

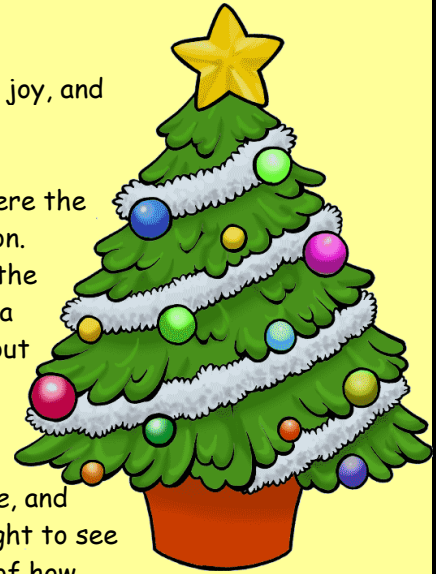


Newyddion - Friday 20th December

Annwyl Parents / Carers,

What an incredible final week we've had at Knelston! It's been full of festive cheer, joy, and community spirit—a perfect way to wrap up the term.

Our week began with a heart-warming visit to St Cattwg's Church in Port Eynon, where the children had the pleasure of working with Vicar Peter and his welcoming congregation. They thoroughly enjoyed crafting beautiful Christmas decorations and delving into the Nativity story, which helped them reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. It was a reminder that Christmas is about love, kindness, and togetherness—it's not just about presents. We are incredibly grateful for Vicar Peter's enthusiastic involvement and guidance, which made the experience so special and meaningful for everyone.



On Tuesday, our Year 2 to Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful trip to see *Home Alone*, and they had the most amazing time! The joy and excitement on their faces were a delight to see as they immersed themselves in the festive fun of the film. I was incredibly proud of how impeccably behaved they were throughout the outing—such a credit to our school and their families.

Wednesday brought one of the highlights of the week: Christmas Dinner Day! Sarah worked her magic to cook an incredible meal for all the children and staff—single-handedly! We are so grateful to her for making it so special. A big thank you as well to everyone who donated crackers; they really added that extra festive sparkle, especially with Christmas music playing in the background.

For our younger learners, Thursday morning was pure magic as they met Father Christmas at the Oxwich Bay Hotel. A huge thank you to the Oxwich Bay Hotel for hosting such a wonderful event—it was unforgettable for both the children and staff. The children even had warm milk and cookies with Father Christmas and each received a personal gift with their names on it. They are so, so lucky! We finished off this action-packed week with a fantastic Christmas Disco, bringing so much joy and excitement to everyone. A big thank you to the 'Friends of Knelston' for organising such a brilliant event to end the term on a high! Be sure to check out ClassDojo to see photos of all this week's exciting events and the wonderful moments we've shared!

On a personal note, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you and the entire community. I can hardly believe my first term at Knelston has come to an end. It's been nothing short of amazing! The children, staff, and all of you have been so welcoming and supportive—it genuinely feels like I've been a part of this special school forever, in the best possible way.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all again in 2025 for what promises to be another exciting chapter at Knelston!



J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 14:
The right to follow your own religion



"All different, all equal"

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Pa ddydd ydy hi?

What day is it ...?

Dydd ...

... day.



We are looking for children who can use these patterns (and others) in school

INSET 6th January 2025 & afterschool clubs

Just a quick reminder that **Monday, 6th January**, will be an **INSET day**, and children will return to school on **Tuesday, 7th January**. Please note that afterschool clubs won't start until the second week back, **13th January 2025**. Our staff will be using the time after Christmas to plan an exciting range of clubs for the new term, and we'll let you know soon what will be on offer!

Drop off and pick up

We are making some changes to the drop-off and pick-up routines to ensure everyone's safety. The school driveway is often busy during mornings and afternoons with deliveries, bin collections, and other vehicles, there is also a skip currently in this area. The recent storms have caused some trees to fall near the driveway, and we've noticed children running behind the parked cars during pick-up times, which is a significant safety concern. These changes are intended to reduce risks and prioritise the safety of all pupils.



Drop-Off Changes:

Breakfast Club: No changes—children will continue to walk up the pavement to the main school entrance and must be accompanied by an adult. Breakfast club will run from **8.40am - 8.55am**. Unfortunately, children arriving before or after these times will not be accepted in to club.

Foundation Phase (Nur - Y2): Children and parents will now enter through the main yard gate where Mr. Paynter stands each morning. Walk through the front yard, around the back of the school, and onto the second yard, where a member of staff will greet them at the blue gate outside the Foundation phase building. The main yard gate will open at **9:00am**.

Junior Children (Y3 - Y6): No changes—children will enter through the main yard gate where Mr. Paynter stands each morning and remain on the front yard as usual. The main yard gate will open at **9:00am**.

Pick-Up Changes:

Junior Children (Y3 - Y6): Pick-up will remain the same—children will be collected from their classrooms as usual. The main yard gate will open at **3:25pm**. Children will come out of class at **3.30pm**.

Foundation Phase (Nur - Y2): Parents will enter through the main yard gate, walk through the front yard, around the back of the school, and onto the second yard. Children will be dismissed from the blue gates outside the Foundation phase building. The main yard gate will open at **3:25pm**. Children will come out of class at **3.30pm**.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these changes to ensure the safety and well-being of all pupils. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your thoughts.

If you haven't had a chance to complete our parent questionnaire yet, we'd greatly appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes to share your views. At the moment we have only had 21 responses.

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand what's working well and where we can improve. All responses are confidential and will be reviewed by our leadership team. To complete the questionnaire, please scan the QR code or click the link provided. Thank you so much for your time and support—it truly makes a difference!



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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 Paynter

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Additional Information
21.12.24 - 07.01.25		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
06.01.2025	INSET	
07.01.2025	Children's first Day back	
27.01.2025	Eco club	Trip to Rhossili Planting with National Trust
24.02.2025 - 28.02.2025	Half Term	
TBC	St David's Day	On a weekend so date to celebrate TBC
06.03.2025	World Book Day	
26.03.2025	St Madoc's	Y34 Residential
07.04.2025 - 11.04.2025	Llain Residential	Y56 Residential
10.04.2025	PTA Easter Disco	

INSET DAYS: Monday 6th January 2025, Monday 3rd March 2025, Monday 2nd June 2025, Monday 21st July 2025
WEEKLY EVENTS: Basil the Burns reading dog. Mr Smith - Music

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