



Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 24th October



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

What an incredibly busy and exciting couple of weeks we've had as we reach the end of our first half term! The energy, enthusiasm, and creativity from our pupils have been absolutely fantastic.

Last week, our older pupils shone in the football tournaments, showing amazing skill, and teamwork, and sportsmanship— well done to everyone who took part! We also enjoyed our Harvest Festival celebrations with Vicar Peter and members of St David's Llanddewi Church, where the children took part in a range of harvest-themed activities, songs, and performances. It was a wonderful way to come together as a community and give thanks for all that we have.

This week the children enjoyed a memorable visit to Big Meadow Farm, where they explored the gardens, learned about different vegetables and plants, and even had the chance to make and taste their own delicious vegetable soup. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that brought learning to life!

And of course, we finished the fortnight with a spooktacular Halloween disco, full of laughter, dancing, and fantastic costumes! A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for organising the event and giving up their time to make it such a success. As we always say, without their support and hard work, our school simply wouldn't be the wonderful place it is today.

On top of all the fun and learning, we've also been preparing for some exciting improvements to the school building. At the start of the fortnight, I met with the LA and contractors about our new roof. You may have already noticed scaffolding going up, with work due to begin during the half-term break. The project will start with the Foundation Learning building before moving across to the hall, and we're even hoping for new cladding—giving the school a refreshed, modern look! The remaining phases of the work are scheduled for next year.

It's been an action-packed couple of weeks full of learning, achievements, and fun experiences. We are so proud of all our children for their enthusiasm, curiosity, and positive energy. Here's to a well-deserved half-term break—rest, recharge, and enjoy the time with your families!

Dymuniadau gorau,

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 12:
The right to be heard



"Honesty"

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Ble wyt ti'n byw?

Where do you live?

Dw i'n byw yn _____.

I live _____.



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

Sport at Knelston

It has been an action-packed half term for sport at our school! Last week, our Y5/6 pupils took part in a football tournament at Play Football. The children played incredibly well, competing all day against some tough and very experienced sides. They held their own and made both their families and the school proud with their skill, determination, and teamwork.



Our Y3/4 pupils also had the chance to compete in the Primary Cluster Festival at Underhill Park. The number of children eager to take part was overwhelming, so we ended up entering two teams! Both teams played brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and enthusiasm, and they made us all proud.



A huge thank you goes to Steve Lancey and Simon Morris, who gave up their time to attend both events, coaching and supporting the teams. Their presence really made a difference, and we are so grateful for their commitment.

Looking ahead, next half term promises to be another busy sporting one, with rugby matches already in the pipeline.

We would also like to thank Mark Bandalli for giving up his time every Thursday to run rugby club. Without these incredible volunteers, we would not be able to offer the wide range of sporting opportunities that our pupils enjoy.



Our Christmas Plans This Year

Dare I mention the "C" word...? Yes, Christmas is on its way, and we're very excited about our festive plans! This year, we're doing something a little different to celebrate Christmas, and we're very excited about it! Instead of our younger learners performing the Nativity in school, we're taking our festive celebrations out into the community and involving the whole school in a very special Carol Service.

The service will take place at St Cattwg's Church, Port Eynon, and we want to say a huge thank you to Vicar Peter for kindly welcoming us and allowing us to use the church for this event. Our children will bring the Christmas story to life, with our younger learners acting out the Nativity story and older pupils performing readings. There will be festive carols in between, and each class will perform two Christmas songs for everyone to sing along to—what a wonderful way to get everyone into the Christmas spirit!

Another reason for this exciting change is that, with work being done on the roof of the school hall, we wouldn't be able to use it safely during December. Moving the celebration to the church means the whole school can join in comfortably and safely while still making it a magical experience.

We're planning to hold the service on **Wednesday 3rd December**, with both an afternoon and an evening performance, giving families plenty of opportunity to come along. In the days leading up to the service, we will also hold a dress rehearsal, which grandparents and other family members are warmly invited to attend.

We hope you agree this is a fantastic way to bring the whole school together, celebrate the festive season, and create wonderful memories for our children and community!



Update: Our After-School Childcare Provision & Clubs

This term, we've trialled the introduction of our after-school childcare provision on Mondays and Tuesdays, running until 5:00pm. We don't know about you, but we think it's been a real success so far! Numbers have been growing steadily, and we're really pleased with how it's going. That said, we'd love to see even more children taking part.

Listening to your feedback from the original questionnaire, a number of you mentioned the need for childcare on a Thursday as well. In response, we're happy to announce that we'll be trialling this provision on Thursdays, alongside Mondays and Tuesdays starting after half term.

We'll be making the booking links live on iPay in the next day or so. Please make sure to check the dates carefully before booking to ensure everything is correct.

Please note: There will be no clubs or childcare provision on Monday 3rd November, the first Monday back after half term, due to Parents' Evening.

Childcare Provision - Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time: Straight after school until 5:00pm

Location: School Hall (collection from the main entrance)

Includes: Fun activities and a snack

Who: Pupils from Reception to Year 6

Cost: £7 per child / £5 per sibling

Booking: By 12pm on the day

Flexibility: Book weekly or in advance

Cancellations: Please give at least 24 hours' notice

Thank you for your continued support!



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

Dates for the diary! Please check the school calendar on the website:

www.knelstonprimary.co.uk/academicyear2025-2026

Inset dates confirmed:

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 6th February 2026

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