



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 14th December 2024

Mrs Martin

This afternoon we came together to bid farewell to Hannah Martin.

Hannah has been part of our school, serving in multiple capacities through her roles as a Teaching Assistant, parent, Eco Schools Leaders and an active member of our PTA. She has completed all of these roles with unwavering dedication and enthusiasm and her commitment to our school has been exemplary.

While we are saddened to see her leave, we are also filled with pride as she embarks on a new chapter in her career at Penryn College.

On behalf of the entire Mawnan School community, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Hannah for her unwavering support, her infectious enthusiasm, and the positive impact she has had on Mawnan School.



Music Concert

Our recent winter music concert stands as a shining example of the exceptional talent that we have at Mawnan. It was such a joy to see the children showcasing the remarkable musical abilities. Pico, Fusion, and Dart Class delivered performances that were truly outstanding. This celebration of music would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Mr Hatherly, our fantastic music teacher. His commitment to nurturing a love for music in our school is both admirable and invaluable, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for his dedication.



Advent Adventure

On Monday morning Year 1 and Year 2 went to St Michael's Church for Advent Adventures. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore the importance of Advent and gain insights into the traditions observed by Christians during this special time. Thank you to Rev Johanna and Tina Venton Schools, our Families Lead, for providing this wonderful experience for our children.

Secret Santa



The spirit of giving and joy was through the roof during our annual Secret Santa shop today. This special event never fails to ignite excitement among our children. The success of this cherished tradition is a testament to the extraordinary efforts of our PTA, whose unwavering commitment to enhancing our children's experiences is truly impressive. Thank you also to the WI for their kind support, and to all members of our school community who contributed through their generous donations. Your kindness has ensured that this delightful occasion continues to bring smiles to faces young and old. As Christmas Day approaches, we hope that the carefully chosen gifts will bring you joy!



KS2 Candlelit Carols



One of the highlights of our festive calendar was the annual KS2 Candlelit Carols on Thursday evening. It was a truly magical experience to see our school community gathered together, united in celebration and joy. The children's voices, were nothing short of exceptional, their readings were delivered with clarity and confidence, and their renditions of traditional carols filled our hearts with warmth and happiness. Thank you for your generous donations towards the lytchgate repairs.



Oppie and Topper Class Nativity


Oppie and Topper Nativity performances will take place on **Tuesday 17th December at 2pm** and **Wednesday 18th December at 6pm**. Please note that tickets are limited to two tickets per show, per family, for the children in Oppie and Topper Class.

If you would like to swap your afternoon or evening tickets with another family, please liaise directly with them. Additionally, if you find yourself with unwanted tickets, we kindly request that you return them to the School office, as they will be offered to others, such as grandparents. We will inform you if any spare tickets become available.

Pre-school aged children and siblings at secondary school will need a ticket.



Christmas Event Calendar

Date	Event	What you need to know
Monday 16th December	Nativity dress rehearsal for KS2	Please see the information above about tickets.
Tuesday 17th December	Oppie and Topper Nativity at 2pm	
Wednesday 18th December	Oppie and Topper Nativity at 6pm	
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner	You can view the menu and book this on parent pay now .
Friday 20th December		For our last day of term, we would like all of the children to come into school in their sparkliest clothes (non-uniform). We will also be having our class parties on this day and a special visitor will be coming to join us!

After School Clubs Spring Term 1

Our After School Clubs will start Week Beginning 13th January 2025.

For continuing clubs no Google forms have been sent out.

Google forms for new or amended clubs were sent out via email yesterday.

Day	Club	Year Group	Max Spaces
Monday	Netball	Year 5 & 6	20
Monday	Golf	Year 5 & 6	8
Monday	Dance with Embrace	Year 3,4,5	15
Tuesday	Football	Year 5 & 6	20
Tuesday	Dance with Embrace	Year 1 & 2	15
Wednesday	Construction Club	Year 1 & 2	20
Wednesday	Running Club	Year 3 - 6	20
Wednesday	Sketching Club	Year 4 & 5	20
Thursday	Reading for Pleasure	Year 3 & 4	20
Thursday	Hockey	Year 6	10
Friday	Chillax Club	Year 5 & 6	20

New Club or change in club day – Google form will be sent
(Dance club has swapped days so as KS1 may attend Rainbows in the village)

Continuing Club – No google form needed. Continue as Autumn Term

Skateboarding will return for Years 5 & 6 after February Half Term.

10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON



The holiday season is fast approaching! While we hope you're excited to kick back, relax, and enjoy some well-earned rest with friends and family, it's still vitally important that we do all we can to safeguard the



children and young people in our care over the festive period

However, it can be tricky to know what specific steps we can take to ensure our winter break is as calm and risk-free as possible, which is why we've put together this week's free guide. Check out our expert advice on keeping



youngsters safe over the festive season

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SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

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MAWNAN SCHOOL PTA
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
PRIZES

Ferry Boat Inn voucher - £30

Jewel Podiatry voucher - 1 full session

Emily Trewin PT 6 session £42 fitness card

The entertainer - £15 voucher

The Red Lion Pub = £30 voucher

Navas drinks - Drinks selection

Drinkfinder/Constantine Stores - Bottle of wine

St Michael's Hotel - Hypothermal experience for 2

Awna Cafe voucher - Coffee & Cake

The Oyster Catcher - Gorgeous throw

The Wheel Inn - £25 Voucher

The Nature Store - £25 voucher

Budock Vean voucher - Sunday lunch for 4

LoveDay Gin Distilling - 90min Taproom tasting session for 2

Majestic Wines - Bottle of wine

Beacon Cafe - Bag of coffee

Christmas at Mawnan Church

Sunday 15th December

10.30am We join with the Methodists for a Nativity Service with lessons and carols at St Michael

Wednesday 18th December

10am Celtic Christmas at St Michael

Sunday 22nd December

4pm All Age Café Style Service at St Michael Jesus' Christmas Party with Christmas treats, storytelling, crafts and some favourite Christmas songs.



Tuesday 24th December

Carols by Candlelight 5pm at St

Mawnan - The Church looks wonderful when all the candles are lit. Join us for this celebration with carols and readings for Christmas Eve, suitable for all the family.

Wednesday 25th December

10.00 Christmas Day Celebration Communion at St Michael

St Mawnan, Church Road, TR11 5HY - St Michael, Carwinion Road, TR11 5JG