



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

What a glorious week it has been! With such beautiful weather, we've been making the most of it by getting outdoors as much as possible—and the children have absolutely loved it.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Porter to our team as our new sports coach. Mr Porter will be working with us throughout the next academic year, during which we plan to introduce blocks of focused "sports weeks" to give all our children the opportunity to try out a wide range of sporting disciplines. It's an exciting development, and one we know the children will benefit from greatly.

This week, in keeping with Wimbledon season, the children have been enjoying tennis sessions, and they've rounded off the week with some cricket and hockey. I'm sure many of you have heard all about it at home! We're excited to expand our focus on sports and physical activity even further next year.



Our younger learners have also been busy exploring the outdoors. During our Welly Wednesday afternoon, they collected natural materials to create giant butterfly pictures—some truly lovely artwork was made. They also took a trip to Reynoldston Post Office to post postcards they had written themselves—an exciting real-world writing experience!



A highlight of the week was our summer show, YeeHa! The children performed over two nights—and what a show it was!! Their energy, enthusiasm, and talent were simply fantastic. It was wonderful to see so many of you in the audience supporting them—they made their families, the school, and themselves incredibly proud. We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as the children enjoyed putting them on.

And as if that wasn't enough fun, Friday brought a surprise twist! Instead of our usual singing assembly, the children requested karaoke—and Mr Smith happily obliged. Before we knew it, karaoke had taken over not just assembly, but some of our music sessions too! From Rick Astley's Never Gonna Give You Up to Let It Go from Frozen, the school has been full of music, laughter, and joyful voices.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to more sunshine, more smiles, and more special moments in our last week of the year.

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month



Article 27: The right to relax and play

School Aim of the Month



"Succeed"

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Ble wyt ti eisiau mynd?

Where do you want to go?

Dw i eisiau mynd i / i'r ...

I want to go to / to the



Attendance

Following a recent meeting with our Education Welfare Officer, we're delighted to share some fantastic news—Knelston's ongoing efforts to boost attendance and punctuality are making a real difference. In fact, we're proud to say that our school is now ranked 3rd highest in the authority based on the most recent data!

This achievement is a true reflection of the strong partnership between home and school, and we are so grateful for your continued support in helping your children arrive on time and ready to learn.

This year we introduced a new "attendance race" display in the hall, where each class competes for the best attendance. The winning class earns an exciting treat of their choice at the end of the year—and it's certainly motivated everyone to keep aiming high!

As part of our end-of-year celebrations, we were thrilled to announce our individual 100% attendance winners, who have not missed a single day all year. A huge congratulations to Lewys, Eve and Mali —what an amazing achievement! They received a very special prize to celebrate their commitment and effort.



We also revealed the class with the best overall attendance, which was Mrs Osborn's class—well done to all of them! As a reward, the children have chosen their ideal treat: a party followed by a disco, some party food, wearing whatever they like for the day, and of course, bringing in a favourite toy. Sounds like a fantastic way to celebrate! Don't worry—Mrs Osborn will be in touch with all the exact details soon.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support with attendance and punctuality. Your efforts really do make a difference—and together, we've helped make Knelston a school that celebrates and values every learning opportunity.

Polite notice

Many of you may have noticed PCSO Andrew Brown visiting us recently. Alongside our team, he has shared concerns about some of the parking issues around the school. We continue to see instances of inappropriate parking, such as cars stopping on zig-zag lines, parking on kerbs, and sometimes blocking the school driveway.



It's especially important that the school driveway remains clear, as this is where the children walk out to the buses. Keeping this area free of vehicles ensures their safety, so they don't have to navigate around parked cars.

We understand that parking near the school can be challenging, and we truly appreciate the efforts many of you make to ensure a smooth and safe pickup. However, unsafe parking poses a serious safeguarding risk to our children, and it's vital we all work together to prevent any potential accidents.

With this in mind, we kindly ask all parents and carers to be extra mindful when parking—avoiding restricted areas and keeping access to the school clear at all times. Your cooperation is crucial to maintaining a safe environment, and we sincerely appreciate your support.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

The children's highlights of the week!

Wythnos yma!

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Post Office trip post postcards
- ✓ Measuring Sunflower
- ✓ Sports with Charlie Porter
- ✓ Punctuation
- ✓ Healthy Eating
- ✓ Watched the dress rehearsal

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ School Summer Production
- ✓ Drawing a map of the Canal
- ✓ Sports sessions with Mr Porter
- ✓ Started our Science experiment on the runniest of liquid!

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ School Summer Production
- ✓ Sports sessions with Mr Porter
- ✓ Calming box project
- ✓ More National Assessments
- Y56 Puberty Talk

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
14.07.25	Mumbles Land Train	Reception to Year 4 heading to Mumbles
14.07.25	Pilgrimage	Vicar Peter to take Y5/6 on part of the Gower Pilgrimage route.
15.07.25	End of year Ice Cream Van!	
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16.07.25	Food to Fork	Knelston school dinner supplemented with our home-grown food
17.07.25	Y6 Leavers Assembly - Afternoon - Tickets live on Squid!	
18.07.25	Last Day of School	
21.07.25	INSET DAY - END OF SCHOOL YEAR	

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Basil the Burns reading dog.

Mr Smith - Music

Monday 1st September 2025, Tuesday 2nd September - Confirmed first Inset of Academic Year 25/26

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