



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

18th September 2026

A message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful week we have had in school! I have been incredibly proud to see our children demonstrating our school values, embracing their learning and sharing their many achievements.

Birthday Books

A huge thank you to Gaia and Kayla in Packham Class, Sebastian in Henson Class, Emily in Nadal Class and Olivia in Ayling-Ellis Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to our school! The school library has been open again this week, and it has been so lovely to see children visiting with such excitement as they choose and share their reading books. Their enthusiasm and love of reading have been wonderful to see. Thank you to all of our families for helping us to nurture a love of books and reading across our school community through your generous contributions to our Birthday Book initiative.



Year 4 Swimming

Well done to our Year 4 children for a fantastic first week of swimming! Despite some initial worries and nerves, everyone showed great courage, perseverance and determination. It was wonderful to see the children challenge themselves and build their confidence. A huge well done to everyone — you should all be very proud of yourselves. A BIG thank you to the Year 4 team and the accompanying adults for supporting the children so wonderfully throughout the week. Your encouragement, reassurance and enthusiasm helped the children to overcome their worries and enjoy the experience. We really appreciate all of your hard work and support!

Sophia's Summer Reading Challenge Success!

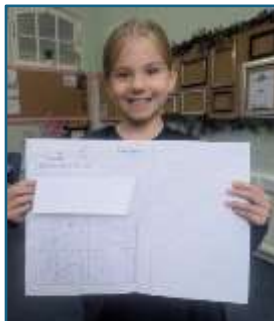
We are delighted to hear that Sophia in Johnson Class has been selected as a winner in the prize draw for the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge! As part of her prize, Sophia will attend a Performance Workshop with Gareth P. Jones, an award-winning author, musician and composer. She will also receive a free book to have signed by the author after the session. What a fantastic opportunity and a wonderful celebration of Sophia's love of reading! We are so proud of you, Sophia — what a great achievement!





Magical Learning

I have seen Anthony in Chandi Class for his brilliant science learning about the different types of rocks. He collected some wonderful facts to help secure his learning and demonstrated great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. Well done, Anthony — what a fantastic scientist! I have seen Phoebe in Henson Class for the fantastic poster she created all about our three school values, using the key focus words we are working on this year. Phoebe has thoughtfully brought together the values and focus words in a creative and engaging way. What a wonderful way to show her understanding of what our school values mean! Well done, Phoebe! I have seen Jessie in Thunberg Class for her fantastic story plan, where she used a storyboard to articulate and organise her ideas. She spoke through her ideas with such confidence and enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see her creativity shine. I cannot wait to see her finished story once she has written it! Well done, Jessie! This week sees the return of our Pencrafters of the Week! A huge congratulations to Dmyana in Coelho Class, our KS1 Pencrafter, for her fantastic sentences using conjunctions to add detail and develop her ideas. Our KS2 Pencrafter is Finley, who produced a wonderful piece of writing using expanded noun phrases to explore and describe characters in detail. Well done to both of you, it was such a pleasure celebrating your writing with you both. I wonder who I will see next week for Magical Learning!



Our School Values

This academic year, we are focusing on linking our school values to simple concepts that all our children can understand, articulate and model in their everyday lives. Staff will be using the language **Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Positive** when talking to children about our school values and supporting them to understand what these look and feel like in practice. We would really welcome parents and carers using the same language at home. By working together and reinforcing these messages both at home and at school, we can develop a strong home-school partnership and help our children to truly live out our school values each day.



Attendance

Congratulations to Thunberg Class who have won the Attendance Cup this week with **99.6%** attendance!

I am also delighted to say that this week, I received a message from our Local Authority Attendance Officer to let us know that our Attendance Figures for 2025/26 were above the national average! Thank you so much to all our families who ensure that children come to school each day and help us to achieve this figure.



Goodbye and Good Luck, Ms Hassan!

Today, we said a fond farewell to Ms Hassan, who is leaving Knebworth to return to her previous career in construction. We are incredibly grateful for all of her hard work, care and support over the years. She has been a valued member of our school community, and we will certainly miss her. We wish Ms Hassan every happiness and success as she begins this exciting new chapter.

Have a lovely and restful weekend everyone.

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
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
7 th October 9 – 10am	Coffee Morning – Introduction to The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Do come along to meet Daria Moldovan to find out more.
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.
16 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>

