



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy and joyful two weeks here at school as we prepare for Christmas. The hall has been filled with the sound of Christmas carols, and the children's excitement has been wonderful to see. Our decorations are up, and the festive spirit is truly alive throughout the building.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Market such a huge success last week. The support from our school community was incredible, and we are grateful for all the time, effort, and enthusiasm that went into the event.

That's not it for the PTA this term—our Christmas Fundraiser at the Oxwich Bay Hotel is still to come. We hope you will continue to support our fantastic PTA. Their hard work and dedication make such a difference to our school, and without their support we simply could not function as we do.

We are now looking forward to our Carol Service next week. The children have been practicing beautifully, and we are almost ready to share this special celebration with you.

Wishing you a warm and festive season ahead.

Dymuniadau gorau,

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 19:
The right to be safe



"Trust"

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Oes ... gyda ti?

Have you got ... ?



Oes, mae ... gyda fi. _____.

Yes, I've got _____

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

A Huge Thank You for Making Our Christmas Market a Success!



We're thrilled to share that our Christmas Market on Thursday 20th November was a fantastic success, raising over £1,400 for the school!

A massive thank you to our amazing PTA for all their hard work in planning and organising such a wonderful event, and to everyone who attended and supported us. Your generosity and enthusiasm made the evening truly special.

From the incredible stalls and festive treats to the fun games and Santa's Grotto, the atmosphere was full of joy and community spirit. Events like this wouldn't be possible without your support, and every penny raised will go towards enriching the experiences of our children here at Knelston.

Thank you again for helping us make this such a memorable occasion!

Christmas Concert Next Week

Our pupils have been working incredibly hard rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Concert, and we've been back and forth to the church making sure everything is ready for next week's performances.

Concert Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday
- **Times:** 1:30 PM & 5:30 PM
- **Tickets:** Originally limited to 2 per family per show, this restriction has now been lifted. Remaining tickets are available on a **first-come, first-served basis.**

For families unable to attend on Wednesday, you are warmly invited to watch the **dress rehearsal on Tuesday at 10:30 AM**. Please book your free rehearsal ticket via **IPay**.



Important Note:

If you are attending the **1:30 PM performance** and would like to take your child home directly from the church afterwards, please notify the school in advance. This ensures we can send their bags and coats to the church. You can do this by sending a **Dojo message to Mrs Hughes-Morgan in the office**.

Extras:

- Teas, coffees, and cakes will be on sale at both main performances.
- There will also be a **raffle**, so don't miss out!

We can't wait to share this festive celebration with you!

Choir Performance at Swansea Christmas Market



Our school choir has been working hard and sounding fantastic! We're delighted to announce that all pupils who have been attending rehearsals will take part in a special performance at the Caroler's Cabin in Swansea's Christmas Market.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday 12th December
- **Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Caroler's Cabin, Swansea Christmas Market

Seventeen children have signed up, and parents have already been contacted via Dojo. We'd love to see as many of you as possible come along to support the children and soak up the festive atmosphere.

Thank you for your continued support—we hope to see you there!

Friday Enrichment starting back next week

Our enrichment programme is now in its second week, and it's already proving to be a huge success! It's been wonderful to see children from across the school, of all ages, coming together to enjoy inspiring activities. So far, we've had an amazing visit to the Lifeboat in Horton, created beautiful jewellery and festive decorations, and even produced music videos with Mrs Smith!



Please check our Instagram account and ClassDojo for photos of these fantastic experiences.

Festive Final Week of Term!

The last week of term is full of Christmas cheer! Here's what's happening:

- Trip Confirmations**

Please confirm your child's place for the Christmas trips this weekend. Contact Mrs Hughes-Morgan in the office with any questions.

- Monday**

Whole-school visit to the church for festive activities with Vicar Peter.

- Tuesday**

Normal school day.

- Wednesday**

Years 2-6 trip to the Taliesin Theatre to watch *Home Alone 2*.

- Thursday**

- Nursery & Year 1: Morning at Oxwich Bay Hotel with Santa - cookies, milk, and story time.
- Christmas Dinner Day for the whole school.
- After school: PTA Christmas Disco (tickets available on iPay next week).

- Friday**

Final day of term before the Christmas holidays!

Thank you for your support in making this week so special—we can't wait to celebrate with all our pupils!

CHRISTMAS TRIPS!



