



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 20th September 2024

Reading Partners

On Friday morning we found out who our reading partner is. All of the children have a partner from a different year group to read with and share their learning successes with. Spending time with our partners is a highlight of our week and as well as promoting a love of reading it helps us to work together as a caring school community.



Run Mawnan

We would like wish good luck to all our young athletes participating in Run Mawnan this Sunday. We are particularly grateful for your efforts in collecting sponsorship for our PTA. To ensure we can accurately account for the funds raised, we kindly request that all sponsorship money and forms be brought to the school office next week. Once collated, we will inform you of the total amount raised, which I am confident will be a testament to your generosity and support.



RUN MAWNAN FUN RUN SPONSORSHIP FORM



CHILD'S NAME.....

DISTANCE.....

USE QR CODE TO MAKE CARD
PAYMENT TO MAWNAN SCHOOL PTA

NAME	AMOUNT	CASH/CARD



*Kindly drop off cakes on the day of the run, **Sep 22nd**, in the morning, from 9am at the cake stand in **Carwinion Playing Field** – thank you!*

Sunday, Sept 22nd
10am Start

Carwinion Playing Field
Mawnan Smith, TR11 5JD



1 Mile • 5K • 10K

Kids 1 Mile Fun Run

**Fantastic prizes for winners of
each age group**

Prize for best Fancy Dress

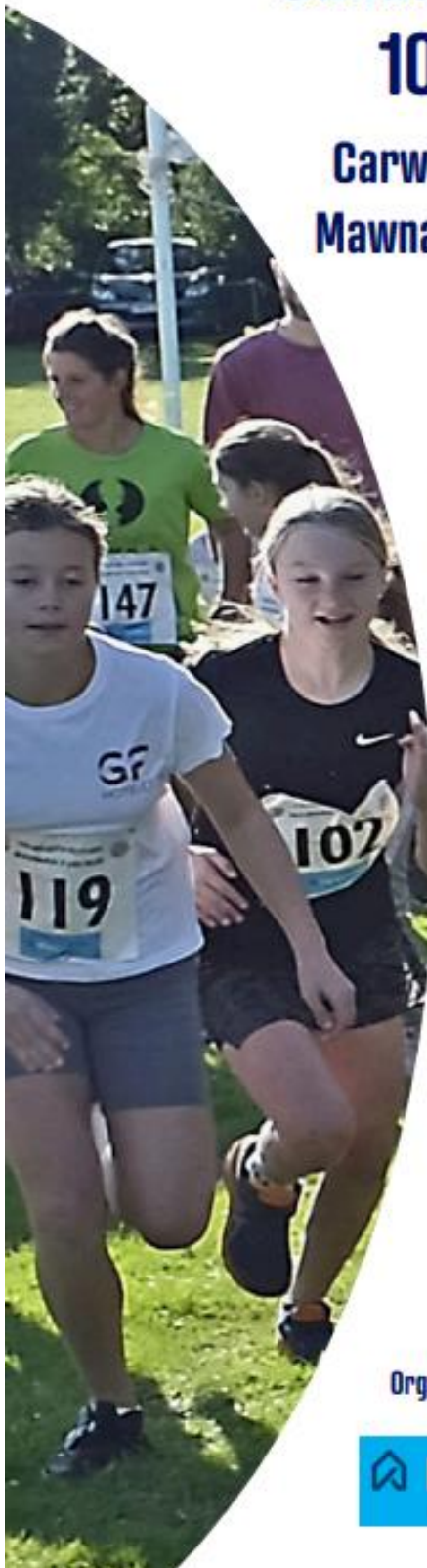
Refreshments & Stalls

**All Pre-Entries receive a goody
bag and a medal**

Enter Online:
RunMawnan.org.uk



Organised by Falmouth Rotary Club with grateful thanks to our sponsors:



Arriving at School

Our school gates will be open from 8:35am in the morning and a member of staff will be on the gate to welcome you and your child/ren. Our classrooms open at 8:40am. If you arrive at school before 8:40am, please do not send your children into the classrooms as there may not be an adult there to supervise them. The gates will be closed at 8:45am and registration will take place at this time. If your child arrives after this time, please enter the school via the school office to ensure that your child is registered.

