



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

22nd July 2026

Celebrating a Magical Year

And so, the academic year of 2025–26 has come to an end, marking the completion of my second year as Headteacher of this truly magical school. As I reflect on the year, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride, gratitude and admiration. This has been a year filled with countless moments to celebrate and so much to be proud of. Every day, I have witnessed our children flourish, our staff inspire and our whole school community come together with a shared belief in what makes Knebworth so special. Through every success, every challenge and every opportunity to grow, our children and staff have demonstrated incredible resilience, determination, kindness and a commitment to being the very best they can be. I am immensely proud of each and every child and every member of staff for embracing our vision, living our school values and contributing to the magic that makes Knebworth such a wonderful place to learn and work. It is an absolute joy and privilege to lead this exceptional school, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of a community where high aspirations, compassion and a love of learning shine so brightly. Knebworth has always been built on the strength of its home-school partnership, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our school community for the positivity, encouragement and support you have shared throughout the year. Together, we have achieved so much, and I am excited for all that lies ahead as we continue to nurture, inspire and empower our children to reach their full potential. The foundations we have built together are strong, and I know that the future of Knebworth is filled with even more magical opportunities, achievements and moments to celebrate together.

Mr Williams Cup



Each year, a pupil from Year 6 is chosen by the staff to receive The Mr Williams Cup. This special award is presented to a pupil who has consistently lived and embodied our school values throughout their time at Knebworth, someone who goes above and beyond, inspires those around them and truly captures the magic of what makes our school community so special. This year, it was our absolute pleasure to award the cup to **Koby-Rae**, who was unanimously chosen as a very deserving recipient of this wonderful accolade. Koby-Rae has been an absolute joy to have as part of our school, and his kindness, character and commitment have made a lasting impression on everyone who has had the privilege of knowing him. When his name was announced, the whole school and especially his year group erupted into a roar of applause — a wonderful reflection of how much his peers value and admire him too. It was a truly special moment and one that perfectly captured the impact Koby-Rae has had during his time at Knebworth. Well done, Koby-Rae! We are incredibly proud of you.

Music Wall

We would like to say a huge thank you to Keeley, Mrs Jenner's sister, for creating such a wonderful music wall for our Nursery children. We would also like to thank Mason, Mrs Jenner's son, for giving up his time to install the wall so that it was ready for the children to enjoy. Your time, creativity and generosity have created a truly special resource that the children have loved exploring. The music wall provides endless opportunities for our youngest children to experiment with sounds, develop their listening skills, express their creativity and enjoy making music together. We are incredibly grateful for the support, care and kindness you have shown our school community. It is the generosity and commitment of families like yours that help make Knebworth such a magical place for our children. Thank you for helping to bring this wonderful addition to our Nursery to life.



Year 6 Enterprise Market: A Huge Success!

On Monday afternoon, our Year 6 children held their much-anticipated Enterprise Market — always one of the highlights of the year. This fantastic project gives our children the opportunity to put their entrepreneurial skills to the test, developing creativity, teamwork, problem-solving and financial awareness, all with the wonderful support of FOKS. The children worked incredibly hard to plan, create and run their stalls, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence and determination shine through. A huge thank you to all the families who came along after school to support the children's businesses. Your encouragement and enthusiasm helped make the event such a special occasion. I am delighted to share that the children achieved an incredible **£490.16 profit**, with every single group making a profit — a fantastic achievement! The winning team, Group 4, made an outstanding **£96.20 profit** and were rewarded with a £5 book voucher each, very kindly donated by FOKS. We would also like to thank FOKS for their continued support in making this project possible by providing each group with their initial £20 investment. Their generosity has enabled the children to experience the excitement and challenge of running their own enterprise from start to finish. This is yet another wonderful achievement to add to what has already been an incredible year for Year 6. We are so proud of their ambition, creativity, teamwork and determination — another magical memory for them to take with them as they leave Knebworth.

