



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

3rd July 2026

A message from the Headteacher

Welcoming Our New EYFS Families

On Monday evening, we were delighted to welcome our new EYFS families to school for our annual parent meeting, where they had the opportunity to meet their child's class teacher and find out more about life at Knebworth. On Wednesday, our newest pupils visited their classrooms and met their teachers, marking the beginning of their transition into school. We are so excited to begin their magical learning journey and cannot wait to welcome them properly in September. We are also delighted to share that, despite falling pupil numbers across the country, our Reception intake for September is full. This is a wonderful reflection of the confidence that families place in Knebworth, and we are incredibly proud to be a school of choice within our local community.

OPAL Gold Accreditation

We are incredibly proud to share that Knebworth Primary and Nursery School is now an **OPAL Gold School!** Through sustained commitment and hard work, we have successfully embedded the OPAL Primary Programme across our school, transforming playtimes and the wider school environment. As a result, all children now enjoy rich, inclusive and engaging play opportunities every day, supporting the development of confidence, creativity, resilience, cooperation and wellbeing. This achievement recognises the importance we place on play as a vital part of children's development, and we are delighted to celebrate this fantastic milestone with our school community. A special mention must go to Mrs Clayton and Ms Benoit for their inspirational leadership in championing the importance and magic of play, and for working so excellently to secure this fantastic Gold accreditation for the school.



Class Allocations for September – Excitement Across the School

Hopefully you will have all seen the Class Allocation letter that was sent out earlier today, informing you of your child's Class Teacher for September, along with some staffing updates for the new academic year. There was a real buzz of excitement around the school at the end of the day as the children found out who their new Teachers will be. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces, and we know everyone is looking forward to the exciting opportunities and magic that a new academic year will bring.

OPAL Play Assemblies

Children are always very excited every other Wednesday knowing that it is OPAL assembly day. Over the past few weeks, Mrs Clayton has been revisiting our school values and how these link to the OPAL rules the children have created for their play. This helps to ensure that pupils are regularly reminded of expectations before we introduce new play equipment at lunchtime. Recently, we have enhanced our provision with a swinging cocoon seat very kindly donated by Alba in Johnson Class, a defined wildflower meadow area, a refreshed mud kitchen, and the introduction of a slide and go-carts. It has been wonderful to see children independently applying the rules they have created, ensuring play is fair, inclusive and safe, while taking care of themselves and others. OPAL play assemblies are an important part of school life, supporting the successful delivery of our play curriculum.



Sports Days

We are delighted that our recent Sports Days were a great success, filled with energy, enthusiasm and fantastic team spirit from all our pupils. The children took part in a range of events and activities, demonstrating determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship throughout. It was wonderful to see so many children encouraging one another and celebrating each other's achievements with one another and with their families. A HUGE thank you goes to the staff for organising and supporting the events, and to families for coming along to cheer the children on and help make the days so special. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils for their participation and positive attitude—what fantastic Knebworth spirit and school values on display!

Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Sports Festivals

Miss Breckenridge has been busy this week leading a number of sports festivals across KS1 and KS2. She accompanied a team of KS1 children to a Rounders Festival, where they achieved an excellent 3rd place. Our Lower KS2 team also took part in a Rounders Festival, finishing in a commendable 6th place. In addition, she supported children at a Bowls Festival, where they learned the rules of the game and developed their skills through new and exciting experiences. Well done to all of the children involved for their enthusiasm, teamwork and fantastic sportsmanship during all of these sporting experiences – they really were the most wonderful ambassadors for the school.

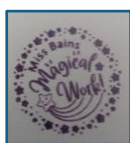
FOKS World Cup Enrichment for KS2



Today, classes across KS2 enjoyed a fantastic world cup themed enrichment day organised by FOKS. The children took part in a football workshop led by coaches from Stevenage FC, where they developed their skills through reaction drills and mini games. They also enjoyed a line dancing workshop, working hard to master coordination, rhythm and teamwork as they learned three routines. The line dancing instructor was extremely impressed with the politeness and excellent manners of the children and specifically highlighted Year 4 as being exceptional. It was a wonderful reflection of the



