

# Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine



Our core  
Christian Values:  
*Compassion,  
Hope, Peace,  
Perseverance,  
Respect, Trust*

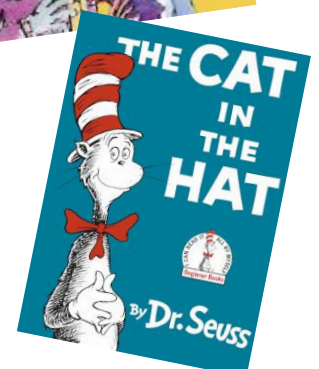
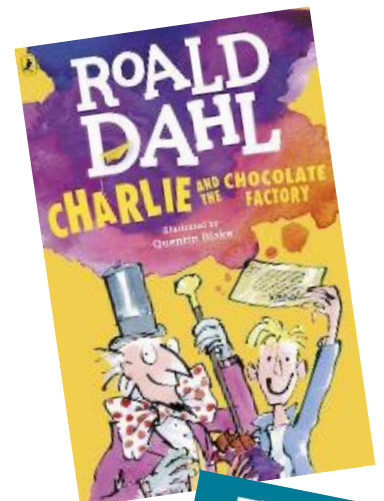
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## World Book Day

This year's World Book Day was a resounding success. The enthusiasm and effort displayed by our students in dressing up was amazing. It was a joy to see the school come alive with a vibrant array of costumes, showcasing the boundless imagination of our young readers. Thank you for nurturing the love of reading at home and for your unwavering support in enhancing your children's education.



*Wonka*



*"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."* ROALD DAHL



World Book Day



*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."* DR SEUSS



*"Books are a uniquely portable magic."* STEPHEN KING

## Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you to all the mums who attended our very special Mother's day breakfast. It was lovely to have so many join their children for breakfast and the children loved it. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTA and Lugg family for providing the beautiful flowers for the lovely Mother's day flowers.



## Mothering Sunday

I would like to take a moment to wish all mothers and individuals in mothering roles a very Happy Mothering Sunday. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who play a nurturing role in our children's lives.

## Cornish Music with Will Keating

On Friday, we had the pleasure of working with the talented Will Keating. The workshops were a hit, providing our students with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage of Cornwall. The week culminated in a delightful sing-song, filling our school with uplifting melodies and creating lasting memories. Thank you to all who joined us for this special event.



## Rugby league

Our Mawnan rugby league team has once again demonstrated their exceptional skills and sportsmanship. This week, they engaged in two matches that showcased their unwavering determination and teamwork.

The first match, Mawnan versus Stithians, culminated in a fantastic 1-0 victory. The second match against Mabe resulted in an impressive 3-0 win.

I commend the team for their outstanding defense and commendable coordination. Well done, Mawnan rugby league team!

## Disco

The PTA would like to remind you that our highly anticipated School Disco is just around the corner – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The excitement is palpable, and I am certain that it will be an evening filled with laughter and enjoyment!



We won't be having a celebration assembly on Friday afternoon because the PTA will be setting up for the disco.

## After School Clubs

Day	Club	Year Group	Time	Cost
Mondays	Embrace Dance	1 & 2	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Mondays	Netball - Gill	Y5 & 6	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Tuesdays	Football - Christian	5 & 6	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Tuesdays	Girls Maths Club (invite only) Mrs Davies	3 & 4	3:30 – 4:15pm	None
Tuesdays	Boys Maths Club (invite only) Mr Barnes	3 & 4	3:30 – 4:15pm	None
Wednesdays	Gardening Club – Zinnia	2	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Thursdays	Drama Club – Mrs Chrucher <b>(20 Max)</b>	1 & 2	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Thursdays	Cooking Club – Miss Law and Jacky <b>(10 Max)</b>	3,4 &5	3:15 – 4:15pm	£10
Thursdays	Running Club – Mrs Timmins and Mrs Watson <b>(20 Max)</b>	3,4 &5	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Thursdays	Embrace Cheer	4 & 5	3:15 – 4:15pm	None

### Collection

Collection is from the main gates at 4:15pm.

