

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Top 500 Schools

I am thrilled to share some exciting news with you all - Mawnan School has been recognised as one of England's top 500 Primary Schools in The Times list! We've been ranked 456<sup>th</sup> out of the 16,783 primary schools in England which puts us in the top **3% of schools**.

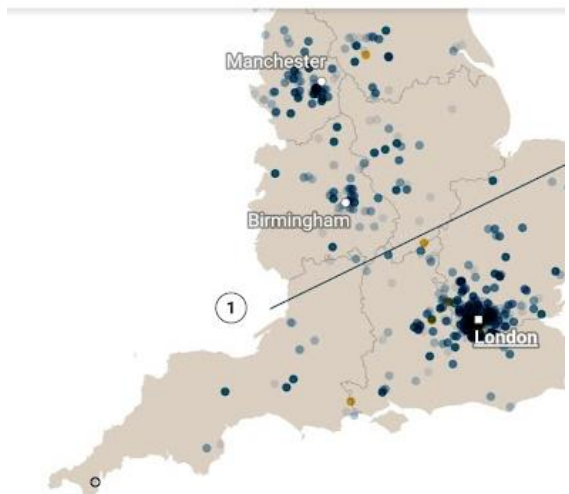
This achievement is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our staff, students, and the entire school community. We are incredibly proud to be the the only school in Cornwall to make it onto this prestigious list, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your ongoing support.

*Miss Pridmore*

Mawnan CofE VA Primary School  
Cornwall

**Rank: 456 =**

English score: 111  
Grammar score: 109  
Maths score: 109  
**Total score: 329**



## Certificates

I am pleased to announce the launch of our new Mawnan Shine Awards this term. These awards are designed to celebrate the unique talents and abilities of each and every one of our incredible children. A huge thank you to Chloe (Layla's mum) for designing the beautiful new certificates, Mrs. Watson for organising the printing, and the PTA for generously covering the costs.

Our Friday celebration assemblies are a highlight of the week, where we have the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the amazing ways that our students use their God-given gifts to let their lights shine!



## Class Photos

On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** we will be having our Class group photos with Tempest Photography.

Topper class usually have PE on a Thursday, however, please could Topper pupils come to school in their School Uniform and shoes on this day and bring a pair of trainers for their PE lesson (No PE kit needed).

## Uniform Reminder

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your efforts in ensuring that your children come to school in their full school uniform.

We understand that this can sometimes be a challenge, so please do not hesitate to Miss Pridmore if you need assistance in sourcing or funding school uniform.

Our local uniform provider offers convenient options for purchasing uniform, either in-store or online with free delivery to the school

<https://www.castlesports.co.uk/mawnan-school>

Here is a reminder:

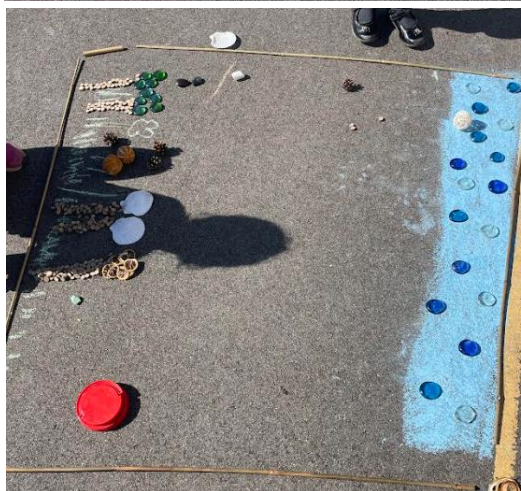
<b>Uniform</b>
Grey knee-length pinafore, skirt, trousers or shorts
Pale blue polo shirt
<b>Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (from Castle Sports)</b>
Grey or white socks or navy or grey tights
Black School shoes (no high boots or open toed sandals)
Navy blue and white gingham dress for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

## After School Clubs

Our After school clubs returned this week and proved to be more popular than ever.

