



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

17th July 2026

A message from the Headteacher

Year 5 Trip to Tolmers

Last Friday, Year 5 went on a trip to Tolmers Activity Centre. The day was filled with exciting activities including: soft archery, an outdoor 32ft rock climbing wall, aeroball and an indoor rolling rock climbing platform to practise at different speeds and inclinations. We are so proud of all of the pupils for showing a tremendous amount of resilience and growth mindset for all of the physical challenges – well done Year 5! A BIG thank you to all the staff and parents who accompanied the children on the trip.

Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Sports Awards

Hopefully, you will all have seen Miss Breckenridge's final sports post of the year on Class Dojo, celebrating all of the fantastic sporting successes this half term. If you haven't had the chance to read it yet, do take a look! Last Friday, Miss Breckenridge attended the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Sports Awards, a fantastic evening celebrating sporting achievements across Stevenage. We are delighted to share that Knebworth Primary School received a **Highly Commended** award in the **School of the Year** category. This recognises our commitment to sport, the wide range of opportunities we provide for our pupils, our participation in local festivals and competitions, and the excellent sporting provision we offer within school. This is a magical achievement for Knebworth Primary School and one that we are incredibly proud of. We are also delighted to share that Jack, from Byron Class, was the proud winner of the **Primary Elite Performer of the Year Award**. Jack received this award in recognition of his outstanding commitment to training and competition, as well as his many achievements in karate. This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of everything he has achieved. Congratulations Jack, on this well-deserved award! We can't wait to see what the 2026–27 school year has in store for us sporting-wise and look forward to celebrating many more successes together.



KS1 Choir at Lowe House

Our KS1 Choir were delighted to visit Lowe House care home this week and share their beautiful singing with the residents. It was a truly heart-warming experience and a wonderful opportunity for our children to spread musical joy, connect with members of our local community, and see the positive impact that their performances can have.

A Wonderful Evening of Music

Last night, we held our annual Music Evening, which was a wonderful celebration of the talent, dedication and confidence of our children. Adults and children alike were treated to an evening of outstanding performances, showcasing the hard work and commitment that has taken place throughout the year. From beautiful solo performances to impressive group ensemble pieces, every performer took to the stage with confidence and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see our children supporting and encouraging one another, creating such a positive and uplifting atmosphere throughout the evening. A particularly magical moment this year was our Year 5 and 6 band, **Banditz**, closing the evening with two superb performances. They were a fantastic finale and a brilliant showcase of the musical talent we have within our school. If you would like to see them in action, they will be performing at **The Station Pub this Sunday at 4pm**. A huge well done to all of the children who performed so brilliantly. A very special shout-out must also go to Mr Williams for being such a nurturing and inspirational music teacher, fostering a genuine love of music in so many of our pupils. We are incredibly lucky to have a music specialist at Knebworth who champions music so passionately and makes it such an important and valued part of school life. Well done to all of our performers for making the evening such a tremendous success!



Winning House for the Summer Term

A huge well done to House Bulwer, who collectively achieved the most house points this term! Keep an eye out on Class Dojo to find out what each class has chosen as their reward for the final day of term.

Reception Trip to Shepreth

At the time of writing, I have just seen our Reception children return from their trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park. They all had the biggest smiles on their faces and were so excited to tell me about the different animals they had spotted. The children were fully engrossed in their educational session, learning all about spots, stripes and the different ways animals use camouflage. They were also wonderful ambassadors for our school, demonstrating our school values throughout the whole day, and we are incredibly proud of them. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied and supported the children on the day. Your help ensured the children had such a memorable and enjoyable experience.



Gold Values Celebration

This afternoon, we held our Gold Values Celebration, where we celebrated one child from each class in Years 1 to 6 who has demonstrated a positive attitude, a commitment to making the right choices, and has been a wonderful role model within our school community. These children have shown exceptional behaviour, consistently made safe choices in line with our school values and have demonstrated the qualities that make our school such a special place. Choosing the recipients is always a very difficult decision for Teachers, as so many of our children demonstrate these values every day and could have been recognised for this award. However, we were incredibly proud to share and celebrate with our chosen children this afternoon and recognise their fantastic achievements. A huge well done to all of our Gold Values award winners – scroll down to see their names.

Birthday Books



A huge thank you to Annabelle in Coelho Class, Grace in Zephaniah Class and James in Chandi Class for their wonderful Birthday Book donations to our school library. Each book was incredibly special and reflected the interests and values of the children who donated them. Annabelle's book was a beautiful dual-language story featuring Chinese translations, Grace's book supported our No Outsiders ethos, which we are so proud to celebrate, and James' book was a perfect choice for him, featuring maps – something we know he absolutely loves! These fantastic books have now taken pride of place in our school library and will be enjoyed by many children for years to come. Thank you all for your thoughtful and generous donations!