A Magical Farewell to Year 6

Our Year 6 classes have had the most magical two and a half days in school, creating memories that we hope they will treasure for many years to come. We began with our Leavers' Assembly on Monday morning, where the children shared their most treasured memories from their time at Knebworth. These moments are always incredibly special and a joy to listen to, as they remind us of the friendships, experiences and milestones that have shaped their journey with us. Also on Monday morning, our Football and Netball teams took on the staff in their eagerly anticipated matches. These games are always a highlight of the year, and this year was no exception, with some fantastic and closely fought matches taking place. Well done to everyone who took part — your teamwork, determination and sportsmanship made us incredibly proud. The children enjoyed their Leavers' Party last night, and it was wonderful to hear about them celebrating together and making even more special memories. They had a fantastic time enjoying the inflatables, dancing the night away at the disco and sharing hotdogs with their friends. At the time of writing, the celebrations are continuing as staff are signing the children's leavers' T-shirts and yearbooks — a lovely opportunity to share messages, memories and words of encouragement that they can treasure for years to come. These final moments together are always so special, and it has been a privilege to watch our Year 6 children celebrate all that they have achieved during their time with us.

Bronte and Byron Class, you have been truly exceptional. You have been wonderful role models for our school and our wider community, and we will miss your smiles, your energy, your kindness and the unique magic that each of you has brought to Knebworth. While it is always difficult to say goodbye, we are even more excited for everything that lies ahead for you. Secondary school will bring new opportunities, new friendships and new adventures — and we know you are ready to embrace them. As you step into the next chapter of your journey, take with you everything you have learned at Knebworth: our school values, the friendships you have built, the courage to persevere when things feel challenging and the belief that you matter and that you have the power to make a difference. Never forget that you will always be part of the Knebworth family. Please do come back and visit us — we would love to hear about all the wonderful things you go on to achieve. We are all so incredibly proud of you.

Birthday Books



A huge thank you to Thea in Johnson Class and Maya in Nightingale Class who have both donated such superb Birthday Books to our school library — thank you!

French Prizes

Congratulations to Edward (Chandi Class), Noah (Turing Class) and Matilda (Byron Class) who have been awarded for their outstanding effort and contributions during French lessons this year. Each of them has received a certificate celebrating their achievement today and will be presented with a French activity dictionary in September - thank you to the Knebworth Twinning Association for providing these.



Saying Goodbye and Wishing Our Wonderful Staff Well

Today, we said goodbye to some very special members of our Knebworth family as they begin exciting new chapters in their journeys.

Mrs Green and Mrs Ward are embarking on the next stage of their teaching careers as they move to schools closer to home. We know they will continue to inspire and make a wonderful difference to the children and communities they become part of. Mrs Parsons, is beginning an exciting new career path as she retrain to become an Art Therapist — a role we know she will excel in with her creativity, compassion and care for others. We also wish Mrs Etchie well as she moves onto a new challenge and begins working in a Nursery provision from September. We know she will bring her warmth, enthusiasm and dedication to this new role.

We would also like to wish Mrs Duffy and Mrs Hudson every success as they pursue exciting career changes and move into secondary education. We know their passion, knowledge and commitment will continue to make a positive impact on the young people they work with. We would also like to wish Mrs King every happiness as she embarks on a new career chapter and begins working in specialist provision. Her dedication, expertise and unwavering commitment to supporting children will be a wonderful asset in her new setting. We also say goodbye to Mrs Staddon, who will be returning to a school where she has many fond memories. We wish her every happiness as she begins this next chapter in her career.

Mrs Hogan and Mrs Bryan are also leaving us to spend more precious time with their families. We would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication and the wonderful contributions they have made as valued members of both The Play Team and The Extended Care Team. We also say goodbye to Mrs Haley, who is embarking on an exciting new chapter and will be joining a local secondary school. We wish her every happiness and success in her new role and know that her enthusiasm, knowledge and passion for supporting children will continue to make a positive impact.

