



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

Well, we're now down to just two full weeks left of the school year — and we're certainly not winding down just yet! The calendar is as busy as it's been all year, and the children (and staff!) are continuing to work hard right to the end.



This week was filled with both excitement and a few nerves as our Year 6 pupils spent three days at Bishopston as part of their transition to secondary school. They were accompanied by Mr. Donovan for the first two days, but Wednesday was the big test — finding their own way there and navigating a full day of lessons independently. It was a little quiet around school without them, and we really did feel their absence. But they returned on Thursday full of stories and excitement, proud of their adventure — and rightly so!

Monday was especially peaceful in school as Years 3 and 4 headed out on an exploration of the Swansea Canal with Governor Dawn Thomas. They had a wonderful day outdoors, learning and discovering — and represented the school beautifully with their behaviour.



We were also delighted to welcome colleagues from Trallwn Primary this week, who joined Mrs. Osborn and Mrs. Latham to look at our outdoor provision. This collaboration has been a brilliant opportunity to share best practice, and it was an honour to have the whole Trallwn teaching team visit Knelston. A huge thank you to our staff for their generosity and expertise — you're helping to put Knelston on the map!



Thursday brought one of the real highlights of the school year — Sports Day! I was under strict orders to let the staff take the lead, and they certainly did not disappoint. It was a rare and special opportunity for me, as headteacher, to take a step back and watch our



amazing school community in action. Every child took part with energy and enthusiasm, and it was heart-warming to see so many families enjoying the sunshine, sharing picnics, and cheering the children on. The weather was perfect, and postponing the original date definitely proved to be the right decision. A massive thank you to the staff for organising such a fantastic event, and an equally huge thank you to our parents and wider community for coming out in force to support us — we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

As we head into the final fortnight of term, there's still plenty to look forward to — so watch this space!

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month	School Aim of the Month
  Article 27: The right to relax and play	 "Succeed"
Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:	
 Beth wyt ti'n gallu wneud? What can you do? Dw i'n gallu ... I can ...	



Celebrating Our Pupils' Achievements	
We're incredibly proud of the amazing things our pupils achieve outside the classroom. Whether it's sport, music, drama, or any other activity, we love hearing about what they're up to and sharing it with our school community. This week, we're shining a spotlight on Aeron Hill who has had even more sporting success recently: Aeron is quickly becoming a regular feature in our newsletter — and for very good reason! Following his impressive win in the 800m at the recent Athletics Competition, he returned to compete in the finals. This event brings together pupils from schools across the whole of Swansea, many of them five times the size of ours — so just reaching the finals is an incredible achievement in itself. We're absolutely thrilled to share that, despite the intense heat, Aeron crossed the finish line in first place once again, claiming victory in the 800m finals! Knelston proudly waved the flag, and Aeron blew away the competition. Despite his continued success, Aeron remains modest, humble, and grounded — a true credit to both his family and our school. We are incredibly proud of him, and we know he has a very bright future ahead. We'll miss him dearly next year, but we know he'll continue to shine wherever he goes. Congratulations, Aeron — what a star!	



A Huge Thank you!	
Massive congratulations to the amazing Mr Jackson - a true fundraising hero! Mr Jackson recently took on the incredible Traws-Eryri off-road cycling trail, a gruelling 124-mile adventure from Machynlleth to Conwy, crossing some of North Wales' most breathtaking (and challenging!) landscapes. He completed the entire route in just one day, alongside a determined group of friends - an incredible achievement! Even more impressively, Mr Jackson set out with a goal to raise £500 to support a whole school sports-based activity or trip for our pupils next school year... and he <i>smashed it</i>, raising an amazing £1,060! 🏆 We have huge plans for sport at Knelston next year, and these funds will go a long way in helping us achieve our goals and provide exciting, active opportunities for all our pupils. Thank you to everyone who supported, donated, and cheered Mr Jackson on - your generosity will make a real difference. 🙌🏡❤️	



The children's highlights of the week!

Wythnos yma!

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ National Assessments
- ✓ Sports Day!
- ✓ Practicing for the Summer Show
- ✓ Producing items to sell at Sports Day and at Sunday Funday!

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ National Assessments
- ✓ Sports Day!
- ✓ Practicing for the Summer Show,
- ✓ Trip to Swansea Canal in Clyach,
- ✓ Continued planning our adventure stories.

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ National Assessments,
- ✓ Finishing our items to sell on Sports Day!
- ✓ Sports Day!
- ✓ 'Which is the bounciest ball?' science experiments,
- ✓ Measured our sunflowers,
- ✓ Finishing our post cards ready to post.

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
06.07.25	PTA Sunday Funday at Sports Club - 11-3pm	
08.07.25	Royal Life Saving Society Assembly	
09.07.25	Summer Show! - Tickets live on Squid	
10.07.25	Summer Show! - Tickets live on Squid	
10.07.25	Reception, Y1 & Y2 trip to Reynoldston Post Office	
11.07.25	Royal Life Saving Society Championships - Selected pupils to go watch.	
11.07.25	Y56	Puberty Talk with Nursing Team
14.07.25	Mumbles Land Train	Reception to Year 4 heading to Mumbles
14.07.25	Pilgrimage	Vicar Peter to take Y5/6 on part of the Gower Pilgrimage route.
15.07.25	End of year Ice Cream Van!	
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16.07.25	Food to Fork	Knelston school dinner supplemented with our home-grown food
17.07.25	Y6 Leavers Assembly - Afternoon - Tickets live on Squid!	
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

Monday 1st September 2025, Tuesday 2nd September - Confirmed first Inset of Academic Year 25/26

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