Magical Learning

This week, during our Magical Learning celebrations, I had the pleasure of seeing Harry, Stanley, Jenson, Bea and Sylvie in Turing Class and Theo, Chiedza, Mohsina, Georgia, Poppy, Coco, Luyanda, Harvey, Harry, Thea, Noah and Reggie in Johnson Class all for their superb posters about how to keep our planet free from pollution – they had all worked so responsibly and should be so proud of their efforts. Emmeline and Zachary in Nadal Class shared their wonderful historical writing with me, linked to their topic on the Romans and Mount Vesuvius. Their work was a real joy to read, showcasing their fantastic knowledge, creativity and enthusiasm for their learning. Imogen, Poppy, Noah and Henry in Turing Class shared their excellent posters all about Sir David Attenborough with me. It was clear that they had really enjoyed learning about his incredible contributions to wildlife, conservation and our understanding of the natural world. Gaia in Packham Class really impressed me with the wonderful story she had created all about a mouse in danger. Her writing was full of creativity and imagination, and she had also produced some beautiful illustrations to accompany her story. Mrs Isaac-Romani was so impressed with all of Johnson Class for the poems they had written which included repetition and a range of literary devices that both Mrs Clayton and I popped into their classroom to see them – well done everyone! Well done to Reuben, Leo, Max, Lennie, Albie and Ava in Packham Class who all popped in to share their most fabulous writing with me. I was incredibly impressed by the resilience they have shown, the progress they have



made, and the pride they take in their work. They are more than ready for Year 1, and it was wonderful to celebrate their achievements with them! A huge well done to Emily in Nightingale Class and Yuven in Zephaniah Class, who are the final KS1/KS2 Pencrafters of the academic year! Emily created a magical advert persuading people to buy a Notebook Buddy, using the features of this text type brilliantly to make her writing engaging and convincing. Yuven produced a fantastic booklet all about castles and was so enthusiastic when sharing the many interesting facts he had discovered. His passion for his learning really shone through! Lastly, Harvey in Johnson Class impressed me once again with one of his fantastic comics. It is always such a pleasure to spend time with Harvey and share in the magic of his stories, seeing his creativity, imagination and passion for storytelling shine through.



Staffing Update

This week, we welcomed Mrs Maynard back from maternity leave. We know she is delighted to be back in school and is looking forward to teaching Seacole Class next year. We are thrilled to have her back as part of our school community.

Support Our Year 6 Enterprise Project!

Please come along to support our amazing Year 6 Enterprise Project after school on Monday in the school playground. There will be lots of fun games and fantastic products available to purchase, all at incredible prices, with all money raised going to FOKs. Who will be crowned the most entrepreneurial group? Only you can decide! Come along, have some fun and support our brilliant Year 6 pupils. **Cash only, please.**

Meet the Teacher

Please scroll down to the dates section to see the **Meet the Teacher** dates for Years 1 to 6. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and to hear information about the year ahead. These sessions will take place in the school hall, with a classroom available for children to use while parents are attending the meeting. We look forward to welcoming lots of you and sharing more about the year ahead.

Jack Takes on the Jurassic Challenge for Summit Inside

Over the next four weeks, Jack in Bronte Class and his dad will be taking on an incredible challenge, walking 33 miles and climbing over 800 metres as part of the Jurassic Challenge, raising money for Summit Inside. Jack's dad has shared why this challenge is so meaningful to them: *"Taking on this challenge with Jack makes it even more special. I want him to grow up understanding that true strength is not about hiding your emotions — it's about resilience, supporting others and having the courage to talk when life gets tough. Sadly, too many men are struggling in silence, and suicide remains the biggest killer of men under 50 in the UK. I don't want that future for my son or for anyone else. Every donation will help Summit Inside support more men through challenge, brotherhood and accountability, giving them the opportunity to build stronger, healthier lives. Thank you for supporting Jack and me on this journey. A special thank you also goes to my wife and Jack's mum, Gill, for encouraging and supporting us every step of the way. If you are able to donate, no matter how much, we would be incredibly grateful. Every contribution will help another man realise that they do not have to face life alone."* We are incredibly proud of Jack and his dad for taking on this challenge and supporting such an important cause. We wish them the very best of luck with their journey! If you would like to support them, you can donate via their fundraising page - <https://gofund.me/2e5c22feb>



Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone. A reminder that term finishes on **Wednesday 22nd July** and it is an early finish for all children.

