

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 23rd February 2024

Despite all of the rain we have had, we have had a brilliant first week of this half term at Mawnan School. The children have launched themselves into their new learning expeditions with great enthusiasm, and we couldn't be prouder of them. To find out more about what each class is learning, please visit the class pages on our website. As always, we are very impressed with the children's enthusiasm for learning. They really let their lights shine every day!

Youth Speaks 2024

I am delighted to be celebrating the outstanding performance of our Youth Speaks Team at the recent competition in Penzance. Although they will not be progressing to the next level, their exceptional display of confidence, teamwork, and talent was truly commendable. Our team shone incredibly brightly, and I could not be prouder of their achievements.



World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

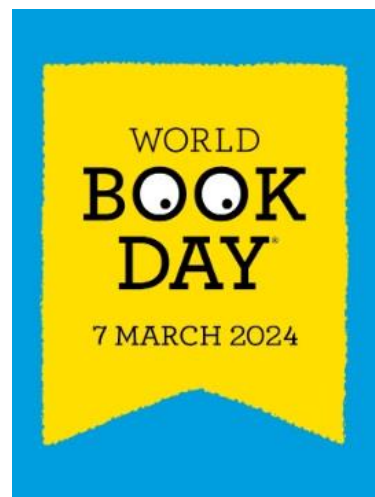
I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about an upcoming event that is very dear to our hearts - World Book Day!

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday, 7th March**. However, at Mawnan School, every day is World Book Day! We firmly believe in putting high-quality books at the heart of our curriculum to ensure that our children develop a true love for reading from an early age. After all, reading is the key to successful learning!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for supporting your child with reading at home. Your efforts truly make a difference in their educational journey.

To make World Book Day even more special, Miss Prosser our English Leader has some fun activities planned. **On Thursday, 7th March**, we would love it if the children came to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book. We kindly request that you keep the costumes simple and try your very best to reuse and recycle items from around the house instead of buying anything new.

Once again, thank you for your continuous support. We are grateful to have such dedicated parents and carers who share our passion for education and literacy. Together, we can nurture a love for reading that will last a lifetime.



NETBALL CLUB

CANCELLED for Monday, 26/02/2024.

Mother's Day Breakfast

You should have received an email this week regarding our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. This special event is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community and celebrate the incredible mothers and mother figures in our students' lives. We warmly invite you to join us on Friday 8th March from 7:45am in the school hall. It promises to be a delightful morning filled with love, laughter, and delicious food (thanks to Jacky).



Friday, 8th March 2024 at 7.45am – 8.30am

(Arrival between 7.45am and 8.10am)

Mother's Day Celebration Breakfast.

You are invited to join us for our Mother's Day Celebration Breakfast.

ALL children of female guests having breakfast **must** join them by having a breakfast on that day.

Children's breakfasts cost £3 per child to be paid for through ParentPay.

Adult's breakfasts cost £3 and can be found as a Payment Item on ParentPay.

We kindly ask that you **sign up by via the google form** sent out yesterday and **make payment via parent pay by Thursday 29.02.2024**. This is so that we can adequately prepare for this event.

Numbers are limited to 90 adults and children, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Due to our limited capacity this event is **not** for younger children(non-school age).



Mother's Day Breakfast Menu
Friday 8th March 2024

Menu

Premium pork sausages served in a bread roll
choice of healthy cereal with semi skimmed milk
Toast/bagels - jam and marmite
Croissants
Cheese
Selection of fresh and dried fruits
Yoghurt
Fruit loaves

Drinks

Apple juice
orange juice
pineapple juice
Strawberry or chocolate crusha milkshake

Sailing 2024

I am thrilled to announce that our older children will have the opportunity to participate in sailing activities after the Easter holidays, thanks to our collaboration with the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust. We have limited availability, with only 30 places, and priority will be given to our Year 6 students as they are in their final year. To express your interest, **please complete the Google** form that has been emailed to you this week **by 26.02.2024**. Additionally, Lucy from the Trust will be visiting our school next Friday afternoon at 1:30pm to provide further information about these sessions for the children. Parents who wish to learn more are also invited to attend.



