

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 12th January 2024

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a wonderful start to the year. I am delighted to report that we have had a very eventful and successful first full week back at Mawnan School. The children have shown exceptional enthusiasm and dedication to their learning, and their exemplary behaviour continues to make us proud.

Colder Weather

As we have all noticed, the weather has taken a chilly turn recently, and we even experienced a small flurry of snow on Tuesday. While the children have thoroughly enjoyed this wintry surprise, it is important to ensure they are dressed warmly. Please remember to send your child to school with a coat, hat, and gloves if they feel the cold. We want to make sure they stay snug and comfortable during their outdoor playtime.

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.

Cross Country Qualifier

This morning, 29 of our Year 4,5 and 6 pupils took part in the Cross-Country Qualifier at Penryn College.

Well done to team Mawnan today. They all ran with great determination, encouraged each other from the side-lines and had a great morning.

We had 5 pupils who came away with medals:

Year 4 Girls 1000m - Alana 3rd

Year 5 Girls 1400m - Macey 2nd

Year 5 Boys 1400m – Kit 1st and Jake 2nd

Year 6 Girls 1600m - Matilda

11 Pupils in all qualified to the next level!

Well done everyone, we are incredibly proud of you.







School Office – Closed for Training

The school is in the process of transferring to a new MIS (Management Information System) to maintain pupil information.

The final installation is due to take place during the February half-term holiday.

In the meantime, there is a lot of training that Mrs Rawley and Mrs Cattle need to undertake. During the training times the phone may not be answered, so please leave a message or email secretary@mawnanschool.com

We will try and send out a ClassDojo post to let you know when the next training will take place.

Running Club

Our after school running club started with a bang this week. Dave Collins came in and gave us a great running session which was enjoyed by all.

We still have spaces for all KS2 and would LOVE more people to join!



This Week

This week, **Oppie class** have been learning all about 'Our Senses.'

Yesterday they learned about 'Taste.' They had a great discussion about sweet, salty, sour and bitter tastes and what kind of foods go in to which category. They also talked about the taste buds on their tongues.

They later had a creative afternoon, making playdough cupcakes and created incredible dens and vehicles!



Children's Mental Health Awareness Week



I am pleased to inform you that Children's Mental Health Awareness Week will be taking place from 5th to 11th February 2024. This year's theme is "My Voice Matters" and aims to highlight the importance of children and young people's mental health. It is a significant initiative set up by the children's mental health charity, Place2Be. We will be incorporating activities and discussions related to this theme throughout the week, promoting positive mental well-being among our students.



Dress to Express

On Friday 9th February we will be supporting Children's Mental Health week. This will be a non – uniform day where we would like the children to come dressed to the theme “Dress to Express.” Children are encouraged to use colour to express themselves by wearing a colourful outfit or an outfit of their choice to express themselves.

Cornwall Neurodiversity Hub

In December, the Local Authority opened a Neurodiversity Hub, containing a broad selection of resources and a profiling tool to provide families with information to support children. A link to the resources can be found here

<https://parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/neurodiversity/>

Breakfast Club from January 2024

Breakfast Club takes place between 8:00 am and 8:40 am every day. Breakfast consists of orange or apple juice, choice of cereal, toast, a selection of fruit and yoghurt. Numbers are limited, so booking is essential. You can make a booking for the whole year, or if spaces allow, you can book for a 'one off' session.

To book, please email breakfastclub@mawnanschool.com or phone the school office on 01326 250660:

- All 'one off' sessions **must** be pre-booked by **4pm** on a Wednesday, for places required for the following week, to enable us to order the correct amount of food.
- In an emergency, please **call** the school office by **no later than 4pm** the day before the breakfast is required. The cost is £3 per child per day. Payment is made via your child's ParentPay account.

(Unlike school dinners, this is for payment only and does not book your child's place at Breakfast Club.)

After School Clubs January 2024

Our After-School clubs will all be starting the week commencing 08/01/2024 and ending the week of 18/03/2024.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Monday	Hockey with Tom Holway	Years 5 & 6	None
Monday	Embrace Dance	Years 1 & 2	None
Tuesday	Football with Christian	Years 5 & 6	None
Tuesday	Girls Maths Club – Mrs Davies This is an invite only club	Years 3 & 4	None
Tuesday	Boys Maths Club– Mr Barnes This is an invite only club	Years 3 & 4	None
Thursday	Drama Club (20 Max) Mrs Churcher, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Atkin FULL	Years 1 & 2	None
Thursday	Cooking Club (10 Max - changing to another 10 pupils after half term) Miss Law and Jacky	Years 3 & 4	£10 per child
Thursday	Running/Multi Sports (20 Max) Mrs Watson and Mrs Timmins	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	None
Thursday	Embrace Cheer	Years 4 & 5	None

What Children & Young People Need to Know about Free Speech vs Hate Speech

Contentious or provocative viewpoints are shared every second of the day online. That's not to say, however, that an opinion is less valid simply because it's initially unpopular: just think about Galileo or Emmeline Pankhurst. The facility to have our beliefs questioned – and to challenge other people's in return – is often a catalyst for scientific and social progress.

With disturbing frequency, though, some individuals post damaging hate speech online under the guise of 'freedom of expression' – and unless young people can identify hate speech, there's a risk of them being influenced by such harmful content. Our **#WakeUpWednesday** guide explores the crucial differences between free speech and hate speech.

See email attachment for e-Safety 'Free Speech v Hate Speech.'

All National Online Safety, see below, is providing parents, carers and schools with this information to help them understand a new lesson about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe you should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.org.uk for further guides, tips and advice for adults.

What Children & Young People Need to Know about FREE SPEECH vs HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives...

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demoralising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics relating to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example, separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying these actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Meeting Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is a group of the community for human rights, social justice, and equality. We're a group of about 100 people who work together to support and educate people on human rights.

GLOBAL EQUALITY COLLECTIVE

The National College

National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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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 *one and all - oon hagall* **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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Mawnan Panto Group

Treasure Island

Script by Ben Crocker

FEBRUARY 1st - 3rd

In the Mawnan Memorial Hall

THU 1 FEB, 7.15pm. GALA NIGHT - £10

Bring your own food & drink

FRI 2 FEB, 7.15pm - £6

SAT 3 FEB, 2.15pm - £5

Matinee performance

SAT 3 FEB, 7.15pm - £6



Tickets available from ..

MS Electrical, Mawnan Smith **MS electrical**

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							October 2023							November 2023								
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon		2	9	16	23	30		Mon			6	13	20	27	
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue		3	10	17	24	31		Tue			7	14	21	28	
Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed		4	11	18	25		Wed		1	8	15	22	29		
Thurs		7	14	21	28		Thurs		5	12	19	26		Thurs		2	9	16	23	30		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29		Fri		6	13	20	27		Fri		3	10	17	24			
Sat	2	9	16	23	30		Sat		7	14	21	28		Sat		4	11	18	25			
Sun	3	10	17	24			Sun	1	8	15	22	29		Sun		5	12	19	26			

December 2023							January 2024							February 2024						
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed	3	10	17	24	31		Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs		7	14	21	28		Thurs	4	11	18	25		Thurs	1	8	15	22	29		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29		Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	2	9	16	23			
Sat	2	9	16	23	30		Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	3	10	17	24			
Sun	3	10	17	24	31		Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	4	11	18	25			

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

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

Holidays during Term Time

Mawnan 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.

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. 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.