

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 10th November 2023

Anti-Bullying Week 2023



Next week, we will be participating in National Anti-Bullying Week, which carries the theme "Make A Noise About Bullying." This presents a wonderful opportunity for our children to deepen their understanding of bullying and learn effective strategies to manage any instances they may encounter. To kickstart the week, we will be having an **"Odd Socks Day" on Monday**. We encourage all students to wear their brightest and boldest odd socks with their school uniform, as a symbol of celebrating diversity and promoting kindness.

I am delighted to share with you that our school continues to foster a safe and inclusive environment for all our pupils. According to our recent Ofsted inspection in June 2023, our students reported that bullying is extremely rare at Mawnan School. Should any incidents occur, our dedicated staff members are quick to address and resolve them. This positive feedback is a testament to our commitment to creating a nurturing and supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive.

Children in Need 2023



We will be supporting children in need again this year and would love it if the children could come into school on **Friday 18th November in either spots or stripes**. If you don't have anything spotty or stripy then anything colourful will do. We will be collecting cash donations on the gate in the morning.

Dates to Remember 2023/2024

<u>2023 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
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
Thurs 14 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service – Mawnan Old Church – 6pm

<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)

Parent Teacher Meetings

The meetings will take place in school during the week beginning Monday 13th November. Links to Google forms to sign up for a meeting were sent out last week. If you have not signed up for this yet please do so as soon as possible.

Our meeting week is dedicated time in our school calendar when we cancel all professional meetings and personal plans so please sign up, as we want to ensure that we see everyone. Please also ensure that you attend your meeting on time as lateness impacts on other parents.

We are really looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

Penryn Partnership Sports Leagues

Basketball:

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Mawnan 2 had a fantastic result in their first Basketball league games, winning both matches confidently. Well done!

School Photographs

Your children were sent home with their Tempest school photographs and order forms on Tuesday. For the free back to school delivery all orders must be placed online by **Monday 20th November**. After this date a delivery charge will apply

Penryn Partnership Touch Rugby Qualifier

This afternoon some of our Year 5 and 6's went to Penryn college to compete in a touch Rugby Qualifier, where they played against Stithians and Mylor and showed amazing team work and excellent ball handling skills.



Remembrance Day

Today, we gathered as a school community to mark Remembrance Day and pay tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for our country. The children learned about the significance of Remembrance Day, its origins and the importance of the iconic poppy symbol. It was a solemn and meaningful ceremony, and I am proud of how our students approached this important day with respect and understanding.



Our worship leaders Jake, Izzy, Poppy, Evie, Lamorna and Betsy spoke beautifully and asked their peers questions about Remembrance Day – a day of respect, reflection and peace.



After School Clubs

Our after-school clubs have continued to be very popular this half term. Year 4 & 5 pupils loved the first Embrace Cheer club and our years 1, 2 and 3 had great fun in the Board games club!



Internet Safety and Cyberbullying

As our children increasingly engage with technology, it is crucial that we equip them with the necessary skills to navigate the digital world safely. Unfortunately, online bullying has become a prevalent issue, as highlighted by OFCOM's latest study. Four in ten children aged 8-17 have experienced bullying, with the majority occurring online. Text or messaging apps, social media, and online games are the most common platforms where bullying takes place.

To address this concern, we will be including a weekly parental update from National Online Safety in our newsletter, starting this week. We hope that these resources will provide you with valuable information and support in keeping your child safe online. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you require any further assistance or guidance



What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Microtransactions

Seventy-six billion dollars 🏆🎮 That's the value some experts have assigned to this year's global online microtransaction market – those additional in-app and in-game purchases which offer young players a temptingly quick way to enhance their digital experience for real-world money.

With concerns over the impact of allowing these paid-for upgrades to be available to children, some countries have already either banned microtransactions or subjected them to stringent legislation. This week's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide outlines the most significant risks.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as "MTX") are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system could affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life: children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could lead to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-after prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FIFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it far easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. Once a child starts making in-game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their friends and other players – sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.

EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

DATA COLLECTION

To allow a young person to complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on. Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used – and possibly sold on to third parties – for marketing purposes.

AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the game's schedule – potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your child's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a large bill. Letting a child have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their own) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and games they normally use.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the loot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feel pressured into making any purchases.

CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtransactions involve an element of chance: they could pay money and *still* not get what they want in return. Emphasise that – while not usually costing much individually – these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or app means they have less to use in the real world.

(GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

Investing in an in-game currency gift card can be a useful way of helping your child get to grips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a £10 V-bucks Fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you could make it the starting point for a conversation about how quickly that money went and how they could earn their next gift card.

STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour. Irritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Cut Your Carbon

At Mawnan School, we take pride in our commitment to sustainability and protecting our environment. Throughout November, we will be encouraging our students to think about their carbon footprint and the steps they can take to reduce it. From walking or biking to school to turning off lights when not in use, these small changes can make a big impact. As parents and guardians, your support in reinforcing these eco-friendly habits at home is greatly appreciated. We would love to know how you are getting on with the challenges. We have attached the checklist to this newsletter.

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!

Christmas Wreath Donations

Mrs Moon from Dart and Pico class is a bell ringer at Wendron Church and is raising money to get the church bells fixed. She will be running a Wreath making workshop and is asking for wreath making decorating donations, such as:

- Ribbon/wired ribbon
- Dried orange/apple slices
- Cinnamon sticks
- Star anise
- Feathers

Any donations would be greatly appreciated by Mrs Moon and can be donated to school by 17th November.

Thank you!

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 were sent out last week.

The pupils will vote for a film on Monday.

Brought to you by
Mawnan School PTA ...

Movie Night

24 November
School Hall •

£5

SHOWING 1 (KS1)
3.15 – 4.45PM

SHOWING 2 (KS2)
5.00 – 7.00PM

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!

Thursday 16th November 2023

CHILDREN



IN NEED

Mawnan Memorial
Hall TR11 5EP
4:30-6:30



BAKE SALE

- Cupcakes
- Rocky road treats
- Brownies
- Pudsey cake
- Pudsey biscuit
- VG option available

QUIZ

The Quiz consists of six rounds
all ages welcome

- Round one = World War One
- Round two = History of Mawnan
- round three = The Monarchy
- round four = Animals
- round five = UK Bands
- round six = History

Entry free 2:50



Together, we can
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Refreshments available
All money goes to children
in need



MAWNAN PANTO GROUP PRESENTS

KIDS PANTO IN A DAY

**THE NIGHT
BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

**BY
CLEMENT CLARKE MOORE**

Adapted By Evie Payne

Produced by Hannah Martin

Rehearsals start at 10am- Performance at 4pm

£5 cash per participating child (8 years and over only)

Must prebook via Hannah Martin - only 40 places available

Please bring packed lunch, water bottle and

a named bag with a Christmas outfit in it

hlmartin1984@gmail.com/07785 794299

Performance admission £2.50

Mawnan Memorial Hall - Saturday 16th December

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
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Together  for Families

Starting school
September 2024

The deadline for applications is **15 January 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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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
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

October 2023				
Mon	2	9	16	23
Tue	3	10	17	24
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

November 2023				
Mon		6	13	20
Tue		7	14	21
Wed	1	8	15	22
Thurs	2	9	16	23
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
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

January 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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

February 2024				
Mon	5	12	19	26
Tue	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22
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
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

April 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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
Tue		7	14	21
Wed	1	8	15	22
Thurs	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
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
Sun	2	9	16	23

July 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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

August 2024				
Mon		5	12	19
Tue		6	13	20
Wed		7	14	21
Thurs	1	8	15	22
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24
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.