



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

22nd May 2026

A message from the Headteacher

Summer 1 Complete!

And just like that, the first half of the summer term has come to an end! It has been a wonderful half term filled with magical learning experiences, memorable moments, and children making us incredibly proud with the progress they continue to make. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the FOKS Crazy Hair Day today — there were so many spectacular and wonderfully creative hairstyles across the school. The effort and imagination on display were fantastic to see — well done, everyone!

Year 6 PGL Trip

School was a little quieter this week as our wonderful Year 6 children headed off on their residential PGL trip. Each and every child was an absolute credit to the school, consistently demonstrating our values of *respect, responsibility and resilience* throughout the visit. It was especially lovely to hear these qualities recognised and praised by the PGL staff as well. A huge thank you to Mr Shostak, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Isaac-Romani, Mrs Moss and Miss Breckenridge for accompanying and supporting the children on such an important milestone in their Knebworth journey. The memories and experiences created will no doubt stay with the children for many years to come.

Walk to School Week

This week, children across the school have proudly taken part in Walk to School Week by walking, scooting, cycling, or park and striding to school wherever possible. It has been wonderful to see so many children making positive and healthy choices whilst helping the environment too. To celebrate, we held a whole-school competition, and a huge congratulations goes to Seacole and Nadal classes, who both achieved an incredible 85% of their class travelling sustainably. As a reward, they enjoyed some extra breaktime today - well done to everyone who took part.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Savannah in Nightingale Class and Holly in Zephaniah Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to the school – I really enjoyed reading and sharing your books with you!

Worry Post



Following the success of the Worry Box in the music corridor, we have decided to introduce “Worry Post” into classrooms from Year 2 to Year 6, giving children another discreet and supportive way to share any worries they may have. Our wonderful Kindness Ambassadors have been working incredibly hard creating the post boxes, and they have done a fantastic job — don’t they look amazing? These will be introduced into classrooms after the half term break. A special thank you to Mrs Moss for supporting and helping to lead this thoughtful initiative.



OPAL Play Session

This afternoon, to celebrate the end of the half term, the children enjoyed an additional 30-minute OPAL session, with all members of staff joining in with their play and experiencing the magic of OPAL together. What was especially lovely to see was older and younger children playing so happily alongside one another, as well as the incredible creativity, imagination and teamwork shown throughout their play. It was a wonderful way to end a very busy and successful half term.



Outdoor Classroom Day

Yesterday, the whole school took part in Outdoor Classroom Day — a global event where teachers and schools across the world take children's learning outside. So far, an incredible 13,107,486 children have participated worldwide! Here at Knebworth, we already place great value on outdoor learning, and yesterday was no exception. The children had a wonderful time taking part in a range of exciting activities, including Coelho and Nadal Class working together to create collages using natural materials. Thunberg Class created themselves through nature having studied their No Outsiders book this week 'We're All Wonders'. Nursery made rockets, explored full and empty containers in the water and did some number learning. Year 2 learnt about micro-habitats and discussed why these habitats support the survival of the minibeasts and what makes them a suitable home. It was fantastic to see such curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm for learning outdoors. We are already very much looking forward to the next Outdoor Classroom Day on 5th November.



Magical Learning

This week for Magical Learning, I had the pleasure of seeing the fantastic work of Immy, Hannah, Chloe, Mia and Brooke in Year 5. Their narratives were absolutely excellent, with superb use of imagery to create the most wonderful and imaginative stories. They were an absolute joy to read — very well done to all of you! I have seen Rafe in Thunberg Class who proudly shared his persuasive letter where he had really used feelings words to evoke a particular emotion. For our final Pencrafters of Summer 1, I had the pleasure of seeing Max in Zephaniah Class for his amazing story themed around The Gingerbread Man. He had added incredible illustrations and powerful adjectives and it was so lovely to see how proud he was of his writing. I then saw Harrison in Byron Class for his magical Harry Potter themed piece using high level punctuation and a wide range of genre features — well done! Jaden in Seacole Class shared with me his maths learning where he had worked so resiliently to count through 0 in multiples — a super effort. Lastly, both Miss Baylis and Mrs Day were so impressed with all the Gingerbread Man stories written by Zephaniah and Coelho Classes that I popped down yesterday to see all the children's writing and I too was so, so amazed!





OPAL Star of the Week

This week's OPAL Star of the Week is Luca in Thunberg Class. He was chosen by The Play Team for being respectful, he asked an adult what he can help with when it is time to tidy up and he took another child with him to help tidy the mud kitchen. Well done Luca, we are so proud of you!