Safety at the end of the day

To ensure the well-being of our pupils during home time, we respectfully ask for your cooperation with the following measures:

- Please do not allow your child to skate, scoot or cycle on the playground.
- We have introduced new loose parts for construction activities during playtimes, including larger components with grass tops stored near the shed, please could the children refrain from climbing on these after school hours, as they pose a safety risk when stacked.
- Please supervise your children closely, ensuring they do not play around parked vehicles, in the bushes, or attempt to climb the school wall.

We greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Collective Worship

Our collective worship for this half term focuses on the invaluable lessons we can learn from nature. We have already delved into the concept of teamwork through the study of geese, explored the potential that each new dawn brings, and examined how small beginnings can lead to significant outcomes.

We will continue to have our Friday afternoon celebration assemblies. This is a weekly opportunity to acknowledge the successes attained within our school community and provide an opportunity for pupils to share their accomplishments from beyond the school gates. Parents are invited to join us for these weekly assemblies, which commence at 2:55pm. For those wishing to attend, please enter the school premises through the main office.

The Reading Barn

Progress of our new Reading Barn, a project that has captured the imagination of our entire school community. The space is rapidly taking shape, with electricians having completed their work today. We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of library fitters on Monday, who will measure the area for our bespoke shelving units.

It is particularly heartening to see the enthusiasm with which our pupils have embraced this new learning environment. Their creative ideas for the space have been both inspiring and insightful, and it is wonderful to observe them already utilising the Reading Barn as a sanctuary for reading and relaxing!



Free School Meals

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports


You can apply for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium online.


[Apply for free school meals](#)

If you receive any of the above, your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This includes free school meals, as well as funding for the school to provide high quality teaching including staff professional development, targeted academic support and support with non-academic barriers to improve academic outcomes.


10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

In 2023, Ofcom found that over half of UK children aged between 8 and 11

reported having a smartphone, as well as 96% of UK teens  However, a survey from the Children's Commissioner also found that 45% of under-18s

have encountered inappropriate content online  That's a high number of children who could benefit from having parental controls on their devices to help safeguard them from such encounters in the future.

Due to the sheer volume of devices and apps available for purchase and download, it can be difficult to know where to start when implementing

these safety measures  That's why we've put together this week's free online safety guide, offering you expert advice on how to effectively use and review parental controls on young people's devices.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING AND REVIEWING PARENTAL CONTROLS

Phones and computers are essential parts of children's lives, but with unfettered internet access comes a multitude of risks. While not foolproof, parental controls can help with this; filtering out inappropriate content, limiting the ability to spend real money, capping screen time and generally making devices safer for young people.

1 KNOW THE TYPES

While parental control software can apply to an entire device, it also pays to know about options on individual apps and websites. TikTok, for example, has Restricted Mode for limiting unsuitable videos, while Snapchat lets you keep an eye on who a child has been talking to. Check the settings of any new app young users want and review your options.

2 COVER ALL DEVICES

Knowing what parental controls cover is crucial, as remaining unaware can run the risk of 'blind spots' in the device's safety measures. Controls on a phone will apply whenever a child's on that device, for instance – but you'll want to ensure that parental controls are set up across any laptops, tablets and potentially other phones, too. Remember, buying a new device may require you to set everything up again.

3 DON'T NEGLECT SHARED TECH

While children often have their own devices, if you have a shared family computer or tablet, for example, you'll need to make sure that's not a weak point in your safety measures. Parental controls for your router, that cover everything connected to your Wi-Fi, are one option – or you can just be thorough with each device and online account. Just ensure that unprotected laptops, phones and tablets are password locked.

4 CONSIDER TIME CONTROLS

Even safe internet content can be harmful if it's viewed in excess. Not only are certain apps addictive enough to distract from other duties, but late-night usage can badly disrupt sleep, which is vital for adolescent brain development. Most parental controls offer some kind of time limit – either blocking access at certain hours or capping the number of minutes it can be used per day – so be sure to consider these.

