

# Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

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

## Smartphone Free Childhood



A few weeks ago, we shared information about the Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) movement and provided an article by social psychologist Jonathan Haidt for your reference. SFC is a grassroots initiative that aims to shift the current norms around the age at which parents purchase smartphones for their children.

In today's digital age, it is concerning to note that 24% of 5-7 year olds in Britain now own a smartphone, a figure that dramatically rises to 97% by the age of 12. Research and media coverage have highlighted the potential negative impact of early smartphone use on children's mental health.

At Mawnan School, we are dedicated to promoting the overall well-being of our students and fostering a healthy relationship with technology. In line with this commitment, we will be distributing a parent questionnaire next week to gather your valuable perspectives on this matter.

Your input is essential as we strive to create a safe and supportive environment for our students. Together, we can work towards ensuring that our children have a balanced and positive experience with technology.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Mini Olympics

Our talented Year 2 athletes participated in the mini Olympics event organised by the Penryn Partnership. Their performance was truly remarkable, and they represented our school with utmost pride and sportsmanship.

Four schools took part and they all had to participate in a sprint, a long distance run. A jump and a throw event. Mawnan 2 (blue bibs) came third and Mawnan 1 (no bibs) came 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all the participants for their outstanding efforts!



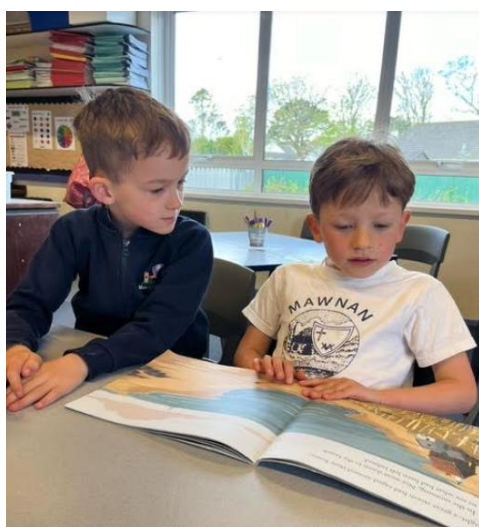
## Cricket League

Our cricket team has once again brought home a well-deserved victory. Their hard work and teamwork paid off as they triumphed over their opponents. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the spirit they displayed.

Mawnan 79 vs Kennall Vale 42.

## Shared Reading

Our Shared reading continues to be a highlight of Friday mornings where the children benefit from discussing their books and reading to each other.



## Punctuality

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support in ensuring our students arrive at school on time. Your efforts this week have made a significant impact, and we have witnessed a notable reduction in the number of late arrivals. This commitment to punctuality not only benefits your child's education but also instils valuable life skills.

## Sextortion

The National Crime Agency has issued an alert to education professionals following a considerable increase in global cases of financially motivated sexual extortion – a type of online blackmail widely known as 'sextortion'.

Sextortion involves people being forced into paying money or meeting another financial demand, after an offender has threatened to release photos of them. This could be a real photo taken by the victim, or a fake image created of them by the offender.

Advice to parents and carers if their child says that someone is trying to trick, threaten or blackmail them online:

Don't pay, do stop contact and block: you may be tempted to pay, but there is no guarantee that this will stop the threats. As the offender's motive is to get money, once you have shown you can pay, they will likely ask for more and blackmail may continue. If you have paid, don't panic but don't pay anything more. Help your child to stop all communication with the offender and block them on any accounts that they have been contacted on.

Avoid deleting anything: try not to delete anything that could be used as evidence such as messages, images, telephone numbers, and bank account details.

Report to the police: call 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk.

More information can be found here:

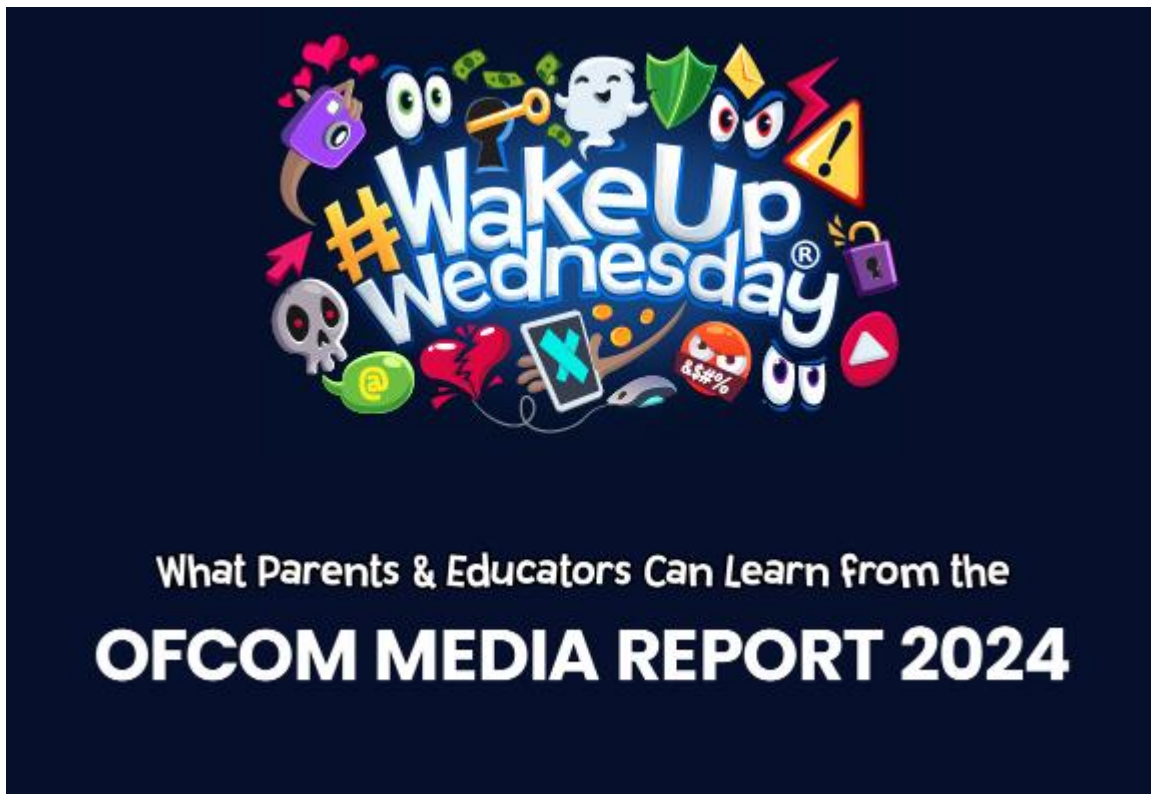
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## Beach Clean Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to everyone that joined us for the Surfers Against Sewage beach clean on Sunday.

