes pride in the school, and reflects the high expectations we have for learning and behaviour. Wearing uniform smartly also helps set a positive tone for the school day and reinforces that learning is important. Recently, we have noticed an increase in children wearing jewellery, nail varnish, and hair accessories that are not in keeping with our uniform expectations or school colours. I have attached the school uniform guidance for your reference and would be very grateful for your support in ensuring that children come to school in the correct uniform each day. As always, we value working in partnership with families and appreciate your ongoing support. If you need any assistance with sourcing school uniform, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Birthday Books

Thank you to Harvey in Johnson Class, Edward in Chandi Class and George in Nadal Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to the school. George, in particular, donated a whole set of non-fiction books which I know will be very popular and all these new additions have taken pride of place on our Birthday Books shelf in the school library.



Tennis & Hockey Festivals

On Wednesday, some of our Year 3 children enjoyed taking part in a fun carousel-style tennis festival. Throughout the session, the children developed their racket skills, coordination, and movement through a range of engaging activities. They showed fantastic resilience, enthusiasm, and determination, and gained valuable skills needed to take part in future tennis competitions. On Thursday, a group of Year 6 children represented the school in a 4v4 hockey tournament. They played a number of competitive matches against other schools, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the event. Staff leading the tournament commented on the team's fantastic improvement as the competition progressed — well done to all involved! A huge thank you to Miss Breckenridge for once again organising and facilitating such wonderful sporting experiences for the children. We are very grateful for the opportunities she provides, which allow the children to develop their skills, confidence, teamwork, and enjoyment of sport.

Year 4 Primary Engineer Celebration Event



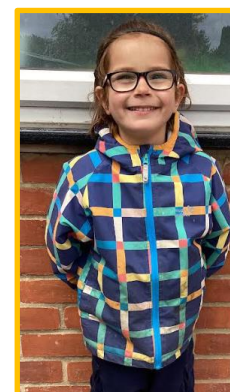
On Wednesday, Mrs Isaac-Romani and Mrs Wallace-Poultney accompanied eight Year 4 children to the Primary Engineer Celebration event in Stevenage. During the event, the children tested their train carriage builds and were scored on how far they travelled and how straight the journey was. After that, each group were interviewed by engineers. Everyone spoke so confidently and passionately about what they had learned and the engineering process they followed. All of the children loved the experience and would encourage everyone to get involved with engineering in the future! What a magical experience for all involved!

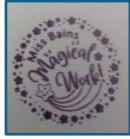
OPAL Star of the Week

This week's OPAL Star of the Week is Albie in Packham Class. The Play Ambassadors have chosen Albie because he is always so helpful on the playground and shows our school values during our OPAL lunchtimes. Well done, Albie, we are so proud of you!

Commonwealth Challenge

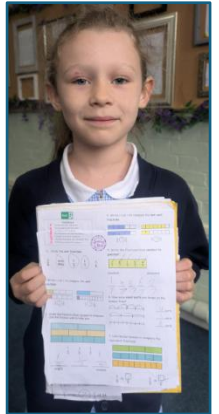
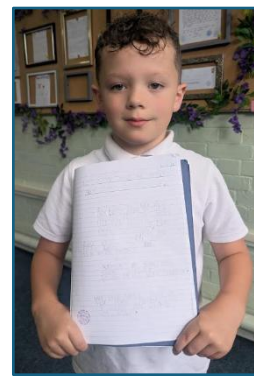
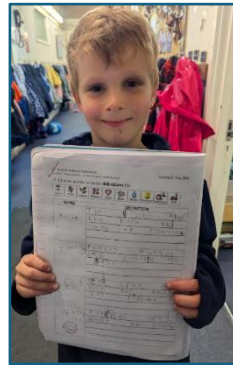
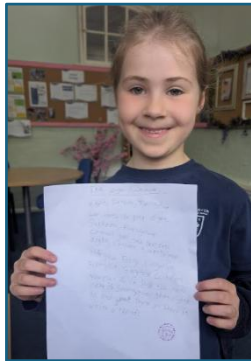
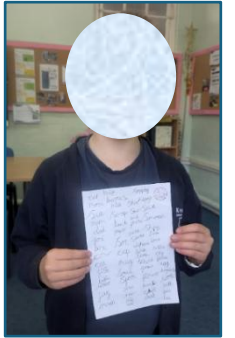
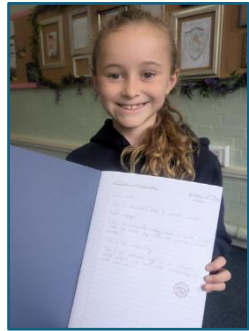
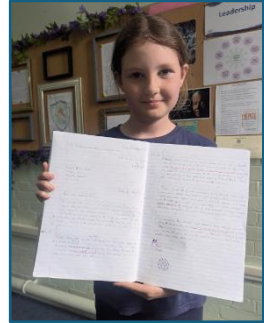
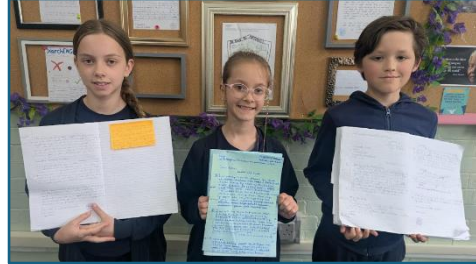
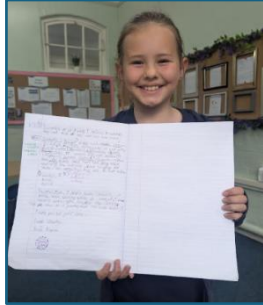
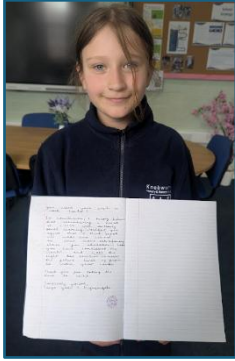
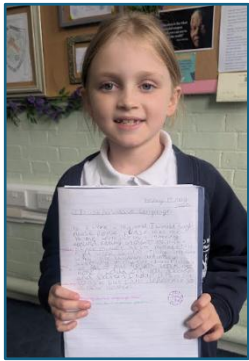
The children in Year One absolutely loved their Commonwealth PE Workshops recently and learnt about the different sports that will be played and the countries involved. It was wonderful to see the children develop their problem-solving skills as they worked in teams to reach their flags! Alyssa from The Stevenage Sporting Futures Team also commented on how respectful and well-mannered the children were – well done Year 1!