### Nature Club

In Nature Club Years 1 and 2 were looking for signs of spring! They drew pictures of things they see in spring, looked for signs around the school grounds and made incredible spring creations in groups, using materials and chalks.



## Rounders and Running Club

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Pupils who joined the Rounders and Running club had great fun on the School Field in the sunshine!

They started with a running warm up, learnt some Rounders skills and then in three groups had some rounders practice with no ball - throwing v running.



## Holidays during Term Time



Mawnan School has always placed great importance on regular attendance and its positive impact on students' academic progress and overall development. Consistent attendance is crucial to ensure that children receive the education they deserve and have the best opportunity to reach their full potential.

The school's policy regarding family holidays during term time is in line with the guidelines set by the Department for Education. We can only authorise absences in exceptional circumstances, such as family bereavement or illness. Absences for reasons such as family holidays, birthdays, or visiting relatives are considered unauthorised and may result in penalties from the local authority.

We strongly encourage you to plan family holidays during the designated school breaks to ensure your child does not miss out on valuable learning experiences.

We understand that there may be unique situations where taking a holiday during term time cannot be avoided. In such cases, we kindly request that you submit a 'request for leave during term time form' to the school office, explaining the exceptional circumstances and providing any supporting documents. Please note that each request will be considered on an individual basis, and that absence for holidays during term time will only be granted in exceptional cases.

Your commitment to your child's education is greatly appreciated.



## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **Clickbait**

Around one in five headlines online are clickbait 🖱️ 🗑️ That's an estimate from experts at Stanford University, who conducted a study into this phenomenon which has gradually extended its reach to almost every corner of the internet – powered by a strategy of snagging users' attention by any means necessary rather than a legitimate desire to inform or enlighten 👁️

As that statistic indicates, this manipulative marketing strategy is difficult to avoid online. There's still plenty that can be done though to limit its influence – especially in relation to young people, who are often more susceptible to sensationalist headlines. Today's #WakeUpWednesday guide details the potential hazards around clickbait and has expert tips for avoiding them.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

### HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

### HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

### PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

### A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, asocial and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

### IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory "rage bait" articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

### PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvy online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

### SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as "8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True". Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

### TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology writer with more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, she is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant who writes for Forbes, TechRadar and Wired, among others.





## After School Clubs

After our Easter holidays, we will have some new clubs starting. Google forms have been sent out for the Summer 1 new clubs today.

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
Wednesdays	Gardening Club – Zinnia and Lucy	2	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Thursdays	Nature Club – Mrs Churcher and Miss Law <b>(30 Max)</b>	1 & 2	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Thursdays	Running and Rounders Club – Mrs Timmins and Mrs Watson <b>(30 Max)</b>	3,4,5&6	3:15 – 4:15pm	None

## Dates to Remember 2024

<b><u>2024 Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
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>

# Mawnan Secret Postcard Event

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Mawnan secret postcard project exhibition will be held in the beautiful gardens of Carwinion House. Original postcards have been donated from artists far and wide and will all be sold anonymously for the same price. Please join us for an amazing fundraising event for the school. Everybody welcome.

Please RSVP (free event):

<https://buytickets.at/mawnansecretpostcardproject/1190342>

There is still time to get your postcards in, tell your artist friends and spread the word!

Blank Postcards available in School Office.

## MAWNAN SECRET POSTCARD PROJECT EXHIBITION



THE WALLED GARDEN,  
CARWINION HOUSE, MAWNAN SMITH  
THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2024

4.30 PM PREVIEW OPENS  
6.00 PM SALES BEGIN

ALL POSTCARDS £10

BAR, FOOD, SCAVENGER HUNT

PLEASE RSVP (FREE ENTRY):  
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/MAWNANSECRETPOSTCARDPROJECT/1190342](https://buytickets.at/mawnansecretpostcardproject/1190342)  
ENQUIRIES: [POSTCARDPROJECT@MAWNANSCHOOL.COM](mailto:POSTCARDPROJECT@MAWNANSCHOOL.COM)