Year 2 Gardening club collection is 4:15pm from the School Garden.

## Dates to Remember 2024

<b><u>2024 Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming lessons (a google form has been sent out to parents for children attending)
29 <sup>th</sup> March – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
19 <sup>th</sup> April – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday CST Sailing lessons – Term 1 (6 Sessions)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April	TEMPEST: School Class Photos
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	May Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> June – 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday CST Sailing lessons – Term 2 (5 Sessions)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> June	National Garden Scheme Open Garden
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 4 & 5 BF Adventure School Camp
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Porthpean School Camp
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (reserve date)
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closure Days
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> July	School Summer Holiday

All dates and events can be found on our School website Calendar:

<https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/calendar/430674>

## Smart Phones

The DfE has recently recognised the need for schools to address the challenges and risks posed by smartphones and has published new guidance for schools about the use of mobile phones. As a school that prioritises the safety and well-being of our students, we feel it is important to share this information with you.

Smartphones, while undoubtedly useful in many ways, can also present several challenges and dangers. These risks include cyberbullying, unsupervised access to social networking platforms, exposure to unsuitable content on the internet, eye strain, decreased attention span, and the potential for phone theft.

We understand that there is increasing pressure for children at the primary school level to have their own mobile phones. However, it is crucial for us as parents and educators to carefully consider the potential impact of smartphone usage on our young people. In line with this, I would like to draw your attention to the grassroots movement known as "Smartphone Free Childhood."

Smartphone Free Childhood is a movement initiated by concerned parents who aim to exert pressure on government bodies and technology companies to assist us in safeguarding our children. Their website provides valuable research on the effects of smartphones on young individuals and offers alternative solutions to consider.

While we acknowledge that the decision to provide your child with a smartphone rests with you as parents, we recommend that you to consider the potential risks and make informed choices regarding your child's smartphone usage.

Through our curriculum we will continue to educate our students about responsible technology use and digital citizenship, equipping them with the necessary skills to navigate the digital world safely.





Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement of parents who believe childhood's too short to be spent on a smartphone

## We're on a mission to

01.

**Bring parents together** to start new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones in childhood

02.

**Empower parents to take collective action** in their local communities - agreeing to delay giving their children smartphones until at least 14

03.

**Demonstrate that parents are demanding change** at scale, and therefore force the government and tech companies to act

## Why we're doing this now

We've been put in an impossible position by the tech companies. It's a lose lose - either allow our children access to something all the evidence tells us is damaging, or say no and risk alienating them among their peers at a crucial stage of their social development. **We believe something needs to change, and it starts with all of us.**



Scan to find out more

## How you can get involved

### **Join your regional WhatsApp group.**

You'll find the links to all regional groups at [linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhood](https://linktr.ee/smartphonefreechildhood)

### **Start a WhatsApp group for your school to**

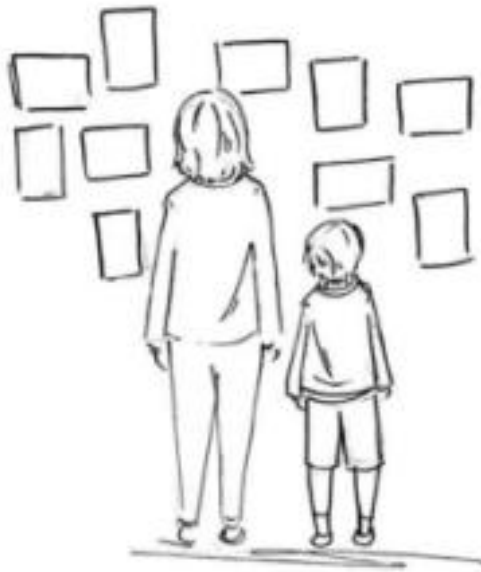
begin a conversation with your community - we've put together a toolkit to help you [smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/toolkits](https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/toolkits)

### **Follow us on Instagram**

[@smartphonefreechildhood](https://www.instagram.com/smartphonefreechildhood)

**Sign up to our newsletter.** We'll be sharing all our plans, advice and inspiration here as the movement grows.

[smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/subscribe](https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/subscribe)



## **MAWNAN SECRET POSTCARD PROJECT**

Mawnan school is delighted to announce a unique fundraising event for our wonderful village school.

