

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

## Welcome Back

We have enjoyed an amazing first week back of the new academic year and children have returned to school brilliantly.

We are delighted to be welcoming twenty new reception children as well as two new families, one in Year 2 and one in Year 6 to Mawnan School. Our new children have settled in amazingly well to their new environments.

The staff team are extremely excited about the new academic year and continuing to educate and nurture your wonderful children. Please check your child's class dojo for the date and time of the class's curriculum meeting.

We have had to make some changes to our Teaching Assistant staffing structure as Mrs Tricker has now left Mawnan School to take up a position at Mullion Secondary School. We all wish Mrs Tricker well with her new job. Mrs Robinson will be supporting Topper Class on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Mrs Moon will be in class on Tuesdays. We are delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Shepherd to Fusion Class.

I hope that you all manage to have a good rest and a peaceful and relaxing weekend – I know that the children will probably be quite exhausted!

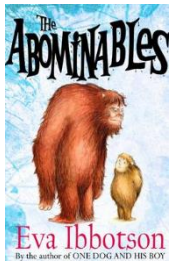
Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

*Miss Pridmore*

## This week!

**Oppie** class have welcomed the New Reception children and have had a great week getting to know each other, learning how to look after their new environment and learning through play.

**Topper** Class have been learning about nouns, number bonds to 10 and been playing lots of team building games in PE.



**Pico** class have enjoyed settling in to their new routine and environment. They have started their new class text for 'The Abominables', which ties in with their expedition learning.

They have really enjoyed the new experience of our Wednesday afternoon Carousel with Music and Computing.

**Fusion** Class have begun their expedition journey, looking at maps and atlases. They learnt all about contours lines - when they are close together, it means the hill or mountain is steep. Fusion then created their own contour lines on Mountains represented by potatoes!



**Dart** Class have started their expedition on evolution. They've learnt about Charles Darwin and created Darwin portraits using the knowledge from their research!

## Warm Weather

It has been lovely to see the sun this week and the forecast suggests that the warm weather may continue into next week.

Please remember to apply sun cream to your children before they come to school. The children also need a named sunhat and it is essential that they have a water bottle in school so that they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

## 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.

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 School Gates

We kindly request that the area directly outside the school gates is kept as a safe traffic-free area so the children and their families can enter and exit the school safely.

To ensure that our children remain safe we request that you do not block the entrance to the school, park on pavements or obstruct the junction. We will set out our blue cones.

Shute Hill residents have justifiably complained about obstructions caused by parents' cars in the past so please park responsibly or walk if you can.

## Breakfast Club

Our popular breakfast club runs Monday to Friday from 8am and provides the children with a happy and healthy start to their school day. To book a place please email [secretary@mawnanschool.com](mailto:secretary@mawnanschool.com) or speak to Mrs Rawley or Mrs Cattle. It is £3 a session (payable via parentpay) and will provide your children with an amazing start to the day.

## After School Curriculum Enrichment Clubs

Full details and a google form for the club have been emailed for you to sign up. The cut off for signing up for clubs is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00pm (we need a cut-off date to enable us to arrange the correct adult ratios for the number of children who want to attend). All clubs will start next week.

Day of the week	Club	Who it's for	End time
Monday	Netball with Jill	Y5 and Y6	4:15pm
Tuesday	Football with Christian <b>(Starts Tues Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	Y5 and Y6	4:15pm
Tuesday	Dance with Embrace	Y1 and Y2	4:15pm
Wednesday	Gardening with Zinnia, Lucy, Katie and Mel	Y3	4:00pm
Thursday	Outdoor games Mrs Churcher <b>Max 20</b>	YR1 & 2	4:15pm
Thursday	Construction Club Miss Law and Mrs Timmins	YR3 & 4	4:15pm
Friday	Sailing with HRCST	Y5 and Y6	6pm at the Ferry Boat

## School Uniform

Thank you for supporting our Mawnan uniform and for always sending your children into school looking smart.

## Morning Snack Time

We are a Healthy School and like to encourage the children to eat a balanced and healthy diet. The children in Oppie and Topper receive a piece of fruit or veg as part of the government's scheme. We would also like the children in Pico, Fusion and Dart to have fresh fruit and vegetables for a snack if possible. This also helps us to reduce the amount of single use plastic that comes into school.



Please also make sure that the children have a name labelled water bottle in school and if your child brings a snack in a box please name label this so we can return it.

# PEANUT ALLERGY

## Peanut Allergy

We have a pupil in school with a severe peanut allergy. We respectfully ask that your child does not come into school with peanuts, peanut butter or any peanut based products.

We appreciate that nuts are a healthy snack option and your children can continue to bring in other nuts for their snacks or lunch.

Thank you for your support.

## Gardening Club

Our Year 3 Gardening club started this week and they had a great time in the sunshine, digging, blackberry picking and tasting tzatziki with their own grown cucumbers!!!



## Thank you from Mrs Bate!

Mrs Bate who left us at the end of July, would like to thank everyone for their generous gifts and best wishes. She thoroughly enjoyed her last few days at Mawnan school and felt incredibly spoilt!

## 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/](https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School_Admissions/)

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding RAAC and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result, areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

The DfE has been helping education settings and responsible bodies (such as local authorities and multi-academy trusts) to identify and manage the potential risks of RAAC since 2018.

Mawnan School does not have any confirmed RAAC. However, we want to take care and to be sure, and are currently working with the DfE to actively check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings. If RAAC is identified, we will let you know straight away, and we have contingencies in place.

The change in guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed. DfE is offering us access to surveyors who are helping us do these checks quickly.

## Run Mawnan Fun Run 2023

Run Mawnan is a family friendly annual event put together by Falmouth Rotary in order to raise money for some fantastic local charities and community groups. One almost unique part is the kids' 1-mile fun run (under 12 years), which you won't find in many other running events. Kids can also enter the 5k (as can their parents and carers...), but the 10k is for adults only. There are some great prizes for all age groups, from cream teas to overnight stays in four-star hotels.



In addition to the goody bag for pre-entries, you will find a barbecue and a wide range of stands at the event selling cakes, drinks, and a wide assortment of other delights.

You can enter via the paper form that came home in your book bags, or online at <https://runmawnan.org.uk/>



**Run Mawnan 2023**  
10K • 5K • 1 Mile

**A FUN EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

5km and 10km races  
plus a  
1 mile children's fun run

**Sunday 1st October 2023 at 10am**

Start & finish in  
Carwinion Playing Fields, Mawnan



Organised by Falmouth Rotary Club to raise funds for local & international charities



Fantastic prizes for male & female winners of each course  
Prize for the best fancy dress  
All those who pre-enter will receive a medal and goody bag

With grateful thanks to our sponsors & supporters:







# Term Dates

Our term dates and closure dates can be found here:

[https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/term\\_dates/521213](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	

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		

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		

#### 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

#### 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)

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.