



Ysgol Gynradd Knelston

'Dream, Believe, Achieve Together'

Newyddion - Friday 3rd July 2026



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

What a fortnight it has been at Knelston! From an unexpected heatwave and a school closure, to Forest School treats, butterflies taking flight and our popular veg boxes selling fast, there has certainly been plenty going on.

Firstly, thank you all for your patience, understanding and support during the recent spell of very hot weather. The heat brought a few changes to our plans, including postponing Sports Day and the difficult decision to close the school for a day to ensure everyone stayed safe and comfortable. We know this caused disruption for many families and we really appreciate your flexibility. We were incredibly proud of how well the children coped with the challenging conditions, showing resilience and positivity throughout.

Even with the soaring temperatures, the children have continued to make the most of every opportunity. Forest School ended on a sweet note, with pupils enjoying toasted marshmallows and s'mores around the fire, while our younger children have loved their soft play, balloon activities and active PE sessions.

Our nature theme continues to thrive, with our gardening group harvesting produce from our gardens and polytunnels and proudly helping to prepare our Knelston Veg Boxes. It has been lovely to see so many families supporting this initiative and enjoying the fruits (and vegetables!) of the children's hard work. We have also said goodbye to our butterflies, watching them flutter off into our gardens after carefully caring for them from caterpillar to butterfly.

There is still lots to look forward to as we head towards the end of term, including Sports Day on 8th July, our whole-school trip to the National Botanic Garden of Wales and celebrations for our Year 6 leavers.

A reminder too that our new school menu comes into effect from Monday 6th July and will continue into September, so please take a look through the menu (on ClassDojo) with your child. Also, don't forget to check the lost property table in the hall before the end of the week, as any unclaimed items will be donated to the clothes bank.

As always, thank you for your continued support. The final few weeks of the year are always such a special time at Knelston, and we are looking forward to making many more happy memories together.

Please see ClassDojo and our Instagram page for photos from our trips and classroom activities — there's lots to see and share!

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 31: The right to rest, relax and play



'Succeed'

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Wyt ti'n hoffi ...?

Do you like ...?

Ydw. / Nag ydw.

Yes. / No.



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

Ocean Guardians Pupil Voice Group

Our Ocean Guardians trip to the beach went ahead last Monday and was a huge success! After the disappointment of having to postpone due to poor weather, we couldn't have asked for better conditions — the sun was shining, the tide was in, and the beach looked absolutely perfect.

The children were incredible from start to finish, showing enthusiasm, brilliant behaviour and real excitement throughout the day. Waun Wen pupils and staff had a fantastic time exploring the coastline, taking part in a range of fun and engaging activities, and making the most of our amazing local environment. For many of the visiting children, it was their first ever visit to the beach, making the experience even more special and memorable.



A huge thank you to Mrs Thomas for her energy, support and organisation in helping to make the day such a success, and to our Ocean Guardians, who led the activities with real confidence and pride. Their teamwork, creativity and leadership truly shone through and made the whole day run so smoothly.

It was a brilliant, joy-filled day and a fantastic celebration of pupil voice in action — one the children (and staff!) will remember for a long time.

SPORTS DAY - Wednesday 8th July!

We are delighted to confirm that our much-anticipated Sports Day is back on and will now take place next Wednesday 8th July. After having to cancel last week due to the weather, we are really looking forward to welcoming families for what promises to be a fantastic day full of energy, competition and celebration!

Parking and Access

From 11:00am, the bottom field gate will be open for parking on the school field. Please note that once the races begin, this gate will be locked until the end of the event.

The main yard gate will also open at 11:00am for those arriving on foot, but will be secured shortly before the races begin. If you arrive after 11:30am, please wait at the gate and a member of staff will assist you as soon as possible (staff will be busy supporting the event).

Race Programme

The action begins at approximately 11:30am with Nursery races, followed by a full programme of exciting events throughout the day. Timings may vary depending on how fast our brilliant athletes are!

We will also enjoy a 30-minute whole-school picnic break, before being treated to a special performance from Primary Partners (1:00pm-1:15pm). Races then continue from around 1:15pm onwards.



🎉 Exciting New Additions!

We've added some new twists this year to make Sports Day even more fun!

The popular "Up and Over" race now includes water challenges with buckets and sponges — expect some very wet and very competitive fun! 🌧️

(Please send a spare T-shirt if your child would like to change.)

