



Mawnan CE VA School Newsletter

Using our God-given talents to let our light shine



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

Friday 4th October 2024

Harvest Service

On Tuesday 8th October at 9:30am we will be having our Harvest Services with Rev Johanna Clare at St Michael's Church. We would like all of the children to bring in some harvest gift donations for The Trussell Trust Food Bank to take to the church on this day. Please see the list of what the food bank need and would be grateful for. The children will also have a harvest treat when they return from the church thanks to Zinnia and our gardeners.

CURRENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

SAVOURY BISCUITS AND CRACKERS

TINNED CUSTARD

TINNED HAM/CORNERED BEEF

PASTA SAUCE

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED RICE PUDDING

TINNED VEG SOUPS

Mawnan Fun Run

Thank you to those who have brought in their sponsor money from Run Mawnan. Your generous contributions will go towards our goal of enhancing our Reading Barn with new shelving. I am thrilled to announce that we have already amassed an impressive sum of **£853.75** through your sponsorship efforts.

For those who have yet to submit their sponsor money, I kindly encourage you to do so at your earliest convenience. Every contribution, regardless of size, brings us closer to our objective and reinforces the message to our pupils that their efforts and aspirations are valued and supported by their community.

Leagues

It is with great pride that I share the outstanding performances of our Netball and Football teams in the Penryn Partnership Leagues. Their displays of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship were truly commendable, embodying the very essence of what we strive to instil in all our pupils. These young athletes have not only represented our school with distinction but have also demonstrated the invaluable life skills that competitive sports can nurture.

Football

Mawnan 4 v 1 Mylor

Mawnan 6 v 0 Kennall Vale

Mawnan 1 v 4 Stithians

Netball

Mawnan 9 v 5 Kennall Vale

Mawnan 8 v 0 Flushing

Mawnan 12 v 0 Penryn



Wraparound Childcare

We are pleased to share that we are exploring the possibility of offering **wraparound childcare** at Mawnan CE VA Primary School. We feel that providing wraparound care is an important way in which we can further support working families and contribute positively to the local community.

The extended wraparound will aim to provide our pupils with a safe and engaging environment after school, allowing them to participate in enriching activities while parents manage their commitments. The plan is that the club will run Monday-Friday from 3:15pm to 6pm.

We have worked diligently to secure funding from the Local Authority to support the setup costs of this provision. However, the success of the wraparound childcare club will depend on our ability to recruit high-quality staff who are passionate about working with children and are committed to fostering a positive afterschool experience for our children.

We kindly ask for your support in sharing these two job adverts within your networks. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our team or who possesses the necessary skills and experience, please encourage them to apply for one of the roles.

Details about jobs and how you can apply can be found here:

Play Leader: https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/vacancies_/598227

Play Worker: https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/wraparound_playworker/696867

The start date of this childcare provision will be dependent on staffing so we will keep you up to date with how the plans are progressing.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this initiative, please speak to Miss Pridmore.

Mawnan PTA



Thank you to everyone who came along to our PTA AGM this week. The meeting proved to be exceptionally productive, and I am pleased to announce that Anam has been re-elected as the chair of our PTA. We are very grateful to Anam for standing again and feel that this continuity in leadership bodes well for the ongoing success of our PTA.

The PTA plays a crucial role in enhancing the educational experience of our pupils, and we are immensely grateful for the dedication and enthusiasm of all its members. Their tireless efforts have resulted in significant fundraising achievements over the past year, the fruits of which have directly benefited our school in myriad ways.

£574

£450

£558

£900

Events in 2023/2024

£570

£510

£4835



Funded in 2023/2024

Simon's
Class of 2023
Year 6
Leavers Book

Shine
Award

Eleana
You have worked hard
to follow all instructions
with thought and care
this week, thank you!

Signed: Mrs. Jones Date: 27/9/24

As we look to the future, we are eager to welcome new members and fresh ideas into our PTA. The PTA thrives on the diverse perspectives and innovative suggestions brought forth by our parent community. If you feel inspired to contribute your time, skills, or ideas, please contact Anam directly or send an email to pta@mawnanschool.com

Your engagement with the PTA is not merely appreciated; it is instrumental in fostering a vibrant and supportive school community. Together, we can continue to create enriching experiences and opportunities for our pupils, ensuring that Mawnan CE VA Primary School remains a nurturing environment where every child can flourish.

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Raze the Roof

**MAWNAN
SCHOOL PTA
FUNDRAISER!**

TUE 8 OCTOBER, 2024

6-8PM

£5 SUGGESTED
DONATION

+£1 LASER TAG

**ADULTS FREE (MUST STAY)
BOOK ON GOOGLE FORMS
PAY AT DOOR (CASH OR CARD)**

**30, PARKENGUE, KERNICK RD,
PENRYN TR10 9EP**

Google forms for this event will be sent out to parents next week.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **IN-GAME CHAT**

If you've played or seen any online games from the past few years, you've probably noticed that almost every title of this kind has some kind of chat functionality. Whether allowing players to send text messages to one



another or letting them use their mics to chat together on



voice if you're on a multiplayer game, chances are you can talk to

your fellow gamers, one way or another



Sadly, such a function comes with its fair share of risks – as is to be expected with a feature intended to connect gamers from around the



world and it is immensely important for parents and educators to understand these concerns and help young players address them. That's why we've put together this free guide, breaking down the most prevalent issues associated with in-game chat and letting you know how to keep youngsters as safe as possible if or when they're exposed to this feature.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't, meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat

Weekly Extras

Admissions for Secondary September 2025



Together 
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2025**

Do you have a
child born **between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2025 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2025**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. 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.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



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Starting infant/primary school

For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

Application deadline: **15 January 2025**.

Admissions for Secondary September 2025



Together 
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2024**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2025

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



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



Transfer to secondary school

For children born between 1
September 2013 and 31 August
2014. Application deadline: **31
October 2024.**

Applying for a secondary school place for September 2025

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 your child will get 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 31 October 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: 3 March 2025. 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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FALMOUTH HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR HOCKEY

**START A NEW SPORT
IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS
HAVE FUN
MAKE NEW FRIENDS**

**TUESDAYS 6PM-7:30PM -
U12, U14 & U 16 BOYS
THURSDAYS 5:30PM-6:30PM -
U8 & U10 BOYS AND GIRLS
THURSDAYS 5:30PM-7PM -
U12, U14 & U16 GIRLS
@ PENRYN COLLEGE ASTRO**

**4 AGE GROUP TOURNAMENTS PER
SEASON
EXCELLENT COACHING
PROGRESSION INTO SENIOR MEN'S AND
WOMEN'S TEAMS**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE EMAIL
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