I would like to emphasize that the sailing lessons are heavily subsidized by the Trust and they rely on donations to continue their valuable work. Therefore, I kindly request your voluntary contribution in support of this initiative. We can't wait to get back on the water!

Parent Teacher Meetings

I would like to inform you that our second round of Parent Teacher Meetings will be taking place during the week beginning Monday 4th March.

You will receive a Google form shortly to sign up for a meeting at a time that suits you. This dedicated week in our school calendar allows us to cancel all professional meetings and personal plans to ensure that we can meet with each and every one of you. It is crucial that you sign up for a meeting, as we are eager to discuss your child's progress with you. I kindly request that you arrive promptly for your scheduled meeting, as any lateness can have an impact on other parents.

Maths Club, Drama Club and Running Club will be cancelled on the week commencing March 4th. This is because the staff running these clubs will be delivering the Parent Teacher Meetings. Clubs will resume as normal the following week.

Diarrhoea & vomiting

We have had several children off school with D & V this week.

To keep everyone well, please can we remind you to adhere to the following guidance from the HPA (Health Protection Agency):

Diarrhoea and vomiting

Individuals can return 48 hours after diarrhoea and vomiting have stopped.

If a particular cause of the diarrhoea and vomiting is identified, there may be additional exclusion advice, for example E. coli STEC and hep A.

Punctuality

Our school gates open at 8:35am and close promptly at 8:45am. Classrooms open at 8:40am.

It is crucial that your child arrives at school before this time to avoid any disruptions to their learning. We have noticed that a few children are arriving after 8:45am, causing them to miss the start of the lesson. We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child arrives on time, ready to start their day with their class.

If your child arrives after 8:45am they need to enter the school via the school office to ensure that they are registered.

Road Safety

We would like to kindly request that you use the pavement when entering the school grounds for breakfast club. Please be aware that vehicles continue to move in and out of the premises until 8:30am. By using the pavement, we can ensure the safety of our school community

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 (20 Max)	1 & 2	3:15 – 4:15pm	None
Thursdays	Cooking Club – Miss Law and Jacky (10 Max)	3,4 &5	3:15 – 4:15pm	£10
Thursdays	Running Club – Mrs Timmins and Mrs Watson (20 Max)	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.

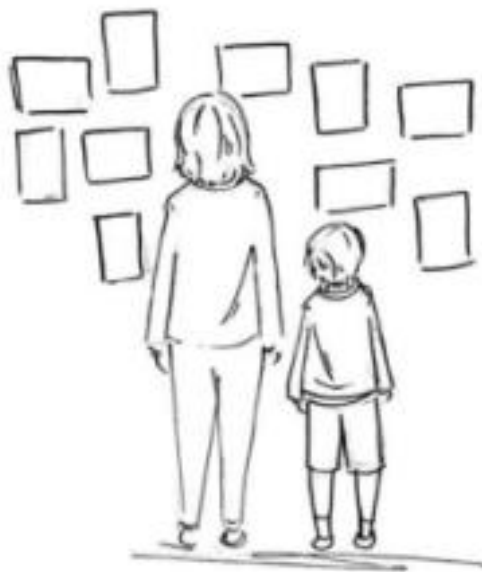
Year 2 Gardening club collection is 4:15pm from the School Garden.

Dates to Remember 2024

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

Uniform
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
PE Uniform - to be worn on PE days
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.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Sharing Photos Online

In 2021, the NCA cited that 42% of parents in the UK share pictures of their children online - half of them doing so at least once a month 🤖 Why would they not? Parenthood – and the magical memories we create with our children – is something to be celebrated and chronicled: in an ideal world, at least.

In reality, the topic has become increasingly complex – with respect for other people’s children who might also be in the photos and our own child’s future feelings among the considerations. This week’s #WakeUpWednesday guide assesses the potential pitfalls of publicly posting our pics.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school bags, uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some "common ground".

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as these images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting. It respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

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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, TR14 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