We are also introducing a Tug of War challenge — children **NEED** to wear gloves (or even socks to avoid rope burns) 🧤

🏠 House Colours

To ensure fair and balanced teams, we may make small adjustments to house groups. Any changes will be communicated in advance.

🎉 After-Event Fun in the Junior Yard!

Once the races are complete, the celebrations continue with plenty to enjoy:

🍰 Beautiful ceramic creations made by our Foundation pupils available to purchase

🍷 Ice lollies and refreshments on sale

🍰 Cake donations warmly welcomed

★ NEW ATTRACTIONS - DON'T MISS OUT!

🎯 Inflation Penalty Shootout - £1 per go with a prize for the top scorer! (We're hoping to have this in place, but it is still to be fully confirmed.)

👤 Headteacher in the Stocks - yes, really! I will be taking my place in the stocks, and for £1 a go, pupils, parents and members of the community will all have the chance to throw wet sponges. With Sports Day having to be cancelled last week and the recent school closure, I suspect some of you may be extra keen for this one... I'll take that risk! 😊

We cannot wait to see everyone there for an unforgettable day packed with laughter, competition and brilliant school spirit! 🎉



Breakfast club

As mentioned previously we are currently exploring the possibility of extending our existing Breakfast Club provision in order to further support families and provide additional flexibility in the morning routine.

We are considering a revised structure as follows:

8.15am - 8.40am: Early Breakfast Club (small charge would apply)

8.40am - 9.00am: Free Breakfast Club provision as currently offered

The earlier session (8.15-8.40am) would help support families who require an earlier drop-off time, while still maintaining our free provision for the final part of the morning session.

At this stage, we are simply gauging whether there is sufficient need and interest from families to make this viable. If there is enough demand, we would look to trial the extended provision within the last week of term, with a view to launching it fully in September.



We would be very grateful if you could let us know your views on CLassDojo or contacting the school office directly. Your feedback will help us decide whether this is something we move forward with.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

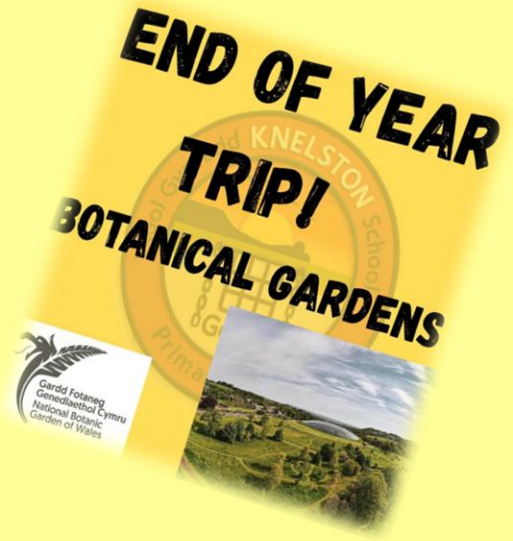
End of Year Trip - National Botanic Garden of Wales

We're really pleased to let you know that Reception to Year 6 will be heading off on our end-of-year trip to the National Botanic Garden of Wales on Wednesday 15th July. This will be a lovely way to round off the term and links perfectly with our current topic, Patterns in Nature.

The children will have the chance to explore the gardens, enjoy the outdoors, and see their learning come to life in a really special setting. It's always a highlight of the year, and we know the children are going to get so much from the experience.

The trip is now live on iPay, where you can also give consent and let us know if your child will need a school packed lunch. Please do complete this as soon as you can.

We're really looking forward to a fantastic day together and a great way to celebrate the end of another busy and brilliant year at Knelston.



Message from the School Council - Rugby & Football Kit Fundraiser

Subject: Help Us Raise Funds for Our New Rugby & Football Kits

Dear member of our community,

We are writing to you on behalf of our School Council to ask for your support.

This term, we are hoping to raise enough money to buy **one possibly two brand new team kits — one for our Football team and one for our Rugby team**. Our current kits are now quite old and worn, and we would love to represent our school and community in kits that make us feel proud, confident and united.

Being part of a school team means so much to us. It helps us build teamwork, resilience, confidence and friendships. When we play against other schools, we are not just representing ourselves — we are representing our whole community.

We are looking for local businesses and members of our community who would be willing to sponsor part of our new kits. In return, your business logo could be displayed on the shirts, and we would proudly wear it at every match and tournament. We would also recognise and thank our sponsors through school communications and social media (where appropriate).

Your support would make a real difference to us and help ensure that all pupils can continue to take part in sport with pride.

