



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

Can you believe how fast this week has gone? It's hard to believe we've already been back for three weeks! The children have settled in wonderfully and are fully immersed in their new topics, actively influencing their own learning experiences.

Our pupil voice groups have been hard at work, and we've made some exciting changes. Each group has elected a chair and a vice chair. These leaders will form the school council, meeting with Mr. Paynter every other week to share updates from their groups and collaborate on school priorities. They are currently working on a child-friendly version of the school development plan, ensuring that all children can understand and contribute to our goals.

They have already shared some fantastic ideas to develop our learning environment even more, such as creating an indoor sensory/wellbeing garden. Watch this space for more updates!

Thank you for your continued support.

*J. G. Paynter*

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 12:

The right to be the best you can be.



"Be the best you can be"  
"Gwnewch eich gorau glas"

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Wyt ti'n hoffi ...?

Do you like ...?

Nag ydw, dydw i ddim yn hoffi...

No, I do like ...

We are looking for Welsh speakers in our community who would be willing to come into school and read Welsh with our children. If you or someone you know is fluent in Welsh and would like to volunteer, please get in touch with the school office. Your support would be greatly appreciated and would help enrich our pupils' learning experience.

Some sad news

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of Mr. Roy Davies, who served as Headteacher at Knelston Primary School for over twenty years. Mr. Davies played a huge role in the lives of hundreds of past pupils and the wider community. His dedication and passion for education left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Although I did not have the opportunity to know Mr. Davies personally, his memory still lives on at Knelston. The staff often share fond memories and stories of his time here, reflecting the positive influence he had on the school.



Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Mr. Davies' family and friends during this difficult time.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Just a reminder that our new attendance target is now set at **95%**, an increase from the previous **93%**. This target reflects the continued focus on improving attendance and punctuality, which is so important for our pupils' success.

We know that regular school attendance is crucial for a child's ability to reach their full potential, and arriving late can have a negative impact on their learning. While we understand the challenges of the morning rush, we're here to support families in ensuring children are in school every day and on time. Of course, we don't want children attending school when they are unwell, but we would love to work with you to reduce absences on days when they could be here and to minimise late arrivals after **9:15 am**.

To help us reach this new goal and maintain the high standards we set last year, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring the following:

**Arriving on Time:** Please make sure your child arrives at school on time each day. Any arrivals after 9:15 am are considered late. If you know you'll be exceptionally late, please call ahead to let the school know.

**Notifying us of Holidays:** If you plan to take your child out of school for a holiday, please notify us as soon as possible by completing a holiday request form. Forms are available from the office or can be downloaded online at: **Knelston Primary Key Documents**. Please be aware that under the direction of the local authority, we are not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time. Also as a school, we have a legal obligation to ensure the welfare of your child, so we simply need to know where they'll be and why.

**Appointments:** If your child needs to miss school for a doctor's or dentist appointment, please inform the office as soon as possible by phone, voicemail, or email. We encourage all appointments to be scheduled outside of school hours whenever possible, though we understand this may not always be feasible.

**Illness:** If your child is unwell, please inform the office by phone, voicemail, or email as soon as you know they'll need to stay home. It's helpful to keep us updated on how they're doing and when they're likely to return.

We'll be issuing attendance letters for last term shortly. These letters are designed to keep you informed about your child's attendance and highlight any patterns that may need attention. By working together, we can ensure every child gets the most out of their learning opportunities.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need support, please don't hesitate to get in touch—we are always here to help.



## New Instagram account



We are thrilled to announce that we are now fully up and running on Instagram! You can find us as **Knelston Primary School**. Mrs. Hughes Morgan has been working tirelessly behind the scenes, adding photos and sharing all the amazing things happening at our school.

We have asked for your consent via Squid regarding the use of your child's photos. If you haven't done so already, please can this be done as soon as possible.

A huge thank you to the parents who have already started following us on Instagram! If you haven't yet, please join us to stay updated and celebrate our school's achievements together. Let's create a lively and joyful Instagram community! We will

continue to use ClassDojo as our primary communication tool, Instagram will now serve as a platform to showcase our achievements and celebrate with the wider school community.

## After school clubs



We have noticed very low attendance in some of our clubs recently. If the numbers continue to remain low, we may have to reconsider or cancel certain clubs moving forward. Here is a reminder of what clubs are on offer:

Day	Club	Year groups & staff	Pick up point
Monday	Lego	Y2 Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 with Mrs Latham	Front Yard
Monday	Games club	Rec Y1 with Mrs Furneaux & Mrs Harry	Main entrance
Tuesday	Football	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 with Mr Donovan	Front Yard
Wednesday	Sports / games	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 with Mrs Blakemore	Front Yard

Clubs will begin at **3:30pm** and finish at **4:30pm**. We kindly request a **£2** donation per session, operating on a pay-as-you-go basis. This contribution is purely to cover costs and not for profit.

Please find the consent forms and payment methods available on your Squid app.

A massive thank you to our dedicated staff for generously giving up their time to run these clubs and provide these fantastic opportunities for our children.

## The children's highlights of the week!

### Wythnos yma!

#### Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Forest school to create their senses map,
- ✓ Started the story of The Great Race - Chinese New Year,
- ✓ Y2's - Started learning how taking away undoes adding up.

#### Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Learnt how to create their names in Egyptian hieroglyphics,
- ✓ Starting looking into the Great British Bird Watch and made bird feeders,
- ✓ Looked at Biographies as part of their Biography work.

#### Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Learnt all about coordinates, how to plot them and how to find them, all part of an outdoor maths session,
- ✓ Discussion text,
- ✓ Music with Mr Smith.

## Finally...

As always, if you have queries, compliments, complaints, concerns or issues you would like to discuss please speak to a member of staff. If family or friends help with school runs, we'd love for you to share the weekly newsletter with them. Please also make sure we have your updated contact details so we can stay connected!

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Dymuniadau gorau,

*J G Paquter*

Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Additional Information
27.01.25	ECO Club Trip	National Trust Rhossili planting trees
18.02.25	Year 2	Fa la la Trip to Pennard Primary
19.02.25	Year 1 Dental Check	Please return consent forms sent to school Office
20.02.25	Roz & Kirsty Portraits	Sibling and Individual Portraits
24.02.25 - 28.02.25		HALF TERM
06.02.25	World Book Day	All children are welcome to dress up!
26.03.25 - 28.03.25		Y34 Residential

07.04.25 - 11.04.25	Y56 Residential
12.04.25 - 27.04.25	Easter Half Term
<b>INSET DAYS:</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025, Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025, Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	
<b>WEEKLY EVENTS:</b> Basil the Burns reading dog. Mr Smith - Music	

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