



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

We hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather — we certainly are here at Knelston, with lots going on outside!

Our younger learners have been busy using their measuring skills this week to check the height of their sunflowers and enjoying time out and about on their balance bikes. Meanwhile, some of our older children had a wonderful afternoon down at Oxwich Bay, making the most of the fresh air and even being treated to an ice cream.

You may have noticed our beautiful new hanging baskets and flowers brightening up the front of the school! As part of our ongoing efforts to improve and enhance our school environment, the School Council went on a special trip this week to Pontardulais Garden Centre. They carefully hand-picked the hanging baskets and selected some lovely plants for our planters around the school. Using their best haggling skills and good manners, they even managed to secure some free compost to help our plants thrive! It's been wonderful to see the children taking pride in making our school a more vibrant and welcoming place for everyone.

The School Council also chose some new fish for our fish tank, and the fish are now happily settled in, adding even more life to our learning spaces.

To see photos from the weeks events, please visit our ClassDojo page and Instagram account — you won't want to miss all the exciting moments!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine! ☀

J. J. Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month



Article 27: The right to a good standard of living.

School Aim of the Month



'High Expectations for All'

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth wisgaist ti?

What did you wear?

Gwisgais i ...

I wore ...



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.

Mental health Awareness week

This week has been amazing as we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week! The children took part in lots of activities to help them feel calm and kind. They helped start our new Kindness Wall, learned ways to stay calm, and went on a walk around the local area.

Some children also enjoyed a fun afternoon at the beach, making the most of the fresh air and sunshine — and a few even had a dip in the sea!

At the start of the week, everyone wore green and kindly donated £2 each. We're delighted to share that together, we raised £121 for the charity Swansea Minds. A big thank you to Mrs Blakemore for organising this great week. We're proud of all the children for taking part!

Mental Health Awareness



Celebrating Our Pupils' Achievements



As part of our weekly newsletter, we love to celebrate the amazing things our pupils achieve outside the classroom. Whether it's sport, music, drama, or any other activity, we're incredibly proud of their talents and successes and enjoy sharing them with our whole school community. If your child has taken part in something special, we'd love to hear about it!

We're excited to share some brilliant news from the world of sport here at Knelston!

A huge congratulations to Coco Lancey and Eryn Beynon in Y5, who have been selected to join the Wales Touch Junior National U12 squad for 2025. This is a truly outstanding achievement and a reflection of their dedication, determination, and sporting talent.

Being chosen to represent your country at a national level is no small feat, and we couldn't be prouder. We look forward to following their journey with the national squad and cheering them on every step of the way. Well done to both pupils — this is just the beginning of an exciting chapter, and we know you'll continue to make us proud!

Woolly Visitors and Feathered Friends!



There's been a real buzz of excitement around school this week, with some wonderful experiences sparking curiosity and joy among the children!

At the front of the school, we're thrilled to share that a pair of Grey Tits have nested in our birdhouse — and we now have chicks! Thanks to the camera installed inside the birdhouse, the children have been eagerly checking in throughout the day, watching the parent birds feed their tiny chicks and observing their development. It's been a fantastic opportunity for them to witness nature up close. Be sure to take a look at the live feed on the screen by the school office when you're next in — it's a real treat!

Today also brought a very special visit, as we welcomed Mr Grove and Mr Higgs into school for a truly memorable outdoor learning experience. Mr Higgs brought along two of his sheep, and the children had the opportunity to see them up close and learn all about them. The children were full of questions, and Mr Higgs was fantastic in sharing his knowledge and passion for farming.

Following this, Mr Grove gave a live sheep shearing demonstration, showcasing the skill, care, and precision involved in the process. The children were absolutely enthralled as they watched him carefully and methodically work through each step. It was an amazing hands-on learning experience, and a huge thank you goes to both parents for making this possible.

We are so grateful for the time, effort, and enthusiasm they brought to the day. Experiences like these are incredibly valuable, helping to bring learning to life in a meaningful and memorable way.



Meet the New-Look Forest Four!

We're excited to introduce our new updated Forest Four — The Forest Four shape our school's vision by guiding us in helping children to become ambitious, capable learners and healthy, confident individuals — ready to be ethical, enterprising, and creative citizens of the future. Some of our children told us they felt the Forest Four were looking a little dated and could do with a refresh... so we listened!

With a touch of digital magic, we've brought them into 2025 with a fresh, modern look that we hope reflects the vibrant, forward-thinking spirit of our school.

We can't wait for you to see them displayed around the school and celebrated in assemblies and classrooms. We hope you love the update as much as we do!



The children's highlights of the week! Wythnos yma!

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Predictions,
- ✓ Measuring their sunflowers,
- ✓ Sheep shearing!
- ✓ Minibeast hunt on welly Wednesday,
- ✓ Worked on their 'ur' sounds,
- ✓ Balance bike sessions.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Carried on building up to our explanation text,
- ✓ In maths did arrays outside with chalk and decimals,
- ✓ Created iMovie VE day,
- ✓ Carried on with growing project with Mrs Atwell.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Mental Health afternoon at Oxwich beach,
- ✓ Continued our Information text,
- ✓ School council trip with Mr Paynter,
- ✓ Coding using a block code,
- ✓ Started our calming boxes.

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
19.05.25	Waterfront Museum & Copper Jack	Y1-6 - More details to follow after half term.
20.05.25	Fire Safety Talk	Year 2 & Year 5's
20.05.25	Height, Weight & Vision Screening	Reception - Details on Dojo
26.05.25 - 30.05.25	May HALF TERM	
02.06.25	INSET DAY	
03.06.25	Nursery & Reception - Nature Days	Nursery are having a taster to Forest School session with Dawn Thomas, Reception to have an afternoon session potentially on the beach weather dependent.
03.06.25	Y3/4 Dawn Thomas Trip	Details TBC
05.06.25	Rugby Session	Mark Bandalli
10.06.25	Athletics Competition	Y4+
12.06.25	Pilgrimage	Vicar Peter to take Reception to Year 2 on part of the Gower Pilgrimage route.
19.06.25	Swansea Mosque	Years 2-6 taking a trip to Swansea Mosque - More details TBC
16.06.25 - 20.06.25	Scholastic Book Fair	Whole School
23.06.25	Pilgrimage	Vicar Peter to take Y3/4 on part of the Gower Pilgrimage route.
23.06.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
26.06.25	Sports Day!	
27.06.25	Y5/6 River Study	Trip to Illston with Dawn Thomas
30.06.25	Y3/4 Canal Study	Trip with Dawn Thomas - location TBC
30.06.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
01.07.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
02.07.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
03.07.25	Food to Fork	Knelston school dinner supplemented with our home-grown food
08.07.25	Royal Life Saving Society Assembly	
09.07.25	Summer Show!	
10.07.25	Summer Show!	
11.07.25	Royal Life Saving Society Championships - Selected pupils to go watch.	
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!	
17.07.25	Y6 Leavers Assembly - Afternoon	
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 - Confirmed first Inset of Academic Year 25/26

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