



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

25th September 2026

A message from the Headteacher

Working Together to Live Our School Values

This week, my assembly focussed on the importance of following our school values, **Respect, Responsibility and Resilience** and making positive choices throughout the school day. The children and I talked particularly about the importance of showing **manners, kindness and consideration for others**, as well as remembering to listen to adults and follow instructions.

Together, the children identified three key areas to focus on:

1. **Manners** – remembering to say please, thank you, hello and goodbye.
2. **Being quiet** – particularly when moving around and using shared areas of the school.
3. **Kindness** – treating everyone with care, respect and consideration.

We would really appreciate your support in reinforcing these messages at home. A simple conversation can make a big difference and helps us to ensure that children are receiving the same clear and consistent expectations both at home and at school. We will also be looking for opportunities to notice and celebrate children who demonstrate our values through their behaviour and interactions with others. This might include Values Points, Positive Noticing Postcards or messages home to parents and carers.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Embedding these behaviours takes time, consistency and teamwork, and by working together we can help all of our children to develop the positive attitudes and behaviours that will help them to thrive.

Birthday Books



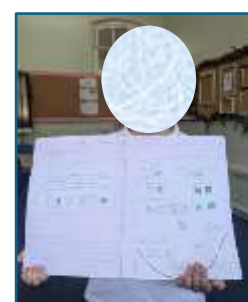
A huge thank you to Sahana in Nadal Class and Lucy and Sienna in Kahlo Class for donating such magical Birthday Books to our school – I really enjoyed reading and exploring these books with you both.





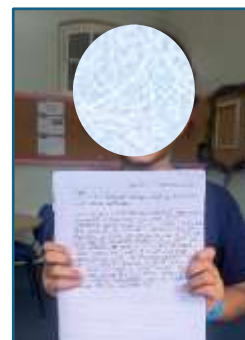
Magical Learning

This week, I had the pleasure of seeing Zachary and Isabella in Nadal Class for their Magical Learning, focused on narrative writing linked to their graphic novels. I was so impressed by the ambitious vocabulary choices they made and the way they carefully constructed their sentences to create engaging and descriptive writing. It was fantastic to see them applying their skills so confidently and creatively. Harvey in Johnson Class came to share the newest additions to his comic collection with me. It is always such a joy to see how passionate he is about writing and creating comics. His enthusiasm and creativity really shine through in his work, and I love seeing his collection grow! Sahana, Da-Da, Alexia and Nellie in Nadal Class all came to share the excellent graphic novels they have written with me. Graphic novels are a new addition to our English curriculum this year, and it has been so wonderful to see the children embracing them with such enthusiasm and creativity. Their passion for storytelling and pride in their work really shines through. Ronnie in Chandi Class came to share his English work with me, where he had worked so carefully and thoughtfully to plan his story. I was really impressed by the thought he had put into developing his ideas and I cannot wait to see how his story develops. Noah and Stanley in Chandi Class came to share their published pieces of writing with me, inspired by Mini Rabbit Not Lost. Their carefully chosen language and passion for storytelling really shone through in their writing. It was wonderful to see the pride they had in their finished pieces and how confidently they shared their ideas. Mrs Isaac-Romani was so impressed with the fantastic writing produced by everyone in Thunberg Class during their first English unit of the year that I had the pleasure of speaking with every child about their favourite piece of writing. It was wonderful to hear the children talk so enthusiastically about their work and to see the pride they have in their writing. There were some fantastic pieces to celebrate, and it was lovely to hear the children explain what made their chosen piece special to them. Similarly, Miss Hall was so impressed with the fantastic non-chronological reports produced by Turing Class that I had the pleasure of celebrating every child's writing success with them. Well done to everyone who received a Magical Work stamp this week!



Pencrafters of the Week

Our Pencrafters of the Week have been working hard to develop their writing skills! Sebastian in Zephaniah Class has been chosen as the KS1 Pencrafter for his fantastic use of verbs in command sentences. It was wonderful to see him using his grammar knowledge so confidently in his writing. The KS2 Pencrafter is Amelia in Johnson Class for an excellent paragraph that used a range of multi-clause sentences. Amelia has shown great skill in developing and extending her ideas. Well done, Sebastian and Amelia — fantastic writing!

**Cross Country Event**

This week, children in Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to take part in a cross-country event at Fairlands Lakes. It was fantastic to see so many children getting involved, showing determination, resilience and great sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done to everyone who took part — we are incredibly proud of your effort and enthusiasm! Thank you to Miss Breckenridge for facilitating such a wonderful sporting opportunity for the children.

Attendance

Congratulations to Turing Class who have won the Attendance Cup this week with **98.5%** attendance!

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>