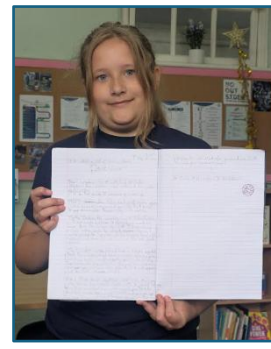
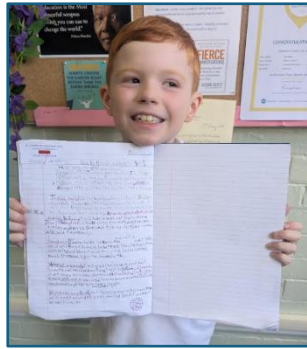
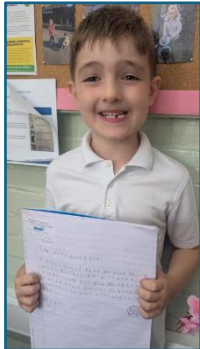
children's attitude, enthusiasm and respect throughout the session. Overall, it was a fun-filled and engaging day, providing children with the opportunity to try new activities, develop new skills and work collaboratively with their peers. Our wonderful HCL Catering team also provided some delicious football-inspired desserts for the children to enjoy—another highlight of an already fantastic day. A huge thank you to both the FOKS and HCL Catering teams for helping to make the enrichment day such a memorable experience for the children. Next Friday, it will be EYFS and KS1's turn to enjoy the fun!



Magical Learning

This week, for Magical Learning, I had the pleasure of visiting William in Thunberg Class and Kieran in Chandi Class, who were last week's Pencrafters. I was so impressed with their magical writing, and William's work is now proudly displayed in one of our Magical Frames. I had the pleasure of seeing Harvey in Johnson Class to see his excellent explanation text all about his shopper invention. We were both incredibly proud of his writing and his confident use of the key features of the genre. Stesha in Coelho Class shared with me her impressive maths learning where she had worked so responsibly to draw hands on the clocks to show the correct time – well done! Dulcie in Bronte Class is this week's KS2 Pencrafter for her magical set of instructions for making a potion. Her imagination and precise use of vocabulary made this a real joy to read. Edward in Coelho Class is this week's KS1 Pencrafter and I was blown away by his castle inspired story – I even made an appearance in the story! He and I were both so proud of his use of adjectives and sentence construction.





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



RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RESILIENCE



WINNERS: *Coelho & Turing Classes*

Y1 Coelho 98.5%	Y1 Zephaniah 96.3%	Y2 Chandi 95%	Y2 Henson 96.3%	Y3 Nadal 93.2%	Y3 Thunberg 94.4%
Y4 Johnson 93.7%	Y4 Turing 98.5%	Y5 Nightingale 97.7%	Y5 Seacole 96.6%	Y6 Bronte 88.3%	Y6 Byron 95.8%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery
Liam & Luna

Ayling-Ellis
Hunter & Penny

Packham
Aliza & Myla

Coelho
Reggie

Zephaniah
Knox & Peter

Chandi
Freya

Henson
Theo

Nadal
Austin

Thunberg
Edward

Johnson
To be revealed next time!

Turing
Isla

Nightingale
Olamide

Seacole
Chloe

Bronte
Alfie

Byron
Daniel

HOUSE POINTS



Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Stesha Dottie	Y1 Zephaniah Grace T Sebastian	Y2 Chandi Pearla	Y2 Henson Jai	Y3 Nadal Lorelle	Y3 Thunberg Rafe
Y4 Johnson Eve	Y4 Turing Izzy	Y5 Nightingale Annie Maya	Y5 Seacole Esme	Y6 Bronte Leo Alfie	Y6 Byron Daniel



This Week's Pencrafters

Edward in Coelho Class
Dulcie in Bronte Class



Children's Achievements

Congratulations to Hallie in Packham Class who recently took part in her very first club gymnastics competition, *Visual Treasure*. Competing across the floor, beam, vault and uneven bars, Hallie delivered an outstanding performance and achieved an incredible **3rd place** overall, despite being the youngest competitor. We are especially proud of the determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship Hallie showed throughout the competition, cheering on her teammates and celebrating their successes as well as her own. Well done, Hallie! We are incredibly proud of your fantastic achievement.



Maya in Nightingale Class also came to show me her medal, which she had been awarded in her gymnastics competition. She was so proud to share her experience, and we could not be prouder of her success.



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
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 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 <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

