HIGH ASPIRATIONS

KNEBWORTH
Primary and Nursery School

Deep Roots High Aspirations

Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

9th October 2026

A message from the Headteacher

It has been another busy and magical week at Knebworth School! We're delighted to share some of the highlights, updates and important reminders from across our school community.

Attendance
Congratulations to Henson Class for achieving an excellent **99.3% attendance** this week! A fantastic achievement!

Our Relational Behaviour Approach
Over the past year, we have taken time to reflect on our approach to behaviour and how we can best support our children to feel safe, valued and ready to learn. As a result, our Behaviour Policy has been strengthened and is now a **Relational Behaviour Policy.** Our approach is rooted in the belief that children thrive when the important adults around them work together with a shared, consistent and compassionate approach. A **strong home–school partnership is central to this**. We warmly encourage parents and carers to work alongside us by modelling respect, supporting emotional wellbeing and reinforcing our shared values at home. Please take some time to read the letter and revised policy, which was emailed via Arbor earlier this week. By working together, we can create the strongest possible foundations for every child to feel secure, build positive relationships and thrive.

Parent Handbook 2026-27
A gentle reminder to all parents and carers to take some time to read the **Knebworth School Parent Handbook 2026–27** which was emailed out earlier this week. The handbook contains useful information about our school, procedures and expectations, as well as the magical qualities that make Knebworth School such a wonderful part of our community. The handbook is available on our school website and a copy was also attached to the original email via Arbor. Once you have read the handbook, please log into your Arbor account to confirm that you have received, read and understood the procedures and expectations outlined within it. We believe that a **strong home–school partnership** is key to supporting our children to thrive. By working together and understanding our shared expectations, we can ensure that every child feels happy, safe, supported and ready to learn.

Autumn Term Parents Evening Consultations
Hopefully, you will have seen the email sent earlier this week and have booked your 10-minute Parents' Evening appointment via Arbor through the Parent Portal. You'll have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress, look through their books and sample some delicious food prepared by our HCL kitchen team. Our Teachers are looking forward to sharing all the wonderful things your children have been getting up to this term. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!



Pencrafters of the Week
To be continued next week – watch this space!

DEEP ROOTS

Year 2 Bring the Great Fire of London to Life!



On Monday, Freshwater Theatre Company took Year 2 back to 1666 through an exciting and immersive drama workshop exploring the Great Fire of London. The children became bakers, fishmongers, greengrocers and even horses as they acted out life in the busy, narrow streets of London. They recreated Thomas Farriner's bakery, became the flames spreading across the city and worked together to fight the fire using water squirters, leather buckets and fire hooks! This fantastic hands-on drama experience brought their history topic to life and helped deepen their understanding of this significant event. Thank you to The Year 2 Team for organising such a magical learning experience for the children.



Magical Learning

This week, I had the pleasure of seeing Nathan in Chandi Class for his superb science learning about Mary Anning and her important discoveries. Nathan was incredibly proud to share his fantastic work with me, and it was wonderful to see his enthusiasm and passion for learning!

I have also had the pleasure of seeing Lennie, Max, Aliza, Gaia, Wren, Ava and Kayden in Packham Class who have been working on their magical Missing Posters. They did a fantastic job writing and punctuating their sentences, showing great care and creativity in their work. I have seen Eve and Noah in Johnson Class creating an excellent, fact-filled poster all about the Shang Dynasty. It is clear that they are really enjoying exploring this fascinating period of history, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and knowledge shine through! Georgia in Johnson Class also came to share her fantastic abstract artwork of Mr Welsh's Welly Stand! It was wonderful to see her creativity and imagination shine through in such a unique piece of art. Well done to everyone who received a Magical Work stamp this week – I wonder who I will see next week!









Welcome to The Inclusion Team

A very warm welcome to Miss Cottle, who has joined our Inclusion Team this week and has already been supporting children across the school. We are delighted to welcome you to our school community, Miss Cottle, and look forward to all the wonderful things you will bring to the team!



Singing Success!
We are thrilled to celebrate Sahana in Nadal Class for achieving a Distinction in her RSL Grade 1 Music Performance exam! This is a fantastic accomplishment that reflects all her dedication and practice. Well done, Sahana!

Show Racism the Red Card Day – Friday 16th October
We will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card Day in school on 16th October, helping our children to understand the importance of respect, equality and celebrating our differences. Children are invited to wear something red alongside their school uniform on the day – this could be a red T-shirt, socks, headband or another red accessory. We look forward to seeing lots of red across the school as we stand together against racism.



Free screening of People's Emergency Briefing
The school will be hosting a free People's Emergency Briefing screening event on Tuesday 3rd November (poster attached).

People's Emergency Briefing is a 50-minute film launched nationally on the 7th April. There have been screening events happening across the UK throughout the year (3036 so far). It's a free event and everyone aged 16+ is welcome.

The film brings together several UK scientists explaining changes we're seeing in weather, food systems and the cost of living, and how these might affect everyday life in the UK. After the film we'll have a short, open community discussion about what it means locally. It's an opportunity to learn, hear different perspectives and chat with neighbours.

Everyone who attends is asked to complete a short survey before and after the film (this is the pre-event survey; NEB Pre - This survey is created by QuestionPro | QuestionPro Survey) . Interim findings from the University of Bath, based on a survey of many thousands of participants, show that after the screening events, 58% report feeling more hopeful (vs 15% less so), 88% feel more informed, and 87% more motivated to act.

This booking link has further details of the event;
https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nationalemergencybriefing1/2447211

Here are two trailers for the film;
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaI-dHgh65Q
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tLUnWHkGG4

We hope that you will be able to attend. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to attend too.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Best Wishes,
Miss Bains

Message from The FOKS Team

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friends of Knebworth School would like to announce our 2026 AGM will take place on:

Monday 9 November, 8pm
At The Station Pub, Knebworth

Agenda highlights:
- Review of the past year's reports
- Financial overview
- Election of the 2026-2027 Committee

All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Many thanks,
The FOKS Team

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
16th 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.
21st & 22nd 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.
21st 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.
26th October to 30th October	October Half Term (School Closed)
3rd November 5pm	People's Emergency Briefing screening event A chance for one parent per child to come into school to experience the magic of teaching and learning at Knebworth.
6th November 9:15 to 10am	CommUNITY Event – Phonics & Spelling Focus A chance for one parent per child to come into school to experience the magic of teaching and learning at Knebworth.
9th November 8pm	FOKS 2026 AGM To be held at the Station Pub, Knebworth
13th November	Children in Need

18th November 4:30 – 5:30pm	Bedtime Story Event Families are invited into school to hear some engaging stories shared by our amazing teacher team.
20th November	Knebworth Village Christmas Light Switch On
27th 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.
4th December	Occasional Day (School Closed)
7th December 11:30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents & Carers Parents only need attend one of the two performance dates.
7th 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.
8th 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.
9th 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.
10th 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.
11th December	Children's Christmas Lunch Children can order a Christmas dinner for their normal school lunch.
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day Children are invited to wear a Christmas/Winter themed jumper with their school uniform on this day.
11th December 11:30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents Parents only need attend one of the two performance dates.
14th 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!
18th December	FOKS Non-Uniform Day
18th 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
4th January 2027	INSET Day (School Closed)
5th January	**Spring Term Begins**
Knebworth School Term Dates can be accessed here: https://www.knebworthprimaryschool.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=39	