

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 20th October 2023

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are all looking forward to a well-deserved half term break. As we bid farewell to the first half term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful community spirit that was displayed at Mawnan School this half term.

As we head into the half term break, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your families. It is essential that we all take this time to recharge our batteries and return to school on Tuesday 31st October refreshed and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that await us in the second half of the term. It's going to a good one!

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. Your involvement plays a vital role in creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our children. Together, we can continue to foster a love for learning and help our children reach their full potential.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break filled with joy, laughter, and hopefully some dry weather.

Best wishes,

Miss Pridmore

Dates to Remember 2023/2024

<u>2023 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon 30 th Oct	INSET DAY
Tues 7 th Nov	TEMPEST: School Photos – Individual and Siblings
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings (a google form to sign will be sent out to parents nearer the time)
Mon 13 th Nov	Anti-Bullying – Odd Socks Day
Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day
Thurs 7 th Dec	Christingle Service at St. Michael's Church
Fri 8 th Dec	Mawnan Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 11 th Dec	1-3pm Oppie & Topper Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tues 12 th Dec	2pm (for a 2:15pm start) Oppie & Topper Nativity Afternoon Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Wed 13 th Dec	6-7pm Oppie & Topper Nativity Evening Performance

<u>2024 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings (a google form to sign will be sent out to parents nearer the time)
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day
Fri 8 th March	Mother's Day breakfast
Thurs 25 th April	TEMPEST: Class Photographs
Friday 14 th June	Father's Day breakfast
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day
Fri 12 th July	Sports Day (reserve date)

Pumpkin Soup

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Zinnia for her incredible generosity in feeding the entire school with her delicious pumpkin soup on Tuesday. It was an absolute delight to see the children enjoying a warm and tasty treat, especially knowing that the pumpkins were grown right here in our very own school garden. Zinnia's dedication and tireless efforts to providing such a wonderful garden for our school is commendable and her culinary skills are very impressive as well!

Cut Your Carbon

Mawnan School have begun our journey to become an official **Eco-School** over the next academic year.

Our elected Eco-Committee have signed up for 'Cut Your Carbon' month in November. More information on how to get involved will be sent out after half term.

WE'RE TAKING PART IN

CUT YOUR CARBON

Throughout November, we're challenging all pupils to complete 9 small, carbon-cutting actions, at home, with the help of friends and family.

Completing these challenges will raise awareness, change behaviours, and cut carbon - a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change.

All pupils will bring home a checklist on November 1st, outlining the simple, easy-to-deliver actions. This will help you to tick them off throughout the month.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

IT'S TIME TO CUT YOUR CARBON!

Find out more!

BBC Writing Competition

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be **5-7 year-olds** and **8-11 year-olds**.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Our brilliant 500 Word judges are back; award-winning and best-selling authors **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**, **Francesca Simon**, **Charlie Higson**, and former children's laureate, **Malorie Blackman**. We are delighted to say that this year there will be a new addition to the panel, TV legend, children's author and World Book Day ambassador, **Sir Lenny Henry**. The judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories. You can find out why they are perfect judges [here](#).

We are also very lucky that once again the competition has been given the royal seal of approval and has the support of **Her Majesty, The Queen**

This year, BBC Breakfast will be hosting the competition supported by us on BBC Teach. The winners will be featured in a special 500 Word programme with **The One Show**, on **World Book Day** on 7 March 2024.



JAKE TURNEY AND COMIC RELIEF

TV legend Sir Lenny Henry will join the panel this year - we can't wait to hear his thoughts!

We have a school of incredible writers so we wanted to make you aware of the BBC 500 words writing competition. The deadline is Friday 10th November and this would make a brilliant half term project.

You can find out more and enter here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4#zcxj6rd1>



SIAMs Report



I am absolutely thrilled to share with you fantastic news that we have just our SIAMs report. I am delighted to

announce that we have achieved a J1 judgement, which means that the inspection findings indicate that Mawnan Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school. This outcome is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

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The report highlighted several strengths of our school, which I believe capture the essence of what we strive to achieve here at Mawnan.