Best Wishes
Miss Bains





WINNERS:

Nightingale Class

Y1 Coelho 97.0%	Y1 Zephaniah 97.4%	Y2 Chandi 95.0%	Y2 Henson 94.1%	Y3 Nadal 94.0%	Y3 Thunberg 95.7%
Y4 Johnson 94.4%	Y4 Turing 95.8%	Y5 Nightingale 99.5%	Y5 Seacole 93.0%	Y6 Bronte 92.5%	Y6 Byron 97.3%

Knebworth Silver & Gold (Years 1 to 6) Values Certificates

Coelho
*Denise*Zephaniah
*Arlie*Chandi
*Reuben*Henson
*Ivy*Nadal
*Mason*Thunberg
*Sophie*Johnson
*Poppy & Amelia*Turing
*Poppy*Nightingale
*Poppy*Seacole
*Emmie*Bronte
*Florence*Byron
Holly

HOUSE POINTS



Aschil 79



Bulwer 114



Eudo 121



Lytton 68

Top House Point Earners

Y1 Coelho Remy Joe	Y1 Zephaniah Eric	Y2 Chandi Stanley	Y2 Henson Hannah	Y3 Nadal Ava	Y3 Thunberg Olivia
Y4 Johnson Noah	Y4 Turing Stanley Sylvie	Y5 Nightingale Oliver	Y5 Seacole Chloe	Y6 Bronte Dulcie	Y6 Byron Sofia Matilda



This Week's Pencrafters

Yuven in Zephaniah Class
Emily in Nightingale Class

Children's Achievements



A huge well done to Daisy in Coelho Class and Amelia in Bronte Class for both receiving a Gymnastics Award last week! Daisy was awarded Most Promising Gymnast from the Purple Squad, while Amelia received the Most Improved Gymnast award. Both girls have worked incredibly hard over the past year, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence, skills and enjoyment of gymnastics grow so much. We are incredibly proud of you both — congratulations, Daisy and Amelia!



Well done to Rosie in Henson Class and Ellie in Nursery who recently took part in a ballet dance show at the Gordon Craig Theatre. They danced beautifully and performed with such confidence and grace. We are incredibly proud of them both!



Hannah in Henson Class has been busy over the past few months completing her Young Aspirers tasks. She has shown fantastic commitment by baking delicious cakes, reading lots of wonderful books, showing appreciation to others, and creating an incredible awareness poster. Hannah has demonstrated creativity, kindness and perseverance throughout her journey, and we are so proud of everything she has achieved. Well done, Hannah — what a fantastic achievement!



A huge well done to Howell and Keir in Coelho Class, who have also completed all of their Young Aspirers tasks! It has been wonderful to share in the boys' achievements and look through all of the fantastic activities they have completed. Their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm have really shone through, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have

accomplished.



A huge well done to Stanley in Chandi Class and Henry in Turing Class for their fantastic performances with their ensembles at North Herts Music School's concert. We are also delighted to celebrate Henry's wonderful achievements this term, as he has successfully attained his Grade 3 Clarinet exam and Level 4 Swimming award. What a fantastic achievement!

A huge well done to Chiedza in Johnson Class for her fantastic achievements this weekend. She performed in her end-of-year show with her dance school, Identity Dance, at the Gordon Craig Theatre. She took part in two performances: a ballet piece and a modern dance piece, showcasing her talent, dedication and confidence on stage. We are incredibly proud of her. Performing in front of an audience takes great courage, and Chiedza has worked extremely hard in the lead-up to the show. It was wonderful to see her passion for dance and commitment shine through in such a special performance.



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
20 th July 3:30pm	Year 6 Enterprise Market
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
4 th September 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 1 (hall) An opportunity for year 1 parents to meet the year 1 team and find out about the year ahead.
7 th September 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 2 (hall) An opportunity for year 2 parents to meet the year 2 team and find out about the year ahead.
8 th September 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 3 (hall) An opportunity for year 3 parents to meet the year 3 team and find out about the year ahead.
9 th September 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 4 (hall) An opportunity for year 4 parents to meet the year 4 team and find out about the year ahead.
10 th September 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 5 (hall) An opportunity for year 5 parents to meet the year 5 team and find out about the year ahead.
11 th September 3:30pm	Meet the Teacher - Year 6 (hall) An opportunity for year 6 parents to meet the year 6 team and find out about the year ahead.