The Little Princess Trust

A huge well done to Eirini in Chandi Class, who has made the incredibly thoughtful decision to donate her hair to support children with cancer. What a truly kind and selfless thing to do — we are all so proud of her for thinking of others in this way. If you would like to support Eirini's fundraising efforts, please visit her fundraising page below:

<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/eirinis-fundraising-page2026>

KS2 Timings

Following the note in the newsletter on 8th May and the separate email that went out today a reminder that 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

Class Photos

A reminder that Class Photos will take place on 4th June. Please ensure that all children come to school wearing their full school uniform on this day.

Have a lovely, restful half term break everyone — enjoy the sunshine! I look forward to seeing the children back in school on **2nd June**.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Nightingale Class*

Y1 Coelho 97.8%	Y1 Zephaniah 98.9%	Y2 Chandi 91.3%	Y2 Henson 97.0%	Y3 Nadal 96.4%	Y3 Thunberg 95.0%
Y4 Johnson 96.7%	Y4 Turing 95.4%	Y5 Nightingale 100%	Y5 Seacole 92.9%	Y6 Bronte 92.1%	Y6 Byron 95.4%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Louisa & Freddie

Ayling-Ellis
Iris

Packham
Elsie

Coelho
Shinaayo

Zephaniah
Finlee

Chandi
Erini

Henson
Finley

Nadal
Mason

Thunberg
Luca

Johnson
To be revealed after half term

Turing
Alfie

Nightingale
Violet

Seacole
Nathan

Bronte
Samuel

Byron
Maxwell

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 57



Bulwer 74



Eudo 64



Lytton 44

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Cece Freddie	Y1 Zephaniah Joshua Grace B	Y2 Chandi Leo Freya	Y2 Henson Daisy	Y3 Nadal Mihini Ava Alexia	Y3 Thunberg Sophie Sierra
Y4 Johnson Aisha Coco Poppy Isobella	Y4 Turing Bea	Y5 Nightingale Bella L	Y5 Seacole Chloe Marty Lily	Y6 Bronte Reggie	Y6 Byron Violet

This Week's Pencrafters



*Max in Zephaniah Class
Harrison in Byron Class*





Message from The FOKS Team

This week Stevenage FC hosted an assembly with the children and announced the exciting news that they will be back for the FOKS Summer Enrichment Day in July. We're treating the children to football workshops run by two professional coaches from Stevenage FC, along with a Line Dancing lesson and some football-themed puddings created by HCL, all in aid of celebrating the FIFA World Cup being hosted in USA, Canada and Mexico. More details to follow next term!

As Bounce Day won't be happening this year, we've still got you covered with bounce-related fun with our new event - Bubble Bounce! On Sunday 14 June, come and run an obstacle course of inflatables and other challenges on the school field, whilst being squirted by water pistols and fired at by a foam cannon! Sure to be a day of mischief and mayhem so bring your family and friends— more details and to pre-book a ticket (essential so we know numbers) can be found on <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofknebworthschool/2189440>

The children were also sent home with a flyer and sponsorship form for this event so if you're up for the extra challenge of raising even more money for the school, then get collecting and there will be prizes for most money raised and most laps run.

Remember the Early Bird ticket offer of £6pp runs out tonight so don't delay!

Many thanks,
Liz & Katie

BUBBLE BOUNCE

**SUNDAY
14 JUNE 2026**

KNEBWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Run a fun-filled course of:

- obstacles & inflatables
- coloured foam & bubbles
- music, mayhem & mischief!

EARLYBIRD SALE £6 pp

£7.50 per person

pre-booking essential

Time Slots:

- 10.30am - 11.30am
- 12pm - 1pm
- 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Scan to book

Will you take on the EXTRA CHALLENGE
and collect sponsorship?

Prizes for most money raised and most laps run!



Children's Achievements

Well done to Poppy in Turing Class who won a bronze medal at her Taekwondo tournament at the weekend. Magical news – we are so proud of you!

Well done to Alfie and Finley in Turing Class together with their football team won the Mid Herts League Cup Final on Saturday morning! They both scored the 2 goals for Knebworth Lions Football Club beating Hitchin Town 2-1. We are so proud of you both!



It was Olive in Ayling-Ellis Class end of season rugby awards last Sunday. Prior to the season, she hadn't played rugby before and has shown amazing resilience this season. She was the only girl and found some of the games like sharks & fishes and bulldog scary. She cried in those games most of the season because she was worried about people taking her tags but by the end of the season, she was brave enough not to. Everyone in her team got a medal at the awards but Olive won a special trophy as Clubwoman of the Year under 6s Datchworth, for always being kind, polite and helpful towards both her coaches and her team mates. Such fabulous news Olive – we are so proud of you!



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
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> <i>1:10pm – Reception & KS1</i> <i>1:20pm – KS2</i>
1 st & 2 nd September	INSET Days (School Closed)
3 rd September	Autumn Term Begins