5 BLOCK APP SPENDING

Seemingly free apps can sometimes include microtransactions: purchases that can be made using real money. While plenty of developers implement these fairly, some companies attempt to manipulate children into paying for additional features or content, which can soon add up to hundreds of pounds if a child gets carried away. Thankfully, iOS and Android's settings allow you to block in-app purchases, preventing any huge bills.

6 NO CONTROLS ARE PERFECT

Parental controls can be very useful, but they're far from infallible. Some unpleasant content can and unfortunately will slip through the net, so remember that setting up these measures isn't a substitute for taking an active interest in young people's digital lives. Talk to them, and make sure they're aware of the risks of the internet as well as its benefits.

7 MIND THE GAPS

There'll undoubtedly be some gaps in parental controls, no matter how thorough you intend to be. For example, if you use router-level parental controls, bear in mind that these won't cover WiFi outside the home. For that reason, it's important to keep an open dialogue with children about the many unpalatable aspects of social media and the web.

8 KEEP THINGS SECURE

Some children can react poorly to parental controls and feel tempted to circumvent them. It's important to ensure that the passwords to these settings remain unknown to children, otherwise they can easily modify the restrictions without you knowing. Similarly, make sure your phone isn't left unlocked and unattended.

9 REVIEW CONTROLS REGULARLY

Parental controls shouldn't be a 'set and forget' deal. Not only can parental summaries provide you with a frequent overview of a child's digital life – to let you spot any warning signs – but companies often add new features, and some of these may be useful to enable (or disable). Regularly checking in ensures that if a child has found a way to wiggle out of the controls, you'll be the first to know.

10 KNOW WHEN TO LET UP

The parental controls you install on a computer for a seven-year-old probably wouldn't be appropriate for a child of 16 – and as young people approach adulthood, bubble wrapping the internet can do more harm than good. Consider relaxing parental controls as children get older, so they can learn to manage the risks of the internet themselves, without so many training wheels.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Weekly Extras



Art & Craft Competition to celebrate 150 years of St Michael's Church Theme: 'Angels & Saints'

Children are invited to complete a picture or a craft (or both) in the theme of 'Angels and Saints' that will feature in a wonderful display at St Michael's Church Mawnan.

Artwork is to be completed on paper or card no bigger than A4 and can be completed in any medium.

Angel Crafts should be no bigger than a standard shoebox.

Competition Categories:

Under 5's

Ages 5 & 6

Ages 6 to 8

Ages 9 to 11

All entrees should be dropped to the school office no later than
12pm on Friday 27th September

Please ensure the full name and age of the child participating is clearly written on the back of the entree.

The art & craft display (as well as other displays provided by the church) will be 'on show' over the weekend (28th & 29th September). The outcome of the competition will be announced in school during the following week.

Good Luck!

St Michael's Church is 150!



We are planning a weekend of Celebration at St Michael's Church with a **Flower Festival, Children's Art Competition and History Display.**

Everybody Welcome to all events!

Friday 27 September

Church Open Day 10-4 - Refreshments served

An evening concert with the Dolce Singers 7.30, tickets £5 - Wine and refreshments served

Saturday 28 September

Church Open Day 10-4 - Refreshments served with Cream Teas in the afternoon!

Sunday 29 September - St Michael's Feast Day!

A joint service of Celebration with the Methodist Congregation at 10.30am

St Michael's Church, Carwinion Road, Mawnan Smith, TR11 5JF



St Michael's 150th Anniversary Celebration Concert



The Dolce Ensemble

Singing a mixture of modern and traditional music

Accompanist - Ruth Best

Compere - Rod Brown

Friday 27 September

7.30pm at St Michael's Church
Carwinion Road, Mawnan Smith TR11 5JF

Refreshments served

Tickets £5

At Toad Hall Cottages

Or contact Catherine Arrondelle 01326 251303

Or on the door