



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

10th July 2026

A message from the Headteacher

Hot Weather

Despite the hot weather this week, our children and staff have been absolute superstars! We have taken extra care to keep everyone safe by encouraging regular drink breaks, making the most of shaded outdoor areas, and enjoying plenty of indoor activities during the hottest parts of the day. The children have embraced each school day with big smiles and have remained engaged in their learning throughout. A huge thank you goes to our amazing staff, who have worked tirelessly throughout the warmer temperatures to ensure every child has remained safe, comfortable and well cared for. A special shout-out to the Knebbers Crew team for keeping their provision open until 6.00pm to continue supporting our working families. Everyone's dedication, energy and kindness have made all the difference and we are incredibly grateful for the care they show our children every single day. Thank you to all our families for your continued support by providing sun hats, named water bottles, and weather-appropriate clothing. Please continue to send these in until the end of term so that we can keep everyone safe and comfortable if the warm weather continues.

Year 1 Trip to Celtic Harmony Camp

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Celtic Harmony Camp on Monday, making the most of the beautiful weather and the wonderful outdoor learning opportunities. The children fully immersed themselves in a range of forest school activities, creating clay faces on trees, crafting salt dough animals and building twig boats using natural materials. It was a wonderful day of creativity, exploration and hands-on learning, with lots of smiles and memorable experiences along the way! A BIG thank you to the Year 1 team and to all the staff who accompanied the children on this trip. Your support, enthusiasm and dedication helped to make the day such a wonderful and memorable experience for everyone.



Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Netball Festival



At the Netball Festival, our team were delighted to receive the award for Passion. This was a fantastic achievement and a wonderful reflection of the enthusiasm, determination, and positive attitude the children showed throughout the event. The children were also awarded 4th place in the festival and we are so proud of how magically they represented our school, demonstrating great teamwork, encouragement for one another, and a real love for the game. A huge well done to all of the players for their commitment, effort, and sportsmanship and to Miss Dimmock and Ms Benoit for coaching and supervising the children at the festival.

Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Years 5 and 6 Rounders Festival

A huge well done to our Rounders Team who took part in the recent Rounders Festival and achieved an impressive 5th place. The children represented our school brilliantly, showing fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, developing their skills and enjoying the opportunity to compete against other schools. Thank you to Miss Breckenridge for facilitating yet another magical sporting opportunity for the children.



Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Commonwealth Festival

Last week Miss Breckenridge took a team of children to take part in a Commonwealth Festival, which was a wonderful round-robin of activities inspired by the Commonwealth Games. Throughout the day, the children had the opportunity to try a range of different sports and activities, including weightlifting, judo, netball, freestyle basketball, dance and bowls. It was fantastic to see them embracing new challenges, developing new skills, and showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. A real highlight of the day was meeting two para bowls players, who shared their experiences and inspired the children with their incredible achievements and determination. The festival was a brilliant celebration of sport, inclusion and the values of the Commonwealth Games. Well done to all of the children for getting involved and representing our school so positively! Thank you again to Miss Breckenridge for ensuring our children are able to take part in such magical sporting experiences like this – we are so lucky to have you!

Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

This week, we launched the 'Read to the Beat' Summer Reading Challenge. Children in Years 1 to 6 enjoyed a fantastic assembly led by Alison, one of the wonderful volunteers from Knebworth Library, who introduced this year's exciting challenge. There are six stickers to collect along the way, with a medal awarded to every child who completes the challenge. It has already begun, so we encourage all of our families to support our local library and include a few library visits in your summer holiday plans. We would love to celebrate the children's achievements when we return to school in September. If your child completes the challenge, please send a photo of them with their medal and certificate to their new class teacher so that we can recognise their fantastic reading success. Happy reading, everyone!

KS1 Choir at Constance Place



Our KS1 Choir had a wonderful time sharing their singing with the residents at Constance Place this week. I had the absolute honour of accompanying the children who sang beautifully and brought lots of smiles, joy, and happiness to everyone who listened. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to perform, build confidence, and share the joy of music with members of our wider community. A BIG well done to all of our young singers for their enthusiasm and kindness. A BIG thank you to our wonderful Mr Williams for preparing the children so beautifully and supporting them throughout this special visit.