The strengths of the school include:

- The distinctive Christian vision gives the school clear strategic direction, ensuring the needs of the community are effectively met. All understand the significance of the vision and the difference it makes to their lives and thinking.
- The vision inspires pupils to recognise their unique talents and gives them ownership of their learning.
- The school is an inclusive community where the needs of each pupil are effectively met so that they become the best person they can be.
- A culture of high aspirations pervades this community so pupils develop a love of learning, grow their self-esteem and flourish.
- Leaders are ambitious and dedicated to the work of this Church school, seeking the best practice to meet individualised needs. This ensures that religious education (RE) and collective worship have a high profile and enrich pupils' lives and thinking.

You can read the full report here:

https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/siams_/433768/cHJldmld3x8MjAyMy0xMC0yMCAxMToyMzo1Nw%3D%3D

Mawnan School PTA Movie Night

Our very popular Mawnan Movie night is back. This is always a popular event and a great fundraiser for our PTA. Google forms have been sent out today for this fun event.

A poster for a movie night event. The background is dark teal with a red diagonal stripe at the bottom. The text 'Brought to you by Mawnan School PTA ...' is in white cursive at the top left. 'Movie' is in large yellow bubbly font, and 'Night' is in red cursive. Below is a black silhouette of a movie camera with yellow reels. A black banner with white text says '24 November School Hall'. The price '£5' is in large black font. Below it, in white, is 'INCLUDES A HOT DOG/VEG-DOG, POPCORN & SWEETS!' and '(BYO DRINKS BOTTLE)'. At the bottom, in white, is 'Blankets, bean bags & PJs welcome! :)'.

Brought to you by
Mawnan School PTA ...

Movie Night

24 November
School Hall

£5

INCLUDES A
HOT DOG/VEG-DOG,
POPCORN & SWEETS!

(BYO DRINKS BOTTLE)

Blankets, bean bags & PJs welcome! :)

Bango Raffle

Mawnan School parents Nick and Nikki of Bango Kitchen have a Bango Christmas Raffle with incredible prizes to be won. Raffle tickets are £2 per ticket or three for £5. All money received will be split between the Penryn Foodbank and Mawnan School! Tickets are currently on sale at Bango Kitchen and will be on sale after half term from the school office.

The Bango Christmas Raffle is now live.....



After providing hundreds of pounds worth of gifts and vouchers to good causes throughout Cornwall this year, we have decided to fundraise ourselves for a couple of causes our team want to support!

We are now selling raffle tickets at £2 per ticket or 3 for £5 with all money received being split equally between the Penryn Foodbank and Mawnan Smith Primary School!

Prizes include: A bottle of Bango Gin, 2 x Award Winning Duchy Charcuterie Packs, Free Bike Hire for 2 Voucher from Top Gear Bikes worth £45, A copy of The Sharps Brewery Just Add Beer Cookbook & a case of Offshore Pilsner, 2 x £25 Bango Kitchen Vouchers, Produce filled Hamper from West Country Fruit Sales, A Free Class Voucher from Embrace Dance Fitness, A Large Luxury Hamper from Letterbox Hampers, and MUCH more!

Raffle will be drawn at 3pm at the Bango Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd December 2023!

SPEAK TO OUR TEAM TO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Christmas Cards are back!

Children can design their own Christmas cards, mugs, tea towels and gift tags with this great and festive PTA fundraiser. Forms will be sent home next week for the children to complete over Half Term. If siblings would like to design one too, extra forms are available from the school office.



Holidays during Term Time

As you may be aware, the 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.

However, in recent weeks, we have received a noticeable increase in the number of requests for holidays during term time. While we understand that there may be exceptional circumstances that warrant such requests, it is important to remember that any absence from school can disrupt a child's learning and impact their ability to keep up with the curriculum.

