



Mawnan CE VA School Newsletter

Using our God-given talents to let our light shine



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

Friday 11th October 2024

Harvest

The whole school walked to St Michael's Church on Tuesday, where we held our annual Harvest Service with Rev Johanna. It was a joyous occasion, filled with upbeat songs, heartfelt prayers, and a genuine sense of community. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your generous food donations for the Trussell Trust food bank. Your contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of those in need, and for that, we are immensely grateful. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

When we returned from the church we were welcomed back with some delicious soup that Zinnia and her team of garden angels had prepared. This was a lovely treat and extra special because it was made from produce from our garden.

We would also like to sincerely thank Zinnia for her unwavering dedication to maintaining and developing our school garden. The garden, under her expert care, has flourished into a vibrant outdoor classroom, offering our children invaluable hands-on learning experiences in botany, ecology, and sustainable living.



Play!



You may have noticed the addition of intriguing grass-topped blocks, which have quickly become a focal point of interest and engagement for our children.

These interesting structures are part of a moveable parts construction set. The versatility of the set offers boundless opportunities for play and exploration. It has been wonderful to observe our children embracing these new elements with such enthusiasm as they develop crucial skills that will serve them well throughout their academic journey and beyond.

The creative, imaginative, and collaborative abilities fostered through this open-ended play are invaluable. We are witnessing first-hand how this addition to our playground is nurturing these essential skills in a natural and enjoyable manner.

Waterproof Coats

As we transition into the autumn season, it is important to ensure that our children are well-prepared for the changing weather. With rain becoming more frequent and heavy, it is essential that each child has a waterproof coat in school. This will allow them to enjoy outdoor activities and play without the worry of getting wet and cold. Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day, as we want them to be able to fully participate in all the fun and educational opportunities.

Term Dates

Cornwall Council

2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

October 2024						
Mon			7	14	21	28
Tue		1	8	15	22	29
Wed		2	9	16	23	30
Thurs		3	10	17	24	31
Fri		4	11	18	25	
Sat		5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27		

November 2024							
Mon				4	11	18	25
Tue				5	12	19	26
Wed				6	13	20	27
Thurs				7	14	21	28
Fri			1	8	15	22	29
Sat			2	9	16	23	30
Sun		3	10	17	24		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

December 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

January 2025						
Mon			6	13	20	27
Tue			7	14	21	28
Wed	1		8	15	22	29
Thurs	2		9	16	23	30
Fri	3		10	17	24	31
Sat	4		11	18	25	
Sun	5		12	19	26	

February 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22		
Sun	2	9	16	23		

AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024
(HALF TERM 28 October - 1 November 2024)

SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

March 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

April 2025						
Mon			7	14	21	28
Tue	1		8	15	22	29
Wed	2		9	16	23	30
Thurs	3		10	17	24	
Fri	4		11	18	25	
Sat	5		12	19	26	
Sun	6		13	20	27	

May 2025						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

June 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

July 2025						
Mon			7	14	21	28
Tue	1		8	15	22	29
Wed	2		9	16	23	30
Thurs	3		10	17	24	31
Fri	4		11	18	25	
Sat	5		12	19	26	
Sun	6		13	20	27	

August 2025						
Mon			4	11	18	25
Tue			5	12	19	26
Wed			6	13	20	27
Thurs			7	14	21	28
Fri	1		8	15	22	29
Sat	2		9	16	23	30
Sun	3		10	17	24	

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

Our INSET Days for 2024-2025 will be as follows:

- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025

All information can be found on our website:
<https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/>



Oppie Class

Oppie class have been really enjoying their new school bikes this term. They have been making great progress! Thank you to Cameron who comes in to help.

Term Time Holidays

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of underachievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education no longer allows **Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete an absence request form. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Secret Santa

This special event is organised by our dedicated PTA in collaboration with the WI and offers our children the opportunity to select gifts for their family members. The WI members lend their expertise to wrap and label the presents, allowing our children to bring home beautifully packaged surprises to place under their Christmas trees.



To ensure the success of this special event, we kindly request your assistance. We are seeking donations of unwanted or preloved items to be sold as gifts. To maintain the quality and joy of the experience, we ask that all contributions be in good condition and free from damage. While we have an abundance of children's books this year, we would greatly appreciate donations of toys, puzzles, and gifts suitable for parents. Your generosity will undoubtedly contribute to making this event a memorable and meaningful experience for all involved. We start collecting from next week. Please bring your donations to the box in the entrance.

Raze the Roof

A huge thank you to Hannah and our PTA for organising a fantastic, fun evening at Raze the Roof this week. Thank you to all who came and to the the parents who gave up their Tuesday evening for this event. We raised a fantastic **£431!**

Movie Night

Our PTA are busy organising the annual Movie night for our pupils. This has always been a huge success with pupils in the past. The choice of Films will be voted by the pupils nearer the time.

Date: Friday 22nd November 2024

Time: KS1 - 3:15 - 4:45pm / KS2 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Further information and Google Forms will go be going out soon.