Year 6 Production – Wonka

At the time of writing this newsletter, I have just returned from the afternoon performance of our Year 6 production, **Wonka**, and I am full of pride and admiration for our incredible children. A HUGE well done to our Year 6 pupils for delivering such a fabulous end-of-year show! Each and every child shone brightly in their individual roles, demonstrating confidence, creativity, commitment and a real sense of teamwork. From those performing solos to those perfecting wonderful accents and bringing their characters to life, every child played an important part in making the production such a success. It was truly inspiring to see how much the children have grown throughout their time at Knebworth Primary School. Their courage to perform in front of an audience, their willingness to challenge themselves and their ability to support one another showed the wonderful qualities they have developed during their primary school journey. We were also incredibly proud of the children who independently took responsibility for the lighting and sound, showing initiative, technical skill and a fantastic understanding of what happens behind the scenes to create a memorable performance. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them. A special thank you goes to Mr Shostak, Mrs Cooke, and Mrs Smith, who, despite the hot weather, have dedicated so much time, energy, and care into rehearsing, encouraging, and supporting the children. Their passion and commitment have helped create a truly special experience that the children will remember for years to come. Wonka was the perfect way for Year 6 to celebrate their journey with us and mark the end of their time at Knebworth Primary School. They have



certainly left us with wonderful memories, and we could not be prouder of the young people they have become. I am thoroughly looking forward to tonight's evening performance which I know will be just as magical!



Birthday Books

Thank you to Noah in Turing Class for donating such a wonderful Birthday Book to our school. We know that lots of children will enjoy sharing this fantastic book, especially as it is football themed and perfectly timed with the excitement of the World Cup!

A Birthday Gift of Kindness

A huge thank you and well done to Max in Packham Class, who has shown incredible kindness and generosity by raising an amazing £155 for our FOKS charity. For his birthday party over the weekend, Max decided that instead of receiving presents from his friends, he



would ask for donations to support our school as this would be a wonderful opportunity to help others and make a positive difference within our school community. We are incredibly proud of Max for thinking of others and showing such compassion and generosity. What a fantastic example of kindness and the true spirit of giving. Thank you, Max, for your wonderful support of FOKS and our school!

Class Swap

There has been a real buzz of excitement around school this week as our children took part in Class Swap on Thursday and had the opportunity to meet their new Teachers and Inclusion Assistants for September. As I walked around the school it was wonderful to see the smiles, curiosity and enthusiasm as children stepped into their new classrooms, met familiar and new faces, and began to imagine the exciting year ahead. These sessions are such an important part of helping children feel confident, comfortable, and ready for their next chapter. A huge thank you to all of our staff for creating such a warm and welcoming experience. The excitement and positivity across the school have been truly wonderful to see!

FOKS World Cup Enrichment for Early Years & KS1

Our Early Years and KS1 children had a fantastic time taking part in their World Cup football sessions today led by Stevenage Football Club. The sessions took place first thing in the morning, making the most of the cooler temperatures and shaded areas, and the children had a brilliant time developing their football skills, working together as a team, and showing great enthusiasm, confidence, and sportsmanship throughout the activities. Due to the warmer temperatures today, their line dancing session has been postponed until September. The children will have to wait a little longer to experience the magic of line dancing, but we are sure it will be well worth the wait! Thank you to our wonderful FOKS Team for organising these excellent enrichment experiences for our children – we are so lucky to have you!

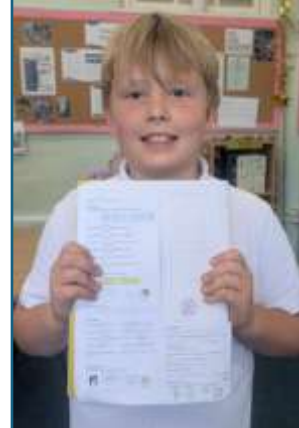


Magical Learning

This week, during our Magical Learning celebrations, I had the pleasure of seeing Isla in Turing Class and Sara in Henson Class both for their excellent explanation texts which earned them the title of KS2 and KS1 Pencrafters of The Week. What was particularly impressive was Isla's use of technical detail and her understanding of the key features of this text type to carefully craft a clear, detailed, and engaging explanation all about her Shopper 13 device. Whilst Sara had demonstrated a strong understanding of how to structure her ideas clearly, using effective sentences to explore different viewpoints of the benefits and drawbacks of plastic. Her hard work, attention to detail, and commitment to improving her writing were wonderful to see. I have also seen Reggie in Seacole Class for his brilliant work on time. It has been wonderful to see how much more confident he has become when using known time facts to solve a range of maths problems – well done! Lastly, Hannah in Henson Class came to share with me the wonderful writing she has been creating at home. I was incredibly impressed by the dedication, creativity, and time she has taken to hone her writing craft. Her commitment to continuing her learning beyond the



classroom is truly inspiring and demonstrates what can be achieved through enthusiasm, perseverance, and a love of learning.



Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone. Please continue to take care in the heat, stay well hydrated and look after one another.

Best Wishes
Miss Bains





WINNERS: *Turing Class*

Y1 Coelho 98.9%	Y1 Zephaniah 95.6%	Y2 Chandi 99.2%	Y2 Henson 98.0%	Y3 Nadal 95.2%	Y3 Thunberg 93.9%
Y4 Johnson 93.5%	Y4 Turing 100%	Y5 Nightingale 99.1%	Y5 Seacole 95.7%	Y6 Bronte 93.8%	Y6 Byron 96.5%

Next week will be our Gold Values certificates!

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Remy Cali Arthur R	Y1 Zephaniah Sam	Y2 Chandi Anthony Reuben	Y2 Henson Hannah	Y3 Nadal Lorelle	Y3 Thunberg Seren
Y4 Johnson Eve	Y4 Turing Jenson	Y5 Nightingale Olamide	Y5 Seacole Oliver	Y6 Bronte Alfie F	Y6 Byron Sofia



This Week's Pencrafters

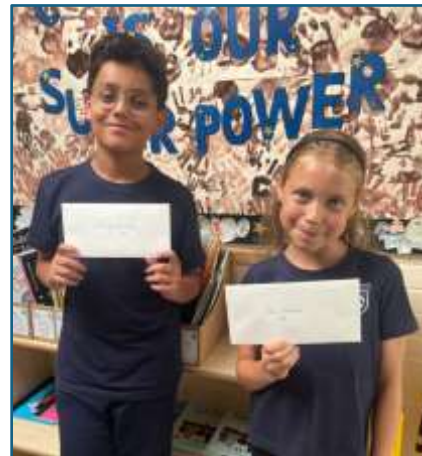
*Sara in Henson Class
Isla in Turing Class*



Message from The FOKS Team

We write this newsletter with an incredible sense of pride.

Firstly, we're proud that FOKS managed to raise just over £2,000 profit from Bubble Bounce and Village Day. This is a wonderful achievement so we are truly grateful for all the attendees and volunteers who made this possible and we thank you for your support. This total includes a fabulous £498 in sponsorship donations so we're extremely proud of Alfie (Y6), Isla (Y4), Carter (Reception), Albie (Reception), Francesca (Y5) and Alexia (Y3) for your amazing efforts. Alfie won the prize for most money donated and Isla won the prize for most laps run - well done!



Secondly, we're extremely proud we were able to use our funds to treat the children to a World Cup-themed Enrichment Day this week and last week. Stevenage FC and 'Dance with Me' entertained the children with football games and activities and a line dancing lesson and then the children received a mini football each as a gift from us. We really hope they enjoyed their time and we thank Stevenage FC and 'Dance with Me' for their involvement. Apologies to EY & KS1 that the line dancing was cancelled due to the heat today - we will rearrange this session for September.

Lastly, there are no words to express how proud we are of Max in Packham class. Through his kind nature, he decided that rather than receive presents for his birthday this year, he asked his friends to donate to FOKS instead and has raised an amazing £155! We were truly astounded by this selfless act and we can't thank you and your friends enough Max for the generosity you have shown.

Thank you,
The FOKS Team

Children's Achievements

A huge well done to Coco in Johnson Class, who has been awarded Amazing Athlete of the Year for Crush Cheer! Coco received this fantastic recognition for her incredible determination, impressive core strength, and for always giving 100% in everything she does — all while doing it with a big smile! Her commitment, positivity, and enthusiasm are truly inspiring. We are so proud of you, Coco. What a wonderful achievement and a fantastic example of perseverance and a positive attitude!



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
16 th July 6:30pm	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 12pm – Nursery - <i>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