The Mawnan Secret Postcard Project will see hundreds of original postcards featuring a huge range of subjects and media created by artists both local and further afield.

We are looking for artists to create an original postcard to be donated and exhibited in our exhibition (which we hope will be in early May 2024 - date and venue to be confirmed soon).

All postcards will be displayed anonymously (signed on the reverse) and sold for a fixed fee per card with all money raised going towards a new library for our incredible village school. We have already had a huge amount of interest and started to collect some beautiful postcards from artists far and wide. We are looking forward to a very exciting community event.

Enquiries and postcards to Alex at [postcardproject@mawnanschool.com](mailto:postcardproject@mawnanschool.com)  
(Blank Cards available)

Postcard Project, Mawnan School, Shute Hill, Mawnan Smith, Cornwall, TR11 5HQ

# Mawnan School Uniform

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy and sending your children into school in the correct uniform.

To ensure clarity, I would like to provide a gentle reminder of our uniform guidelines:

- Tights should be either grey or navy, and on PE days, white sports socks may be worn but not over tights on non-PE days.
- If your child has pierced ears, for safety reasons, we kindly request that they do not wear dangly or hooped earrings to school. Studs are the safest option, as they reduce the risk of earrings getting caught or pulled.
- Please remember that school shoes are to be worn on uniform days, while trainers are to be worn on PE days.

<b>Uniform</b>
Grey knee-length pinafore, skirt, trousers or shorts
Pale blue polo shirt
Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (from Castle Sports)
Grey or white socks (non-branded) or navy or grey tights
Black School shoes (no high boots or open toed sandals)
Navy blue and white gingham dress for summer wear
<b>PE Uniform - to be worn on PE days</b>
Top: White P.E. shirt with school logo (from Castle Sports) with Mawnan zipped sports top (from Castle Sports)
Bottom: Navy blue shorts (from Castle Sports), Navy blue Skort (from Castle Sports) or Mawnan tracksuit trousers (from Castle Sports)
Footwear: Black, blue or white trainers

If you find yourself in need of financial assistance with regards to purchasing the correct uniform, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Pridmore. We are here to support you and want to ensure that every child has equal access to school uniform.



# National Garden Scheme – Save the Date!

We have some exciting news to share with you regarding our beloved school garden. As you are well aware, we take great pride in our beautiful garden and the endless opportunities it provides for our children. It is with great joy that I announce Mawnan School Nature Garden will be hosting an open garden event on **Sunday 16th June** through the prestigious National Garden Society Scheme.

This is a momentous occasion for us as we are the first school garden in Cornwall to open for the National Garden Society. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication of Zinnia, who has worked tirelessly to create this magical space. Please mark the date in your calendars and come join us for this special event.

Go to <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/> and type in Mawnan Smith for more details.

**Mawnan School Nature Garden**  
Shute Hill, Mawnan Smith, Falmouth, Cornwall, TR11 5HQ

**About**  
First school garden in Cornwall to open for the NGS. The garden, est. 2021, began with a vision - to teach children how to grow. To see, smell, hear, touch and taste the natural world, learning sustainable gardening skills along the way. A hands-on haven, where everyone can be themselves.

**Open Days**  
Many gardens are now offering cashless payment - if they are they will show the icon. Otherwise payment is by cash.

**Sunday 16 Jun 2024**

For this open day you can book your tickets in advance. Click on the yellow button below to book or you can just turn up and pay on the day.

Refreshments	Admission	Opening times
Home-made teas. Refreshments in aid of Mawnan School Nature Garden.	Adult: £6.00 Child: Free	13:30 - 16:30