



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

5th June 2026

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Summer 2 – the final half-term of the academic year! Mrs Parsons, with the help of her mother, has transformed the Year 3 corridor into a stunning underwater oasis using recycled materials, our fish sculpture created with local artist Donna Reeves, and beautiful jellyfish displays. As well as looking magical, the display promotes the importance of reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling. The children have loved exploring their new learning environment and it has already inspired lots of discussion and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to Mrs Parsons and her mother for creating such a wonderful space for everyone to enjoy!



Take One Picture



This half term, the children are taking part in a whole-school "Take One Picture" project based on the work of Mexican artist Diego Rivera and his painting *Festival of the Flowers*. Throughout the project, the children will be exploring the painting through art, culture, festivals and creative activities across the curriculum. Parents and carers are warmly invited to visit our whole-school exhibition on **Wednesday 17th June from 3:20 to 6pm**, where the children's artwork and creative responses to the painting will be displayed throughout the school.

As part of the Knebworth Festival celebrations, the school will also be opening the festival with a parade on **20th June**. This is an optional event; however, we would love as many families as possible to take part. Children who attend will walk with their classmates in year groups, showcasing the wonderful creations they have made as part of their festival work, with each year group representing a different celebration. Please note that parents and carers will be responsible for transporting and supervising their children throughout the parade event. We look forward to sharing the children's creativity and learning with you.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Seb in Turing Class and Isobella in Johnson Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to the school – I really enjoyed sharing your books with you!

Knebworth Village Festival & FOKS Message

The countdown has begun - it is a week to go to the beginning of The Knebworth Village Festival and the committee has been working with FOKS to get many events in the calendar. You should all have had a flyer with all the week's events in it, but here's the highlights for next weekend:



Saturday 13th June - 10.30am starting at the school - the litter pick. 2.30pm at the Village Hall - If you enjoyed the patisserie at the French Cafe - come along to Patisserie and Play - make and bake French pastisseries and learn some French games - free entry.

Sunday 14th June - FOKS Bubble Bounce - please check out FOKS Facebook Page for details of how to book.

African Dance Workshops

On Wednesday and Friday, pupils in KS1 and KS2 took part in an exciting African dance workshop. During the sessions, the children learnt about African culture and traditions, explored different styles of African dance and developed a range of new dance skills. They enthusiastically practised the movements they had learnt before performing them with confidence and energy. The workshops were a fantastic experience and were thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. The visiting instructors were extremely impressed with our pupils and commented on how well-behaved, friendly and polite they were throughout the sessions. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, respect and excellent attitudes shown by all of our children. Thank you to Miss Hall for facilitating such a valuable learning opportunity for the children.

Class Photos

The children looked incredibly smart in their school uniform for Class Photo Day this week – thank you to all parents and carers for your support – even the photographers commented on how smart the children looked. A leaflet containing a QR code for ordering photographs should have been sent home with every child. Please contact the school office if you have not received one.



Magical Learning

This week for Magical Learning, I had the pleasure of seeing Imogen, Nathan and Tallulah in Seacole Class for their superb writing in English where they had all used figurative language to create mood and atmosphere – I was so impressed with their writing! I have also seen Savannah in Nightingale Class for her work linked to Take One Picture where she has created a vibrant fact file all about the artist Diego Rivera. Olivia in Henson Class shared the wonderful work she has been doing at home to develop her spelling skills. She has shown great responsibility and commitment to her learning in this area. Well done, Olivia! Lastly, Miss Dimmock was so impressed by the artwork produced by Turing Class as part of their Take One Picture project that I popped in to see their learning for myself. The children spoke enthusiastically about their work and were proud to share their creativity and ideas. Well done, Turing Class! I wonder who I will see next week for Magical Learning!



Ofsted Letter

If you have not yet had the chance, please take a few minutes to read the letter sent yesterday from the HCC Education Leadership Team regarding the revised Ofsted Inspection Framework, Report Cards, and new Grades. We would also like to gently highlight the section that emphasises the importance of parent and carer involvement and a strong home-school partnership, as this plays a vital role in supporting children's experiences and outcomes. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for ensuring your child attends school every day

It is still a relatively new framework, but we have seen several schools nationally receive a Needs Attention grade for Attendance and Behaviour, based purely on attendance figures. This is because a school must show it meets all the criteria listed under each grade to be awarded that grade. In almost all these cases, the text identifies good behaviour, routines and expectations. To this end, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of their joint responsibility for promoting and ensuring regular attendance at school. We know that good attendance leads to better experiences and outcomes for pupils.

Staffing Update

This week we were delighted to welcome Mrs Lane back from her maternity leave. It has been wonderful to have her back in school, and she will be spending this half term supporting a range of classes. We also said a fond goodbye to Miss Knappett as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best for this special time and look forward to meeting the newest addition to her family.

OPAL Working Party – 13th June 10am to 1pm

Don't forget our OPAL Working Party on 13th June – this is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and support our OPAL provision as we prepare for our final audit and accreditation which is later this month. It was so lovely seeing so many of you at the OPAL Play Session that we do hope to see lots of you there so we can continue to develop the magic of OPAL lunchtimes for our children.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes
Miss Bains





WINNERS:

Turing Class

Y1 Coelho 98.6%	Y1 Zephaniah 94.4%	Y2 Chandi 91.6%	Y2 Henson 95.0%	Y3 Nadal 94.0%	Y3 Thunberg 98.4%
Y4 Johnson 98.6%	Y4 Turing 99.0%	Y5 Nightingale 96.4%	Y5 Seacole 95.8%	Y6 Bronte 95.8%	Y6 Byron 93.8%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates To resume next week

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 63



Bulwer 100



Eudo 94



Lytton 86

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Keir Stesha	Y1 Zephaniah Grace T Peter	Y2 Chandi Kieran	Y2 Henson Hannah	Y3 Nadal Mason	Y3 Thunberg Sophie Albie
Y4 Johnson Ali Georgia	Y4 Turing Imogen	Y5 Nightingale Annie Jacob James Oliver	Y5 Seacole Maya Jessica	Y6 Bronte Gabryella Mia	Y6 Byron Beaux

This Week's Pencrafters

To resume next week



Children's Achievements

A few weeks ago, Jessica in Seacole Class performed at the Indigo Theatre at the O2 with her drama group, showcasing their production of *Mary Poppins*. She also sang a solo, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done Jessica, 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
1 st to 12 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check Period <i>A statutory assessment focussing on children's times tables knowledge.</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
16 th June	Henson Class Scooterbility
17 th June	Chandi Class Scooterbility
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>
17 th July	Reception Trip to Shepreth
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