Dates to Remember

<u>Dates 2024</u>	<u>Events</u>
28 th Oct – 4 th Nov	Half Term
5 th November	Return to School
7 th November	Individual School Photographs
12 th November	Odd Socks Day-Anti Bullying
15 th November	Children In Need
18 th – 21 st November	Parent Teacher Meetings
22 nd November	Movie Night
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December	KS1 Nativity (time tbc)
18 th December	KS1 Nativity (time tbc)
18 th December	School Christmas Dinner
19 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
20 th December	Last day of term
6 th January 2025	Return to School

Wraparound Childcare

New Deadline date for Job Application Thursday 17th October

We are pleased to share that we are exploring the possibility of offering **wraparound childcare** at Mawnan CE VA Primary School. We feel that providing wraparound care is an important way in which we can further support working families and contribute positively to the local community.

The extended wraparound will aim to provide our pupils with a safe and engaging environment after school, allowing them to participate in enriching activities while parents manage their commitments. The plan is that the club will run Monday-Friday from 3:15pm to 6pm.

We have worked diligently to secure funding from the Local Authority to support the setup costs of this provision. However, the success of the wraparound childcare club will depend on our ability to recruit high-quality staff who are passionate about working with children and are committed to fostering a positive afterschool experience for our children.

We kindly ask for your support in sharing these two job adverts within your networks. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our team or who possesses the necessary skills and experience, please encourage them to apply for one of the roles.

Details about jobs and how you can apply can be found here:

Play Leader: https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/vacancies_/598227

Play Worker: https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/wraparound_playworker/696867

The start date of this childcare provision will be dependent on staffing so we will keep you up to date with how the plans are progressing.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this initiative, please speak to Miss Pridmore.

10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

A Home Office study has found that approximately 350 children are injured in



accidental fires every year. Naturally, this highlights the importance of educating young people on fire safety – ensuring they're aware of what precautions they can take to keep themselves protected around flammable materials and naked flames.

It can be difficult to know where to start when teaching children and young people about this potentially life-saving topic. That's why we've put together this free guide, offering expert advice on how to educate those in your care about fire safety. It breaks down the steps you can take to protect



youngsters in common situations – from bonfire night to lighting a



few scented candles

The infographic provides ten practical tips for fire safety during Bonfire Night. It features illustrations of children and adults in a festive setting. The tips are:

- BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS:** Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with potential fire risks. Bonfire displays are the biggest fire risk for families. Teach children to stay back and never touch the bonfire. If you have a bonfire, make sure it's well supervised and away from buildings and other structures. Children should not be allowed to play with the bonfire.
- SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE:** Fireworks should only be used by responsible adults who are following the rules and guidelines. Make sure to keep children and other family members well away from all fireworks that come with them. Keep children away from fireworks from any fireworks activity and always make sure to supervise children. Always make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that you have a fire escape route.
- SPARKLER SAFETY:** Sparklers are fun but dangerous for little ones. Don't let children play with sparklers. Always make sure to use sparklers in a safe area and away from buildings and other structures. Children should not be allowed to play with sparklers. Always make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that you have a fire escape route.
- ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER:** If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than having one at home. These displays are supervised and have safety measures in place. Children can enjoy the event from a safe distance and the risk of fire is reduced.
- KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME:** If you are having your own fireworks, always use them in a safe area. Always make sure to supervise children. Always make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that you have a fire escape route.
- BONFIRE SAFETY:** If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it is properly covered and not at risk of collapsing. Don't burn anything that is not meant to be burned. Children should not be allowed to play with the bonfire. Always make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that you have a fire escape route.
- 'STOP, DROP AND ROLL':** Ensure that children know what to do if their clothes catch fire. Teach them the 'stop, drop and roll' technique. Make sure they know to lie flat on the ground and cover their face with their hands. Always make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that you have a fire escape route.
- SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES:** Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially if lit near curtains or furniture. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and always make sure to supervise children. Always make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that you have a fire escape route.
- EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS:** Make sure children understand the danger of fireworks and the importance of safety. Always make sure to supervise children. Always make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that you have a fire escape route.
- FIRST AID FOR BURNS:** Even if you have the best possible preparations, it's still possible for a child to get a burn. If a child does get a burn, always make sure to supervise children. Always make sure you have a fire extinguisher nearby and that you have a fire escape route.

Meet Our Expert: James Whelan, an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, the leading authority in occupational safety and health, the leading authority in occupational safety and health, the leading authority in occupational safety and health.

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Weekly Extras



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Admissions for Secondary September 2025



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for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2025**

Do you have a
child born **between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2025 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2025**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



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Starting infant/primary school

For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

Application deadline: **15 January 2025**.



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**MAWNAN PANTO GROUP PRESENTS
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**BY
CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE**

**Adapted By Evie Payne
Produced by Hannah Martin**

Rehearsals start at 10am - Performance at 4pm
£10 cash per participating child (8 years and over only)
Must prebook via Hannah Martin - only 40 places available

Please bring packed lunch, water bottle and
a named bag with a Christmas outfit in it.

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Performance admission £3.00

Mawnan Memorial Hall - Sunday 15th December 4PM

Budock Vean Golf Club

Junior Open Day

Saturday 19th October

Join us at Budock Vean Hotel

2:00 pm to 5:00pm

Open to all, ages 7 – 17yrs



Fun



Games

Competitions

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