



Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 26th September



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

Can you believe we're already at the end of our third week back? Summer feels like a distant memory, especially with the autumnal weather settling in, but the children have certainly brought plenty of energy and sunshine into our classrooms!

The past few weeks have been incredibly busy, and our staff have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly and ensure our pupils have the best possible start to the term. We were even joined by a few visitors this week, who were very impressed by our school, the learning opportunities we provide, and the warm, caring atmosphere that runs throughout. They were also delighted to see our pupils confidently sharing their learning and engaging so enthusiastically.

It's been like Bake Off in our Foundation Learning, with pupils making a delicious crumble using apples and blackberries grown in our school grounds! Meanwhile, our older learners have been getting stuck into their new topic, Earth and Beyond, exploring exciting questions about our planet and the wider universe.

The glorious weather allowed our children to make the most of our outdoor spaces, exploring, learning, and having fun across the school grounds. It's always wonderful to see them engaged, curious, and enjoying new experiences together.

A huge thank you goes to our amazing staff for all their dedication and hard work — their efforts really make our school shine.

Next week promises to be another busy and exciting week, full of learning, laughter, and new opportunities. Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

Dymuniadau gorau,

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month



Article 28: The right to learn and go to school.

School Aim of the Month



"Happy, safe school community,

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth ydy dy enw di?

What is your name?

_____ dw i.

I am _____.

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



Residential Trips 2026

We're excited to announce the upcoming residential trips for our older pupils.

- **Year 3/4** will be heading to **St. Madoc's Centre** on [insert date]. You should have already received a message from Mrs. Hughes Morgan on Class Dojo with more details.
- **Year 5/6** will be returning to **Llain Adventure Centre** on [insert date]. Again, you should have received a message on Class Dojo with all the relevant information.

Payments for both trips can be made in instalments via iPay to make things as manageable as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns — whether about the residentials themselves, what your child will need to bring, or payment arrangements — please don't hesitate to come and talk to us. We want to make sure every child is able to enjoy these exciting experiences.

Afterschool club

Our new after-school club programme has now been up and running for two weeks, and we are delighted to say it has been a great success so far. We hope you and your children feel the same.

Thanks to your feedback in our recent questionnaires, we are now able to offer a wide variety of clubs, including childcare, sports, and expressive arts sessions.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. Lancey and Mr. Morris for running the Monday football club, which has been very well attended, and to Mr. Bandalli for running the Thursday rugby club, which is also proving very popular.

We hope the children are enjoying these opportunities, and we will continue to review and update the programme as we go along. Below is a reminder of what's on offer and how to book your child's place:



Childcare Provision – Mondays & Tuesdays

We know how important reliable afterschool care is for many families, so we're delighted to offer this new provision.

- **When:** Straight after school until **5:00pm**
- **Where:** In the School Hall – children can be collected from the **main school entrance**
- **What's included:** A variety of fun activities to keep children busy, plus a snack.
- **Who** – Pupils from **Rec – Y6**
- **Cost:** **£7** per child / **£5** per sibling (e.g. if you have 2 children attending, it's £5 each)
- **Booking:** Please book by **12pm on the day** so we can plan ahead
- **Flexibility:** You can book for as many weeks as you'd like in one go, so you don't need to remember each week.
- **Cancellations:** If you need to cancel, please let us know at least **24 hours in advance** – later cancellations will still be charged.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Monday, Wednesdays & Thursdays

Monday – Football club with Mr Lancey and Mr Morris **Y4, Y5, Y6**

Wednesday – Expressive Arts club with Miss Pitson (We are hoping that the pupils who attend this club will have the opportunity to perform at the Grand Theatre Swansea as part of the Primary Partners show.) **Rec – Y6**

Wednesday – Lego Club with Mrs Latham **Rec – Y6**

Thursday – Rugby club with Mark Bandalli and Fall Bay coaches.

- **When:** Straight after school until **4:30pm**
- **Where:** classrooms – children can be collected from the **main school entrance**.
- **Cost** – **£2.50** donation.
- **How to book:** Please use **iPay**.
- **Booking deadline:** Bookings need to be made by **12pm on the day**
- **Flexibility:** You can block-book for several weeks in advance if that's easier for you.
- **Cancellations:** If you need to cancel, please let us know at least **24 hours in advance** – later cancellations will still be charged.

Friday Lunchtime – Choir with Mrs Smith Y2 – Y6 Children are welcome to join on the day if they'd like to take part. This year, we're excited to grow our choir and hope to perform in the local community, sharing our singing with others!

Please log on to iPay to book your places in advance so we can plan and prepare accordingly.
Thank you for your continued support.

Friday Enrichment

Last week we launched our new enrichment programme, and we were so pleased with how successful it was. It was wonderful to see children from across the school, of all ages, engaging together in fun and enriching activities.

Be sure to check Class Dojo for photos from the afternoon — the Gower Explorers even had a lively debate over whether they had discovered an octopus or a squid! (It was later confirmed to be a squid!)

This week, the groups will rotate so that all children get the chance to try something new. Below is a reminder of the groups and how the programme works.

Here's how it will work:

- The children are split into **four mixed-age groups** (Years 1-6 together)
- Each group take part in a different enrichment activity each week
- Over the course of the half term, every child will experience **all four activities**
- **Children can still wear non-uniform on Fridays** to make the day feel special and practical for the activities they'll be taking part in

Our four enrichment activities this term are:

- **Gower Explorers** - children will head outdoors for enriching adventures, such as exploring the beaches or local area.
- **Science & Tech** - hands-on investigations and exciting experiments to spark curiosity
- **Art & Design** - opportunities to get creative, from pottery to sculpture and beyond
- **Music** - composing music, writing lyrics, creating videos, and sharing performances



At the end of each half term, we will review the activities and create a **new timetable**, giving children fresh opportunities to explore and learn in different ways.

Thank you, as always, for your support as we continue to develop and improve the opportunities we offer our pupils.

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

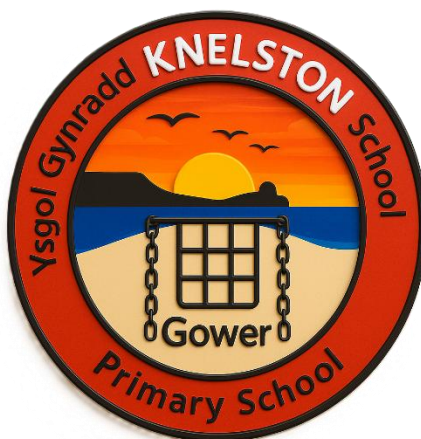
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Dates for your Diary

Date	Activity	Additional Information
29.09.25 - 03.10.25	Scholastic Book Fair	Book Fair is back! We will only be hosting one fair this school year so this is the only one!
29.10.25	Menter Abertawe Welsh Sports Sessions - Reception to Year 6	
02.10.25	Y6 Opening Evening at Bishopston	Details sent to Parents to register.
06.10.25	Ocean Guardians	Ocean Guardians trip to Rhossili.
10.10.25	Theatre Na Nog	Y5/6 – Live on IPay please complete
23.10.25	Nasal Flu Vaccinations	All children years Reception to Y6
27.10.25 - 02.11.25	HALF TERM	
INSET Days:		

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