



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

Normal service has resumed this week with our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils back in school! They've been excitedly sharing all their adventures from last week's residential, and it's been wonderful to hear about the fun they had.

We've had an amazing start to the week, with the sunshine allowing plenty of outdoor learning opportunities. A huge highlight was our fantastic Easter Bonnet Parade for our younger pupils. The bonnets looked incredible, and we could definitely sense some friendly competition among parents pulling out all the stops! Thank you all for your incredible effort in making it such a fun and memorable event for the children.

As well as bonnets, we had some amazing cakes on display for our baking competition. A huge well done to our winners:

3rd place - Lloyd

2nd place - Charlie

1st place - Ethan Thomas

Thursday morning truly felt like a scene from The Great British Bake Off! The day concluded with a brilliant disco, organised by our wonderful Friends of Knelston PTA. A massive thank you to them for their hard work in putting together such a fantastic event. The children had an absolute blast—and even the Easter Bunny made a special appearance! At times, it seemed like the Easter Bunny was having just as much fun as the children and didn't want to leave!

Moments like these wouldn't be possible without the unwavering support of our PTA. At Knelston, we operate on a very limited budget, and we rely heavily on the Friends of Knelston PTA for financial support to ensure our children receive the best possible learning experiences. Without their help, we would truly struggle to keep our heads above water. That's why it is so important that we continue to support the events they organise—because every child at Knelston benefits directly from their efforts.

Some of you may have noticed that our mini-bus has been missing from its usual spot. It has been sent for a service with the Local Authority, and unfortunately, a major fault was discovered with the engine. Thankfully, because the PTA funds our full maintenance package, the necessary repairs will be covered—but in the meantime, we are without our mini-bus.

This couldn't have come at a worse time, as our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are set to go on their residential trip to Llain next week. They were originally scheduled to travel using the mini-bus to avoid costly coach hire. Once again, the PTA has stepped in to save the day, funding the hire of a replacement mini-bus so that the trip can go ahead as planned. Without them, we would have had to cancel the trip altogether.

This is just one example of the incredible difference the Friends of Knelston make to our school. Their generosity and dedication ensure that our children don't miss out on valuable experiences, and we are so lucky to have them.

With this in mind, we ask that you continue to support their upcoming events, as every penny raised goes directly back into enriching the school experience for our children. Additionally, if you own, work for, or know of a business or organisation that would be interested in contributing—whether through sponsorship, donations, or other forms of support—we would love to hear from you! Every little bit helps, and together we can make a real difference for our school community.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTA, and to all of you who support them!

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month	School Aim of the Month
 Article 24: The right to food and water	 'Learn'

Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:



Beth gest ti?

What did you have?

Ces i ...

I had ...



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 with the school office. Your support would be greatly appreciated and would help enrich our pupils' learning experience.

Thank You for Attending Parent Consultations

A huge thank you to those who attended our Parent Consultation Meetings this week. We hope you found them useful and enjoyed the opportunity to look through your child's work and see their progress.



It was wonderful to welcome you into school and share your child's achievements with you. Thank you for your continued support!

Polite notice

Last week, we reminded parents about the importance of parking safely and considerately at the end of the school day. However, we are still seeing instances of inappropriate parking, including cars stopping on zig-zag lines, parking on kerbs, and occasionally blocking the school drive.



We understand that parking near the school can be difficult, and we truly appreciate the efforts many of you make to ensure a smooth and safe pickup. However, unsafe parking poses a serious safeguarding risk to our children, and we must all work together to prevent potential accidents.

With this in mind, we kindly ask all parents and carers to be extra mindful when parking—avoiding restricted areas and ensuring access to the school remains clear at all times. Your cooperation is essential in keeping our school environment safe, and we greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

After school clubs

Last week, we shared a questionnaire to gather your thoughts on how we can improve our extracurricular clubs. So far, we have only received one response, and we would really appreciate more feedback.



With your input, we hope to make our clubs more engaging and accessible for all pupils. Please take a moment to complete the short questionnaire using the link and QR code below—your feedback will help us plan and relaunch the clubs soon.

Thank you for your support!

<https://forms.office.com/e/cYG1PukfWj?origin=lprLink>



The children's highlights of the week!

Wythnos yma!

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ Easter activity day with Vicar Peter,
- ✓ Sequence picture stories,
- ✓ Y1/2 started acrostic poems,
- ✓ Easter Parade,
- ✓ Number bonds.

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ Easter activity day with Vicar Peter,
- ✓ Easter song writing with Mr Smith,
- ✓ Explanation text,
- ✓ Continued Hinduism.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ PE as part of Enrichment,
- ✓ Started our calming boxes project,
- ✓ Started our Leavers song with Mr Smith,
- ✓ Preparation for our Residential

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
07.04.25 - 11.04.25	Y5/6 Residentials	Llain
12.04.25 - 27.04.25	Easter Holidays - HALF TERM	
28.04.25	Summer Term Topic Launch week	All info once confirmed with be shared on Dojo and any trips listed on Ipay.
08.05.25	Roz & Kirsty - Class Photos	Whole School
20.05.25	Fire Safety Talk	Year 2 & Year 5's
20.05.25	Height, Weight Screening - School Nursing Team	Reception.
26.04.25 - 30.04.25	May HALF TERM	
02.06.25	INSET DAY	
16.06.25 - 20.06.25	Scholastic Book Fair	Whole School
26.06.25	Sports Day	Whole School
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

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