Magical Learning

This week for Magical Learning, I have seen Elsie in Nadal Class for her wonderful persuasive text all about Red Pandas which has earned her the title of KS2 Pencrafter of the Week – there were some great reasons included! Varvara and Annie in Nightingale Class and Aoife, Grace, Jasper and Imogen in Seacole Class all shared with me their persuasive writing where they were asking for either no school uniform or a third breaktime – there was some excellent use of exaggeration to support their cause! Nellie in Nadal Class has also been working on using exaggeration in her writing and shared with me some fantastic examples of this. Hannah and Olivia in Henson Class have both been working on learning outside of the classroom which has been so magical to see. Hannah has been working on her handwriting and spelling in preparation for Year 3 and Olivia has created a times tables song to help her and her peers learn the eight times tables – super work girls! Arthur R in Coelho Class worked brilliantly on writing sentences with scientific definitions which has rightly so earned him the title of KS1 Pencrafter of the Week. Archie in Thunberg Class shared his writing where he had been working well to include fact and opinion when writing about Harp Seals. Sophie in Thunberg Class shared with me her maths exit pass on her fractions topic and she was so pleased about the progress and confidence she has made in her fractions learning. Lastly, Isla, Imogen, Hattie, Sylvie, Poppy, Finley and Bea came to share their superb maths learning where they had been rounding decimal numbers – well done everyone!



Messy Church

Don't forget that Messy Church will be taking place at St Martins Church on Friday 15th May from 3:15pm. Families are warmly invited to join for an afternoon of crafts, time together in church, and a hot meal to share. Entry is by donation, and everyone is very welcome.



Lost Property

Our lost property box is becoming increasingly full with unnamed jumpers, coats, water bottles, and other items. We would encourage all parents and carers to take a few moments to check the lost property area if your child is missing any belongings (this can be found in the large black box next to the clothes recycling bin.) Please also ensure that all items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly named, as this makes it much easier for lost items to be returned promptly to their owners. Any unclaimed items will be donated or disposed of at the end of the half term.

Parent Governor Election

All parents and carers should now have received their ballot paper. This is an exciting moment for the school, as we have not held an election like this before, and we are very much looking forward to seeing such an important part of parent voice in action.

Please do take the time to read through the candidates' personal statements carefully before casting your vote. Completed ballot papers should be returned in a sealed envelope to the school office by **3:30pm on Thursday 14th May**. Thank you for your support and participation in this important process.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Nightingale Class*

Y1 Coelho 92.1%	Y1 Zephaniah 97.6%	Y2 Chandi 95.4%	Y2 Henson 99.2%	Y3 Nadal 96.0%	Y3 Thunberg 93.5%
Y4 Johnson 98.1%	Y4 Turing 95.7%	Y5 Nightingale 99.4%	Y5 Seacole 97.9%	Y6 Bronte 90.6%	Y6 Byron 98.1%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Scarlett & Jude

Ayling-Ellis
Rory

Packham
Takara & Summer

Coelho
Arthur S

Zephaniah
Elisita

Chandi
Jaxson

Henson
Sara

Nadal
Harry

Thunberg
To be revealed next week

Johnson
Hannah

Turing
Leo

Nightingale
James

Seacole
Harry & Dylan

Bronte
Bow

Byron
Rosie

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 52



Bulwer 60



Eudo 44



Lytton 39

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Harrison Cece	Y1 Zephaniah Grayson	Y2 Chandi Hailey Reuben Ellena	Y2 Henson Sienna	Y3 Nadal Lorelle Adam	Y3 Thunberg Seren
Y4 Johnson Georgia	Y4 Turing Arlo	Y5 Nightingale Mia Jacob	Y5 Seacole Penelope	Y6 Bronte Lacey-Mae	Y6 Byron Alfie Lily-Rose

This Week's Pencrafters

Arthur R in Coelho Class
Elsie in Nadal Class



Children's Achievements



Well done to Lysander in Ayling-Ellis Class who has moved up to the next level within swimming. Lysander found it challenging at first due to the fear of water but he has overcome his fears now and shown our school value of resilience! We are so proud of you!

