



Annwyl Parents / Carers,

It's hard to believe how quickly the weeks are flying by — and here we are already at the end of June!

This week, our Year 6 pupils began their transition process to comprehensive school. On Monday, they visited Bishopston to watch a performance put on especially for all new pupils. The children had a great morning and are now looking forward to the rest of their transition activities next week. They've also been busy rehearsing for their end of year show, and there's definitely a bittersweet feeling in the air as it starts to sink in that they'll soon be moving on. Let's hope they enjoy every moment of their last few weeks at Knelston.

Behind the scenes, Mr Donovan has been working hard on a Middle Leaders qualification. This week, he successfully completed the course — a fantastic achievement that further strengthens the leadership here at Knelston. Congratulations to Mr Donovan on this well-deserved success! Congratulations to Mrs Blakemore, who has achieved a First Class Honours degree in Inclusive Education. This is a wonderful achievement and reflects her dedication to supporting all learners. We're very proud of her success.

Pupils in Years 2 to Year 6 have also begun completing their national assessments. These will continue over the next couple of weeks. We're incredibly proud of the way the children are approaching the assessments — with maturity, focus, and a real determination to do their best. Their hard work and positive attitude have been wonderful to see.

Year 3/4 pupils also had a special experience as they set off on a walk along part of the Gower Pilgrimage Way with Vicar Peter. This 50-mile-long pilgrimage links all 17 historic churches in Gower and includes several chapels and other sacred Christian sites. The children walked the section from St Andrews Church in Oxwich all the way to St Georges Church Reynoldston. It was a beautiful morning, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the rich history and significance of the landmarks right on their doorstep.



Our younger pupils joined the pilgrimage on a shorter route, walking from Llandewi Church to Henllys. They had a wonderful time and were even treated to squash and biscuits, kindly provided by Vicar Peter.

A huge thank you to Vicar Peter for his time, knowledge, and enthusiasm. His involvement has really helped bring our learning about the local area and its spiritual heritage to life.

In other news, Mrs Osborn has made the decision to move to part-time working from September and will be with us for three days a week. Although we're sad not to have Mrs Osborn full-time, this change also brings an exciting opportunity for the school. Over the past few months, we've been working hard to find the right person to work alongside Mr Osborn, and we're delighted to welcome Miss Saran Pitson to the Knelston team.

Miss Pitson comes to us with excellent recommendations and a strong track record. She has already visited Knelston several times and is eager to begin working with us. We are confident she will be a fantastic addition to our school and a great fit for our community. She will be joining us on Wednesday next week for our Moving Up Day, where the children—and hopefully many of you—will have the chance to meet her at drop off and pick up.

Mrs Osborn will continue to play a leading role within the Foundation Phase, including planning and curriculum development, and will be supporting Miss Pitson as she settles into her new role. We're excited about the year ahead and the continued strength of our team in providing the best for our pupils.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

J G Paynter

UNCRC Right of the Month	School Aim of the Month
  Article 27: The right to a good standard of living.	 'High Expectations for All'
Patrwm y Pythefnos - Welsh Patterns to share at home:  Beth dydy e / hi ddim yn hoffi? Dydy e / hi ddim yn hoffi ... What doesn't he / she like? He / She doesn't like ... 	

Working Together: Clear Communication for the Benefit of Our Children	
We'd like to kindly remind everyone about the importance of using the correct communication channels when getting in touch with school. As a community school, we deeply value the strong relationships we share with our families. Many of our staff live locally, and this connection to the area helps to strengthen the sense of belonging and partnership between the school and the wider community. However, we've noticed an increasing number of parents contacting staff directly—sometimes to report absences, raise queries, or even to make complaints. While we know this is often done with the best intentions, we hope you can appreciate that it can put staff in a difficult position and may also raise concerns around GDPR and privacy. To help us manage communication effectively and ensure your queries are addressed properly, we kindly ask that you use the appropriate school channels. You can: Message us via the main school Dojo page Email the school directly: Knelston.primary@swansea-edunet.gov.uk Or give us a call on: 01792 390071   If you do have any queries, concerns, or complaints, it's always best to come and speak to us directly through the channels above so that we can work together to resolve any issues. We will always endeavour to act on any feedback and want to continue to build strong partnerships with all our families and ensure the children have the best possible learning experience. There may be times when we get things wrong or when you may not agree with a decision. Please rest assured that any decision made by the school is done so after careful thought, consideration, and with the children's best interests at heart. We are all working incredibly hard to provide the best education and care possible for every child. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.	

Sports Day	
	We know that many of you may have been disappointed this week by the news that Sports Day has been rescheduled. Please be assured that the decision to postpone the event was not taken lightly. While I don't feel we need to, or should, justify every decision we make as a school, on this occasion I thought it would be helpful to share a little context with you.

We aimed to give at least 24 hours' notice to allow families time to adjust any plans, while also giving the weather every chance to improve. Living in Wales, we all know how quickly conditions can change, but when it comes to an event like Sports Day, there are several factors we must take into account—beyond just the weather at the time.

As a school, we have a responsibility to prioritise safeguarding and health and safety. Sports Day is meant to be a fun, exciting day for the children and their families, and the last thing we want is for anyone to get injured. Unfortunately, the heavy overnight and early morning rain on Thursday left the field absolutely soaked and unsafe for running or other activities.

Additionally, to support both convenience and safety, we usually open the bottom of the school field for parent parking, due to limited space around the school and to help with traffic flow. In the conditions we faced, this simply wasn't feasible. We do appreciate that rescheduling can cause inconvenience, especially as everyone's lives are busy. Being a parent myself, I fully understand how frustrating changes can be, and I want to thank you sincerely for your patience and flexibility.

The new date for Sports Day will be **Thursday 3rd July**, and we very much hope to see you there. Fingers crossed for sunshine!

Thank you again for your continued understanding and support.

The children's highlights of the week!
Wythnos yma!

Mrs Osborn's class REC/Y1/Y2

- ✓ National Assessments
- ✓ Symmetry in maths
- ✓ Lifecycle of butterfly
- ✓ Pilgrimage walk with Vicar Peter
- ✓ Writing postcards

Mrs Porter's class Y3/4

- ✓ National Assessments,
- ✓ Y3/4 Pilgrimage walk,
- ✓ Practicing for the play,
- ✓ Created our sunflowers,
- ✓ Released our butterflies,

Mr Donovan's class Y5/6

- ✓ Rehearsing for the play,
- ✓ Starting to complete our calming boxes,
- ✓ Transition day for Year 6,
- ✓ National Assessments,
- ✓ Comparing and ordering fractions,
- ✓ Sunflowers,

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
30.06.25	Y3/4 Canal Study	Trip with Dawn Thomas - Clydach
30.06.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
01.07.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
02.07.25	Year 6 Transition Day	
03.07.25	Sports Day!	
06.07.25	PTA Sunday Funday at Sports Club - 11-3pm	
08.07.25	Royal Life Saving Society Assembly	
08.07.25	Food to Fork	Knelston school dinner supplemented with our home-grown food
09.07.25	Summer Show! - Tickets live on Squid	
10.07.25	Summer Show! - Tickets live on Squid	
11.07.25	Royal Life Saving Society Championships - Selected pupils to go watch.	
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!	
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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