



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting fortnight here at Knelston! The holidays already feel like a distant memory as the children throw themselves into their topics with energy and enthusiasm, making every day full of learning and exploration.

There's been a lot happening around the school site too. You may have noticed a large tree being cut down — quite a task, but the good news is that the school is now safer and more open for everyone to enjoy. Even with some tricky weather to contend with, the school community has shown great resilience. Some staff had to rely on lifts with the school bus to get through the floods, but everyone pulled together to ensure the school day ran smoothly.

Our football team also had a fantastic outing, competing in a tournament against some very experienced schools and players. The children gave it their all, demonstrating great skill, determination, and sportsmanship — we are incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements!

Enrichment activities are off to a flying start as well. The children are loving the variety of new experiences, challenges, and opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. It's wonderful to see their excitement and engagement as they explore these activities and develop new skills.

We are so proud of how much has been achieved over the past fortnight and are grateful for the support of our parents and carers in helping make Knelston such a lively, safe, and inspiring place to learn.

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

Dymuniadau gorau,

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month

School Aim of the Month



Article 12:

The right to be the best you can be.



"Be the best you can be"
"Gwnewch eich gorau glas"

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth ydy dy oed di?

How old are you?

Dw i'n ... oed.

I am ... years old.



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

Estyn Inspection Update and Parent Information

We are pleased to inform you that we received confirmation from Estyn on Monday that our school will be inspected from **Monday 9th February to Wednesday 11th February**. Estyn is the education and training inspectorate for Wales, independent of the Welsh Government, and their role is to inspect schools in order to improve learner outcomes by recognising strengths and identifying areas for development. We are looking forward to welcoming the team and showcasing everything that makes our school community so special.

Parent Questionnaire

We would love to hear your views. Please complete the Estyn parent questionnaire using the link below or by scanning the QR code provided:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/VV5J4Z/>



Your feedback is very important to us. *Please note:* once you have submitted the questionnaire, do not use the back button on your browser as this may record duplicate responses. The questionnaire will be available until 11pm on 01/02/2026.

Parent Meeting - Monday 9th February, 4:00pm (School Hall)

Parents and carers are warmly invited to meet the inspection team on **Monday 9th February at 4pm in the school hall** to share your views and experiences of the school. Children are not able to attend the meeting itself.

Football Cancelled & Free Childcare

Football club will not run on **Monday 9th February** as the hall is required for the meeting. Free childcare will be available for families attending. Please book via iPay under "**ESTYN Meeting - Childcare Offer**" so we can plan staffing and numbers. Children may be dropped off five minutes before the meeting and collected promptly afterwards.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parking and Drop-Off Safety Reminder

We would like to apologise in advance if the tone of this message feels a little firm — this is certainly not our intention. We know that the vast majority of our parents and carers park thoughtfully and show real consideration for others, and we are very grateful for your continued support.

However, we are still noticing a small number of vehicles parking on zig-zag lines, on pavements, and occasionally directly in front of the school gates during drop-off and collection times. As you will appreciate, this can create a safeguarding concern while children are arriving at and leaving school. Some parents have also been using the school driveway to turn around, which is particularly risky as children are getting on and off the bus at these times. Can we please ask that this is avoided? The safety of our pupils, families, and staff must always remain our highest priority.

This is not the first time we have mentioned this issue, and we kindly ask for your continued help in improving the situation. As you are aware, Estyn will be visiting the school from 9th February. Part of their inspection will include safeguarding arrangements and how traffic is managed around the school site. Current parking behaviour can unintentionally reflect badly on the school, despite the hard work of staff and the positive support shown by the vast majority of families.

We would really appreciate everyone taking a little extra care to park responsibly, avoid restricted areas, and keep pavements and gates clear so that all children and families can enter and leave the site safely.

Thank you for your understanding and for working with us to keep our school community safe.

School Uniform and Jewellery Reminder

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps children to feel part of the school community, promotes a sense of pride, and supports a positive learning environment for everyone.

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of children coming to school wearing additional jewellery, including necklaces and bracelets. For safeguarding and safety reasons, we kindly ask that children do not wear jewellery to school. Items can easily become lost or damaged, and they can also pose a risk during playtimes, PE lessons, and other school activities.

We understand that some items may have sentimental value, however we ask for your support in ensuring that jewellery is kept at home wherever possible. This helps us to keep all pupils safe and avoids any upset caused by items being misplaced or broken.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, smart and positive school environment for all children.

Afterschool clubs reminder

Afterschool Care: Our Monday and Tuesday Afterschool Care Club will continue to run for Reception to Year 6 pupils.

Wednesday Clubs: Both Expressive Arts and LEGO Club will carry on as usual.

Thursday afterschool Club: Attendance has been lower than expected, so we will run the Thursday club until half term and then review its future. We'll keep you updated on any changes.

Football on Mondays: A big thank you to Steve and Simon, who have kindly agreed to continue running the football club on Mondays. (Note no football 9th Feb)

Extra-curricular clubs: **£2.50** → **£3** per session

Afterschool childcare provision: **£7** → **£9** per session

Siblings: **£5** → **£7** per session

We appreciate your understanding and continued support, which helps us maintain these important activities. Together, we can keep our clubs thriving for the benefit of all our children and families.

All dates up until February half term are now live on IPay and you are able to book in advance.



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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