



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

1st May 2026

A message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy and exciting week, filled with learning, creativity, and many moments of joy. From classroom achievements to special events, we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and effort our pupils show each and every day, and of how wonderfully they embody our core values of **Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience**.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Rosie in Henson Class and Sebastian in Zephaniah Class for donating such lovely Birthday Books to the school. I know many of our children will enjoy reading these books and they will take pride of place on our Birthday Books shelf in the school library.



Inspire Cricket & Kinball Festivals

This week Miss Breckenridge accompanied some of our KS2 children to Cricket and Kinball Festivals organised by The Stevenage Sporting Futures Team (SSFT.) The children had a wonderful time at both festivals. The Kinball event gave the children a chance to learn all about the sport, while the Cricket festival was more competitive, and the children achieved an impressive 3rd place overall. Well done to all the children involved! The pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship throughout both events, representing the school with pride. Experiences like these provide valuable opportunities to develop new skills, build confidence, and enjoy being active as part of a team and we are so grateful to be a part of The SSFT.



Energy Sparks Visit

On Tuesday, we were visited by James from a company called Energy Sparks. Energy Sparks help us to gather data about our energy usage and give us suggestions to improve this, making us more energy efficient. Children across Reception, KS1 and KS2 were shown our school's data in an engaging and informative assembly, before James spent time with the senior leadership team and the Eco-Ambassadors learning more about our school's data and how we can make improvements to our buildings and routines to become more energy aware. The Eco-Ambassadors loved touring the school building with a heat-imaging camera and seeing where the hottest and coolest points in the school were! Thank you, James, for such an inspiring visit!

Year 3 Trip to St Martins Church

Year 3 were kindly welcomed by Reverend King at St Martin's Church on Tuesday to learn about Lent and Easter as part of their RE learning. They had the opportunity to independently explore the church and sketch items that inspired them. The visit provided a valuable hands-on experience, helping the children to deepen their understanding of Christian traditions and the significance of Lent and Easter. The pupils showed great curiosity and respect throughout, asking thoughtful questions and engaging fully with their surroundings. Thank you, Reverend King, for your warm welcome.



Orienteering Day

On Thursday, KS2 took part in an exciting orienteering experience day, embracing a fun and active approach to learning. Working in pairs, the children navigated the course to find markers, each presenting a maths problem to solve. They thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors, staying active, and engaging with their learning in a new and stimulating way. Their behaviour was exemplary throughout, with the session leader commenting on how refreshing it was to work with such respectful, attentive classes who listened so well. At Knebworth, we know how magical our children are, but it is always so lovely to hear this reflected by external professionals. Well done, KS2! Thank you to Miss Hall for arranging such a superb learning opportunity for the children.

Engineer Visit

On Thursday, Year 4 were visited by two railway engineers to celebrate the end of their DT project, during which they have been designing and building moving train carriages. The engineers shared insights into their roles maintaining and repairing trains, and the children also discovered some fascinating facts about rail transport. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed working alongside professionals in school, gaining real-world context for their learning and further developing their problem-solving and design skills. A BIG thank you to Mrs Isaac-Romani and Miss Dimmock for all their hard work in facilitating such a magical learning experience for the children.

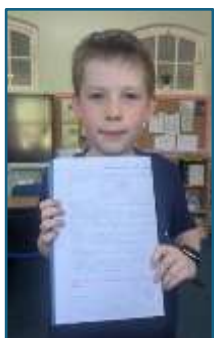
OPAL Star of the Week

This week's OPAL Star of the Week is Samuel in Bronte Class. The Play Ambassadors have chosen him because he always tidies up and he is always respectful to others. He also has a vivid imagination when playing with the Opal resources. Well done Samuel, we are so proud of you!