Below are the sponsorship opportunities available for each kit.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our letter and for supporting young people in our community.

Kind regards,

The School Council



🔊 Sponsorship Opportunities (Per Kit)

Front of Shirt - Main Sponsor

£300 - £400 per kit

- Largest logo placement
- Prime visibility at all matches
- Recognition as Main Kit Sponsor

Sleeve Sponsor

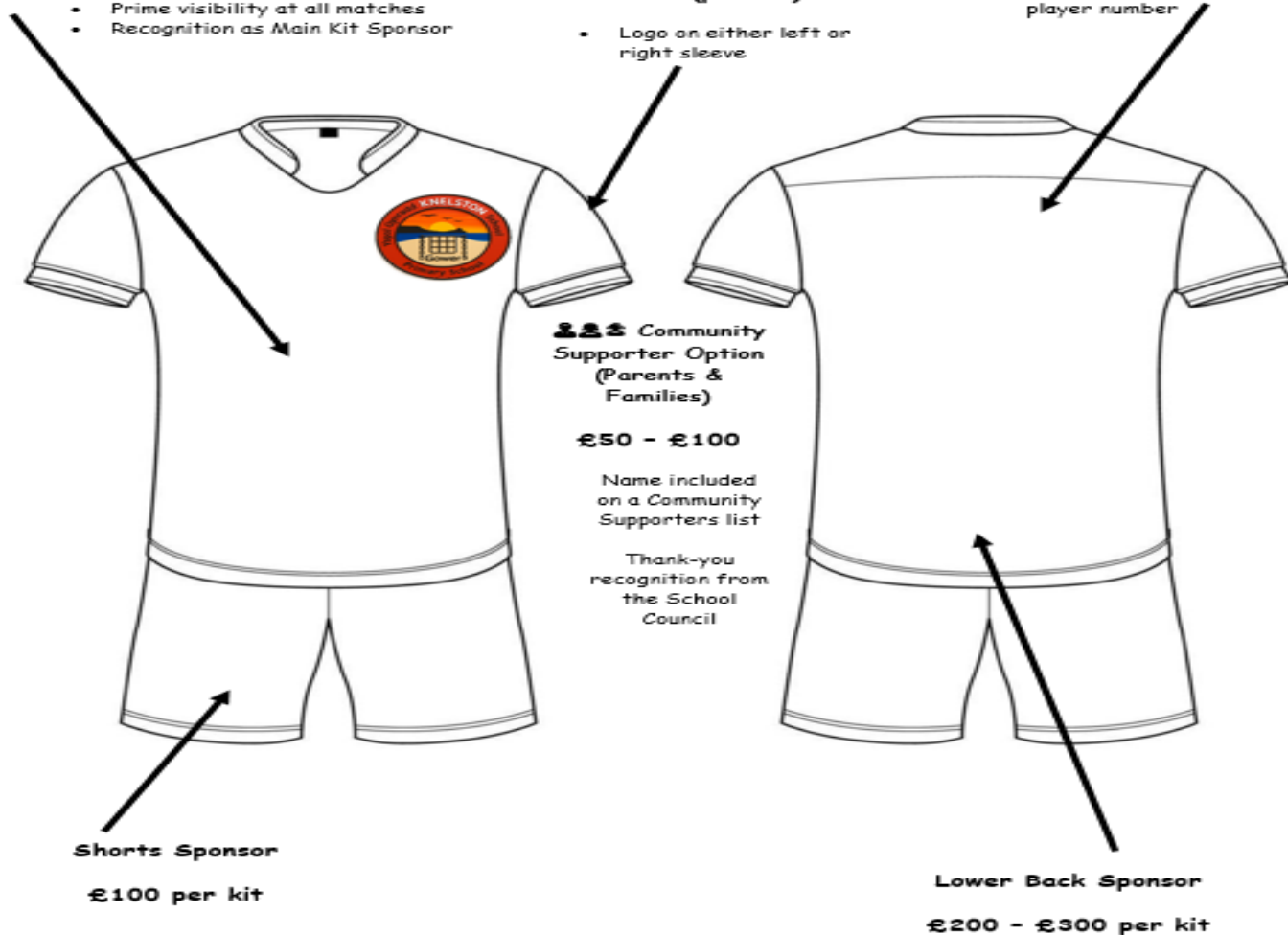
£100 - £150 per sleeve (per kit)

- Logo on either left or right sleeve

Upper Back Sponsor

£200 - £300 per kit

- Logo displayed above player number



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

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

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