Mawnan School is one step closer to gaining our 'Green Flag Status' and officially becoming an 'Eco-School' 🌿♻️❤️





Ofcom's Media Use and Attitudes Report for 2024 is here   The UK's regulator for communications publishes a comprehensive annual compendium of the results of several surveys they've conducted regarding the activities and experiences of children when interacting with entertainment: from TV to video games to social media platforms 

Contained in the report are numerous statistics relevant to children's online safety, with data covering a wide array of topics - such as young people experiencing harassment, their habits in online games and parents' most common concerns.

# What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

## ONLINE LIVES



## SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



## POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s



## ONLINE GAMING

**68%** of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



## PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



## DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024

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## **Household Support Fund Changes 2024/25**

### **The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.**

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council

You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators> .

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/>

**It is important that you submit your application by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.**

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/>

### **Why have we made this change?**

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.



## Penryn College Rising Stars – Rugby Programme

After the successful rugby academy offer last month, the PE & Lifestyles team have decided to offer additional sessions **for year 6 students** who will be joining Penryn College in September. There is no cost for these sessions as it forms part of our 'pre-season' sport offer we provide our current students. **We would really love to encourage students who do not play community club rugby to also attend.**

*Can you challenge your club rugby players to all bring 2/3 friends along! It will prove a great way to build confidence towards the students joining in September. This year 56 year 7s played rugby for Penryn College, only 11 were playing club rugby beforehand!!*

You can sign up using the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WSu1YDsHKb>



# PENRYN COLLEGE RISING STARS RUGBY PROGRAMME

**Invitation to year 6 students who will be joining Penryn College in September 2024**

We are excited to kick off our pre- season sport programme with an opportunity for year 6 students. As well as players already playing in the community we want to encourage girls & boys who are new to the game. No previous experience required! This will be a great way to make friends before the new school year.

Skills such as, running, passing, how to beat a defender, kicking, will all be worked on during these sessions. Tuesday's 4:30-5:30pm- Penryn College STP pitch (Studs & trainers required)

Your teacher will share with you the sign up link

## 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)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Mawnan Secret Postcard Exhibition – 4:30pm
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)

# Mawnan Junior Playing Field Improvements

Some of our lovely parents have volunteered to help the Parish Council improve the village playground. We'd really appreciate it if all families could complete the survey and there's a chance to win a prize!

[www.tinyurl.com/mawnanpark](http://www.tinyurl.com/mawnanpark)



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Have your say on our 5-min online survey!



[tinyurl.com/mawnanpark](http://tinyurl.com/mawnanpark)

Anyone, any age, welcome to complete.  
**CHANCE TO WIN A £30 FERRY BOAT INN VOUCHER!**

*\*Hardcopy of survey available on request*

 [facebook.com/MawnanJuniorPlayingField](https://facebook.com/MawnanJuniorPlayingField)  
 [mawnanjpfsteeringgroup@gmail.com](mailto:mawnanjpfsteeringgroup@gmail.com)



# New all age service

4@4 - every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

at 4pm at St Michael's



Café style  
with refreshments

After hearing from the Bible, chose between discussing what you have heard, a craft activity, or having some quiet reflection time.



Something for everyone – everyone is welcome



First service:  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May –  
The Helper Arrives

St Michael's Church, Carwinion Road, Mawnan Smith TR11 5JF  
stmawnan.org – stmawnan@gmail.com

**FALMOUTH**  
UNIVERSITY

# Community day

**SATURDAY 1 JUNE**

**10-4PM**

**FALMOUTH CAMPUS**

**CREATIVE WORKSHOPS TALKS**  
**CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES GARDEN TOURS**  
**CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT LIVE MUSIC**  
**STREET FOOD LAWN GAMES**  
**GRADUATE EXHIBITIONS STUDENT ART SALE**



**ALL  
ACTIVITIES  
ARE FREE**