Good luck to the U10 Knebworth Puma Football Team who are playing in their cup final this weekend — they have played amazingly this season and we could not be prouder of them! Watch this space!

Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Supporting Children's Focus and Concentration During SATs Week

With my daughter doing SATs next week, many parents like me are keen to support their children's energy, focus and concentration. Below are some nutrition tips which may help.

Encourage regular meals and avoiding long gaps without food

Eating regularly can help support steadier energy levels throughout the school day and may help avoid dips in concentration, mood and alertness. Breakfast is especially important as it helps refuel children after an overnight fast, and research has consistently linked breakfast consumption with improved attention, memory and concentration in children. Balanced snacks brought into school, such as fruit, yoghurt, cheese, oatcakes or homemade scones or granola bars may also help support energy and concentration between meals.

Include protein at meals and snacks

Foods such as eggs, yoghurt, milk, cheese, beans, chicken, fish and nut butters can help children feel fuller for longer and may help provide a steadier release of energy throughout the day. Ideally, aim to include a palm-sized portion of protein with each main meal and around half that amount with snacks.

Encourage regular hydration

Even mild dehydration can affect concentration, alertness and mood in children, so encouraging children to drink water regularly throughout the day is beneficial.



Offer omega-3-rich foods

Omega-3 fats found in foods such as oily fish, walnuts and chia seeds are important for brain development and nervous system function. Simple ways to include omega-3-rich foods include adding chia seeds or ground flaxseed to porridge or yoghurt, including walnuts as a snack, or serving oily fish such as salmon or mackerel once a week.

Add berries to breakfasts and snacks

Berries such as blueberries and strawberries contain antioxidants and flavonoids, which may help support memory and cognitive performance. Easy ways to include berries include adding them to porridge, cereal, yoghurt, smoothies or serving them as snacks alongside meals.

Including cocoa

Cocoa contains natural compounds called flavonoids, which may help support blood flow to the brain and cognitive performance. I like to grate a little dark chocolate on overnight oats and include cocoa in homemade brownies or energy balls.



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 th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
11 th to 14 th May	Year 6 SATS Tests <i>A set of statutory national curriculum tests in maths and English.</i>
15 th May After school on the playground	FOKS Year 5 Cake Sale
w/c 18 th May	Walk to School Week
18 th to 20 th May	Year 6 PGL Trip
22 nd May	FOKS Crazy Hair Day <i>Children are invited to come to school with a crazy hairstyle in exchange for a £1 donation to FOKS. Please note that full school uniform should still be worn on this day and that a crazy hairstyle is optional.</i>
25 th to 29 th May	May Half Term – School Closed
1 st June	INSET Day – School Closed
1 st to 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Period <i>A statutory assessment focussing on children's times tables knowledge.</i>
4 th June	Class Photos <i>Children to come to school in their school uniform for our annual Class Photos.</i>
8 th June	Henson Class Trip to Ardeley Farm
9 th June	Chandi Class Trip to Ardeley Farm
8 th to 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Period <i>A statutory assessment focussing on children's phonics knowledge.</i>
11 th June	Johnson Class at St Francis College for CSI Workshop
13 th June 10am to 1pm	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! A great opportunity for our school community to come together and support our OPAL provision as we prepare for our final audit!</i>
14 th June	FOKS Bubble Bounce
16 th June	Year 4 Trip to Phasels Wood
17 th June 3:20 to 6pm	Take One Picture Exhibition <i>A chance for parents and carers to come into school to see their child's wonderful work on display!</i>



18 th 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>
19 th June After school on the playground	FOKS Father's Day Donut Sale
20 th June	Knebworth Festival Fun Day
22 nd – 25 th June 1:30pm start	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>
25 th June	Turing Class at St Francis College for CSI Workshop
26 th & 29 th June	Reserve Sports Days
3 rd July	FOKS Summer Enrichment Day for KS2
6 th July	Year 1 Trip to Celtic Harmony
9 th July	Secondary School Transition Day <i>An opportunity for Year 6 to spend a day at their new secondary school.</i>
9 th 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 th 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 th 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 th July	FOKS Summer Enrichment Day for EYFS & KS1
10 th July	Year 5 Trip to Tolmers
16 th 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 nd July	Summer Term Ends & FOKS Non-Uniform Day <i>12pm – Nursery - 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
1 st & 2 nd September	INSET Days (School Closed)
3 rd September	Autumn Term Begins