Lastly, Mrs Rajiah will be leaving the school to focus on her self-employed business in Neurodiversity Coaching and Reflective Supervision for schools—a career path we know she will excel in. Mrs Rajiah's care, patience and unwavering support for every child has made a real difference to so many children and families at Knebworth. Her advocacy for pupils with additional needs has helped create an inclusive environment where every child is valued and encouraged to reach their full potential, and the impact of her work and leadership will be felt for years to come. We wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Although we are sad to see them leave, we feel incredibly grateful for everything each and every one of them has given to Knebworth. Their kindness, commitment, expertise and the magic they have brought to our school will be remembered by us all. Each of these wonderful colleagues has played an important part in shaping the experiences of our children and contributing to the special community we are so proud of. Whether through teaching, supporting, caring for or inspiring our children, they have each made a lasting difference and helped make Knebworth the magical place it is. We know that exciting opportunities and new adventures await them, and we wish them every happiness, success and fulfilment for the future. Once a member of the Knebworth family, always a member of the Knebworth family.

Wishing Our Knebworth Community a Magical Summer

I wish everyone in our school community the most fabulous and restful summer break. I hope you enjoy precious time with your loved ones, creating wonderful memories and taking time to relax, recharge and enjoy all the things that bring you happiness. Take care, enjoy every moment and I cannot wait to welcome all of our children back to school on **Thursday 3rd September** as we begin another exciting academic year filled with new opportunities, new adventures and, of course, plenty of Knebworth magic! ✨

Best Wishes
Miss Bains



Message from The FOKS Team

Wow, how is it the end of the school year already? It's been a bit of whirlwind this term, always our busiest for fundraising opportunities and there has still been plenty going on this week to make the most of the last few days! Our lucky world cup sweepstake winner and runner-up received their prizes and our fabulous Year 6s rose to the challenge of the FOKS Enterprise Project by collectively raising a fantastic £465 in profit. Thank you so much for your parting efforts, Year 6, and we hope the winners enjoy their prize over the holidays. We'll report on the Summer term fundraising totals in September, once all the donations from today have been counted and banked.

We'll be starting the concept creation and planning process all over again for 26-27 fundraising year soon, so if you have any ideas or feedback for us to consider, or if you'd like to join the volunteer group or main committee, please email FOKSchool@outlook.com

Thank you once again for your support and help over the past year. We hope you all have a well-deserved summer break.

Many thanks,
FOKS Team

Children's Achievements



A huge well done to Eirini and Nathan in Chandi Class, who have also completed all of their Young Aspirers tasks! It has been wonderful to share in their 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.

We were delighted to hear about Esmé in Seacole Class' fantastic performance with her stage school on Sunday. Esmé took part in their production of 'Show Camp', where she showcased her incredible talents through acting solos,

outstanding dancing and beautiful singing. Well done, Esmé — what a brilliant achievement!



Healthy Eating Spotlight

A big thank you to Caroline Farrell (Registered Nutritionist) for providing our healthy eating spotlights!

Chocolate Strawberry Yoghurt Bark

If you're looking for a healthy snack to help children cool down during the summer holiday, this frozen yoghurt bark is perfect. It's easy, tasty and rich in protein and calcium.

Ingredients

- 500g plain Greek yoghurt, or soya yoghurt for a vegan version
- 1 tbsp maple syrup or honey
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 75g strawberries, sliced
- 20g dark chocolate, finely chopped

Method

1. Mix the yoghurt, maple syrup or honey and vanilla extract together.
2. Spread the mixture onto a baking tray lined with baking paper.
3. Top with the sliced strawberries and chopped dark chocolate.
4. Freeze overnight, then break into pieces and enjoy.

Tip: You can swap the strawberries for other fruits such as blueberries, raspberries or sliced banana.



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 & 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.