Magical Learning

This week for Magical Learning, I have seen Isaac in Johnson Class, who has been crowned KS2 Pencrifter of the Week for his brilliant writing, where he used the rules of speech effectively and with confidence. Sebastian in Henson Class is our KS1 Pencrifter of the Week for his magical report all about Ibtihaj Muhammad. Sebastian took great pride in telling me some wonderful facts all about her. Savannah in Nightingale Class came to see me due to her fantastic initiative. She had recognised that some children were not using the school toilets responsibly, so she independently created and photocopied posters to display in the toilets. This thoughtful action shows a real sense of responsibility and care for our school community and I could not be prouder of her! Isabella in Nadal Class shared her wonderful homework where she had used the features of persuasion to try and persuade her mum that a pet dragon would be a good idea – she did make some good points! Izzy, Imogen and Jayda in Turing Class were so inspired by our Energy Sparks visit that they created booklets filled with top tips on how to look after our planet. Their work shows real enthusiasm for sustainability and a strong understanding of how small actions can make a big difference. Lastly, James in Chandi Class has been working superbly on his Young Aspirers tasks and has created a whole scrapbook to record and celebrate his learning and achievements outside of school – this was a real joy to look through!





Walk to School Week is coming this May!

We are excited to take part in Walk to School Week starting on Monday 18th May — a great chance to build healthy habits, cut congestion and help create cleaner air around our school. Walking or wheeling to school boosts children's physical and mental wellbeing, helps them arrive alert and ready to learn and supports a greener environment.

How you can get involved:

- Encourage your child to walk or wheel to school as often as possible.
- If you can't walk the whole way, try a **Park and Stride** — park a short distance away and walk the rest!

To make things fun, each class will take part in a friendly competition to see who can walk or wheel the most. The winning class will enjoy **extra break time!** Let's step into a healthier, greener week together!

Behaviour

It has been reported to the school that some of the children are playing dangerously on the bank outside school (by the green box), with some children observed cycling down the slope. I ask all parents and carers to reinforce our school values and the importance of keeping safe, particularly when travelling to and from school. For those older children who walk home alone, please also take time to remind them about making sensible choices and being mindful of potential hazards in the local area. Thank you.

Parent Governor Election

I am so delighted to report that we have eight parents who have nominated themselves for the two parent governor vacancies the school currently has. Please look out for further information, which will be sent out early next week, explaining how you can cast your vote.

Have a lovely, restful bank holiday weekend everyone — let's hope the sunshine continues! We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 5th May**.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Nightingale Class*

Y1 Coelho 97.8%	Y1 Zephaniah 92.3%	Y2 Chandi 95.6%	Y2 Henson 98.0%	Y3 Nadal 97.2%	Y3 Thunberg 89.6%
Y4 Johnson 96.6%	Y4 Turing 97.7%	Y5 Nightingale 98.6%	Y5 Seacole 95.8%	Y6 Bronte 89.6%	Y6 Byron 92.3%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Joshua & Clemence

Ayling-Ellis
Lysander

Packham
Alexia

Coelho
Dottie

Zephaniah
Sam

Chandi
Stanley

Henson
Hannah

Nadal
Austin

Thunberg
Alana

Johnson
Reuben

Turing
Sylvie

Nightingale
Maya S

Seacole
To be revealed next week!

Bronte
Mia

Byron
Lennie

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 37



Bulwer 56



Eudo 35



Lytton 23

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Una Edward	Y1 Zephaniah Abel	Y2 Chandi Eirini Robin	Y2 Henson Sebastian	Y3 Nadal Hugo	Y3 Thunberg Albie Alfie
Y4 Johnson Georgia	Y4 Turing Henry	Y5 Nightingale Shay Finley	Y5 Seacole Jessica Marty Emmie	Y6 Bronte Koby-Rae	Y6 Byron Beaux

This Week's Pencrafters

Sebastian in Zephaniah Class
Isaac in Johnson Class



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 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 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
1 st & 2 nd September	INSET Days (School Closed)
3 rd September	Autumn Term Begins

