



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

11th September 2026

A message from the Headteacher

A Magical Start to the New School Year

The first full week of our new academic year has been truly magical! There has been an incredible sense of energy and enthusiasm across the school, with children ready to learn, explore and embrace the year ahead. It has been wonderful to see our school community come together once again, with happy faces, warm welcomes and a real buzz of excitement throughout the school. Our EYFS children have started with us full time today, marking the very beginning of a magical and memorable learning journey at Knebworth. There have been so many happy, smiley faces over these first few days, and it has been a delight to see them beginning to feel at home and becoming part of our Knebworth family. We cannot wait to watch them grow, flourish and discover all that school life has to offer, surrounded by the care and encouragement of our wonderful community. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Years 1 to 6 Meet the Teacher sessions. It was fantastic to see so many of you in attendance and to have the opportunity to connect with you at the start of the new year. Our school is at its strongest when children, families and staff work together, and we are incredibly grateful for the support, encouragement and sense of community that you bring to Knebworth.

Birthday Books



Thank you to Iris and Olive in Ayling-Ellis Class, Howell in Coelho Class, Aidan in Chandi Class and Alma in Zephaniah Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to the school!

Relationships and Routines

As we settle into the new school year, we know that strong relationships and consistent routines are key to helping children feel safe, happy and ready to learn. All classes have started the year by identifying their trusted adults and friends in school. This is something we regularly revisit with children, ensuring they know who they can talk to and turn to if they need support. Classes have also spent time learning, practising and embedding our school routines and expectations. These consistent routines help children feel secure and confident, allowing them to focus on their learning and make the most of their time in school. We encourage you to talk to your children about their relationships and routines at school, asking them who their trusted adults are, who their friends are and what routines help them feel ready to learn. Do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Acceptable Use Agreement

Our school Acceptable Use Agreement has been attached to this week's email. Please take some time to read through it with your child and talk together about the importance of using technology safely, responsibly and



respectfully in an age-appropriate manner. We would really appreciate your support in reinforcing these messages at home, as working together helps us to ensure that our children understand how to stay safe and make positive choices when using technology both in and outside of school. Thank you.



Magical Learning

For our very first week of term, I have seen Harvey from Johnson Class for his fantastic maths work. Harvey has been reading Roman numerals up to 1,000 and shared his learning with such confidence and enthusiasm – well done! I have also seen Edward in Chandi Class for his brilliant work on times tables. He has been working hard to learn these, challenging himself all the way up to his 15 times tables! What fantastic determination and dedication, Edward – well done! I wonder who I will see next week for Magical Learning! It really is the highlight of my week to see the children so passionate and excited to share their learning. Their enthusiasm, pride and love of learning are truly wonderful to see!



Supporting Children's Wellbeing with Lumi Nova

We would like to share Lumi Nova, a free, interactive game for children aged 7–12, designed to help them understand and manage worries, build confidence and develop resilience. Children can explore the space adventure at their own pace, learning practical strategies to manage everyday worries and feelings. Find out more here: <https://www.withyouth.org/lumi-nova/>

Enjoy an Evening with the Police Choir & Support Bridge Builders!

Join the local community at **St Martin's Church** on **Monday, 21st September at 7pm** for a fantastic evening of music performed by the Police Choir, all in support of Bridge Builders Christian Trust. Bridge Builders does wonderful work in our local community, including running *The Easter Journey* for our pupils completely free of charge. Tickets are £10 on the door. Come along for a great night out and support a charity that directly enriches local children's education! More info. knebworthparishchurch@gmail.com

Welcome to Our New Parent Governors

I am delighted to announce that, following the parent election held earlier this year, Richard Crompton and Luke Holdcroft-Young received the most votes and have been appointed as our new Parent Governors. On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Richard and Luke. They both bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise to the role, and we look forward to working with them and benefiting from their contributions to our school community. I would also like to thank all of the parents and carers who put themselves forward as candidates. We really appreciate your willingness to support the school and get involved in our community.

Key Dates

Do scroll to the end of the newsletter to see all the key dates for this Autumn Term. Do add them to your diaries, as it would be so lovely to see as many parents and carers as possible at the many school events we have on offer. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a lovely and restful weekend, everyone, and a very happy Rosh Hashanah to all those who are celebrating. Wishing you a peaceful and joyful start to the new year.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains



Key Dates for your Diary – Autumn 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 September	Year 4 Swimming Begins
19 th September 10am to 12pm	Litter Pick with Knebworth Environmental Group A voluntary litter pick throughout the village and school. Do come along to help keep Knebworth clean and tidy!
23 rd September	Children's Flu Vaccinations
29 th September 9:15 to 10:15am	Prospective Parents Open Morning An opportunity for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
30 th September	Year 6 School Nurse Visit
8 th October	Children's Individual and Sibling Photos All children across the school will have their photos taken. Please send your child in their school uniform on this day.
17 th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day Children are invited into school wearing something red alongside their school uniform i.e. red t-shirt, red socks, red headband etc.
21 st & 22 nd October 3:40 – 6:40pm	Autumn Term Parents Evening Consultations These will be face to face unless a virtual appointment is required. A 10-minute appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their first half term of the academic year.
21 st October 9:15 to 10:15am	Prospective Parents Open Morning An opportunity for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
26 th October to 30 th October	October Half Term (School Closed)
6 th November 9:15 to 10am	CommUNITY Event A chance for one parent per child to come into school to experience the magic of teaching and learning at Knebworth.
13 th November	Children in Need
18 th November 4:30 – 5:30pm	Bedtime Story Event Families are invited into school to hear some engaging stories shared by our amazing teacher team.
20 th November	Knebworth Village Christmas Light Switch On
27 th November 9:15 to 10:15am	Prospective Parents Open Morning An opportunity for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
4 th December	Occasional Day (School Closed)



7 th December 11:30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents & Carers Parents only need attend one of the two performance dates.
7 th December 2pm	Reception Christmas Show to Parents & Carers Due to health and safety regulations, only two adults per child are permitted to watch the performance.
8 th December 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Show to Parents & Carers Due to health and safety regulations, only two adults per child are permitted to watch the performance.
9 th December 2pm	Year 2 Christmas Show to Parents & Carers Due to health and safety regulations, only two adults per child are permitted to watch the performance.
10 th December 9:15 to 10:15am	Prospective Parents Open Morning An opportunity for potential future Knebworth families to see the school before applying for their school places.
11 th December	Children's Christmas Lunch Children can order a Christmas dinner for their normal school lunch.
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Children are invited to wear a Christmas/Winter themed jumper with their school uniform on this day.
11 th December 11:30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents Parents only need attend one of the two performance dates.
14 th December 1pm Years 3 & 4 2pm Years 5 & 6	KS2 Carol Concert at St Martin's Church KS2 children perform Christmas songs at the church and parents and carers are invited to attend – always a highlight of the school year!
18 th December	FOKS Non-Uniform Day
18 th December	End of Autumn Term 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 1:15pm – KS2
4 th January 2027	INSET Day (School Closed)
5 th January	Spring Term Begins
Knebworth School Term Dates can be accessed here: https://www.knebworthprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=39	