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 authorize absences in exceptional circumstances, such as family bereavement or illness, where documentary evidence is provided. 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, and together, we can ensure their success.

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.

Mawnan Garden Club

Thursday 26th October 7.30 pm Memorial Hall

Gardening for wildlife

Illustrated talk by David Chapman, wildlife photographer. Ways to encourage wildlife into the garden, and tips for photographing them.

Annual membership £12, visitors welcome £3.

We meet on the 4th Thursday evening of the month, for talks, until March.

In the summer we have garden visits, guided walks and lots more.

Further details Janet Smith 250527

Half Term EdVenture

Penryn College are running their EdVenture Holiday activities over the October Half Term Holiday. Parents need to book activities using the online website - www.myedventure.co.uk.

Parents can also pay using childcare voucher schemes if they contact Penryn College directly.



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

Come and take part in our EdVenture half term provision, offering children a fantastic opportunity to build friendships through team sports and outdoor adventures, and explore their creativity with themed group games and arts & crafts.

TUE 24TH OCT - THUR 26TH OCT

3 DAY SUPER CAMPS
5-7 YEARS | 8+ YEARS

FEATURING A RANGE OF HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

DODGEBALL, DEN BUILDING, GYM, PAPER PLANE WARS, ARTS & CRAFTS, DANCE OFF, FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS, CAPTURE THE FLAG, BOARD GAMES, FILMS, TEAM CHALLENGES & LOTS MORE!

**JUST £75 FOR 3 DAYS
OR £30 A DAY**



MON 23RD & FRI 27TH OCT

FULL/HALF DAY CAMPS:

**NETBALL
FOOTBALL
CLIMBING
CLAY
MAGIC TRICKS
AND MORE...**

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE COURSES & HOW TO BOOK:

**WWW.MYEDVENTURE.CO.UK
01326 372379**

Reception 2024

If you have or know a family with a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception classes.

https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School_Admissions/

The deadline for applications is **15th January 2024**.

We have booked in a number of dates for school tours for respective parents. If you know anyone who'd like to join us please ask them to phone the school office.



CORNWALL COUNCIL
Together for Families

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**

Starting school September 2024

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that 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.

Information and guidance
Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Applying for a reception class place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2024

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2024**. **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Secondary School 2024

If you are applying for a Year 7 place at secondary school for September 2024, the deadline for applications is **31st October 2023**.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions>

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 1234 101



Together for Families

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2023**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2024

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



Information and guidance

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Term Dates

Our term dates and closure dates can be found here:

https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/term_dates/521213

INSET Days – 2023/2024

Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

22nd, 23rd and 24th July 2024

Cornwall Council

2023/2024 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2023					
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	

October 2023					
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

November 2023					
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
Sat		4	11	18	25
Sun		5	12	19	26

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

December 2023					
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	31

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

February 2024					
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	
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

4 September - 19 December 2023
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

SPRING TERM (56 days)

3 January - 28 March 2024
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

SUMMER TERM (67 days)

15 April - 24 July 2024
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

March 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	31

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

May 2024					
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	

June 2024					
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	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

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

August 2024					
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	

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.

Attendance

If your child is absent, please phone or email the school by 9:00am on the first day of absence and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.

Holiday during Term Time

Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised. No flights or travel arrangements should be booked until the absence has been discussed with the Headteacher. Under current legislation parent/carers taking their child on an unauthorised holiday in term time could be subject to a fixed penalty fine. This is something we would like to avoid happening.

More information can be found on the Education Welfare Service website: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/education-welfareservice/#holidays>

If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine per child, per parent, of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

We have recently had a visit from our Educational Welfare Officer who has expressed their concern at the number of unauthorised holidays that are being taken during term time. This is a plea to ask that you think very carefully before taking your children on holiday in school term time. If unauthorised absences continue, not only will pupil learning be affected but the management of the school will be questioned by the Educational Welfare Officer and Ofsted.