YEARS 2-6
HOME ALONE 2
WEDNESDAY 17TH
DECEMBER



NURSERY - YEAR 1
COOKIES, MILK AND
STORY TIME WITH SANTA
THURSDAY 18TH
DECEMBER

We'd Love Your Feedback

As I settle into my second year as Headteacher at Knelston Primary, I continue to feel incredibly proud to be part of such a welcoming and supportive school community. Building on the strong foundations laid last year has been a real pleasure, and I'm excited about the journey ahead.

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we'd love to hear your views again this year. Your feedback helps us celebrate what's working well and identify areas where we can grow, ensuring Knelston remains a place where every child thrives.

Please take a few moments to read each statement, reflect on your experiences as a parent/carer, and select the option that best matches your opinion. If a statement doesn't apply or you're unsure, simply tick 'Do not know.'

All responses are confidential and will be carefully reviewed.

Thank you, as always, for your time and support. <https://forms.office.com/e/1WyEH99jwd?origin=lprLink>



Friends of Knelston PTA - Christmas Party & Fundraiser

Save the Date - Friday 5th December!

Our Annual PTA Christmas Party & Fundraiser is almost here, and we'd love for you to join us for a fantastic evening of festive fun while supporting our school.

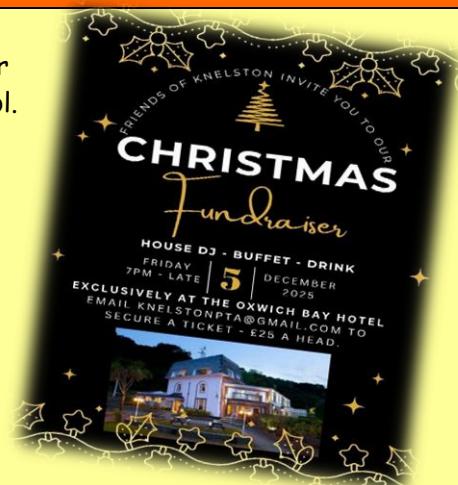
Event Details:

Venue: Oxwich Bay Hotel

Food: Christmas Grazing Board Buffet

Cost: £25 per person

This event isn't just a great night out—it's vital to the continued support we provide for our school. Your attendance helps fund the extras that make a big difference to our children every day.



Thanks to fundraising events like this, the PTA is able to:

- 🚗 Cover monthly insurance & maintenance for the school minibus
- ♪ Fund weekly music lessons every Friday
- 💰 Pay for important large items, including:
 - Brand new flooring in Foundation Phase
 - A new interactive classroom screen (currently on order!)



None of this would be possible without your amazing support. By joining us, enjoying great food, and celebrating the season together, you're helping provide opportunities and resources that benefit every child in the school.

⚠ Tickets are limited—don't miss out!

Let's make this year's fundraiser the best yet!

Welsh Government School Essentials Grant - Don't Miss Out!

Did you know you could receive up to £200 to help cover the cost of essential school items such as uniforms, shoes, coats, school bags, and even support for school activities? This funding is available through the Welsh Government's School

Essentials Grant and is designed to help families with the costs of sending children to school. To access this grant, you'll need to register for Universal Primary School Meals.

Free



Claim up to **£200** of additional support for School Essentials if your child is eligible for **Free School Meals**.



Please note: this is different from the free school meals your child may already be receiving. Why Register?

- ✓ Up to £200 per child to help with school essentials
- ✓ Additional funding for our school - every registration helps us support all pupils better
- ✓ No impact on other benefits - signing up won't affect any other support you receive
- ✓ Quick and easy to apply Even if your child already receives free school meals, registering is still important to unlock this extra support.

This grant is extremely important for both families and the school. By registering, you're not only helping your own child but also contributing to additional funding that benefits the whole school community. Don't miss this opportunity to make the start of the school year easier and stress-free - register today!

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.

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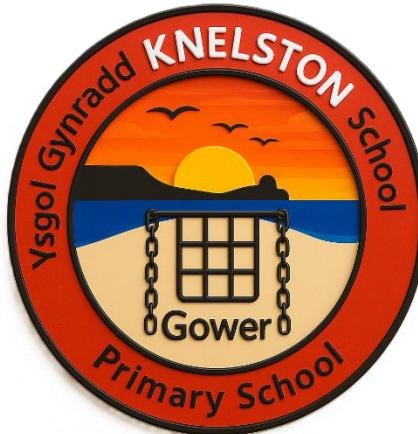
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Dates for your Diary

Please follow the link below to our school webpage: <https://www.knelstonprimary.co.uk/academicyear2025-2026>

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