

# **Basketball League**

Congratulations to both of our basketball teams for their exceptional performance in the Penryn Partnership league this half term. Following this week's matches, I am thrilled to announce that Mawnan emerged victorious in a thrilling Mawnan vs Mawnan final. Well done to all our amazing children! They have played brilliantly, demonstrating excellent sporting skills and teamwork. We couldn't be prouder of them!



## **Fusion Class**

This week Fusion class have been busy creating! These Fusion art pieces were created using mixed media; Acrylic, Watercolour & pen & ink, in the theme of 'Expedition'. They have now moved onto their first DT project of this school year - Viking Shields. They are currently working through the design process; Initial Ideas, Development and Final design. They're really looking forward to sharing their wonderful designs the final 'product' over the following weeks!



#### Mawnan Tote Bag

Looking ahead to the festive season, I would like to inform you about an exciting opportunity to purchase an amazing and personal Christmas gift. Our PTA Mawnan tote bag is currently being printed and will be available for purchase in December. This unique and practical gift will not only bring joy to your loved ones but also support our school community. Additionally, if you are searching for an alternative way to wrap your presents, the Mawnan tote bag is the perfect eco-friendly solution. Keep an eye out for further details on how to purchase this wonderful keepsake.

#### Dates to Remember 2023/2024

<u>2023 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm KS2 (only) Christmas Concert
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service at St. Michael's Church
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mawnan Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Secret Santa
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm Oppie & Topper Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm (for a 2:15pm start) Oppie & Topper Nativity Afternoon Performance
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6-7pm Oppie & Topper Nativity Evening Performance
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Service – Mawnan Óld Church – 6pm
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of Term

<u>2024 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> –	Parent Teacher Meetings
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	(a google form to sign will be sent out to parents nearer the time)
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day breakfast
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> April	TEMPEST: Class Photographs
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day breakfast
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (reserve date)

## Dart Class – Victorian Day

Dart Class had a 'Living History' day. They went back in time to find out what life was like for children at school during Victorian times. During the day, the children were taught by Miss Prisser and Mrs Moany and learned how to do basic embroidery, handwriting, proverbs, times tables, drill and outdoor games.



# **Cooking Club**

This week cooking club pupils were taught how to make Rainbow Fried Rice. They used peppers. Spring onion, carrots, courgette, sweetcorn, ginger, soy sauce and rice.

They did an excellent job, had fun and enjoyed!









## Festive Plans

As we enter the final stretch of the year, I am delighted to share with you the exciting plans we have in store for the upcoming festive season. Christmas is a time of joy, compassion, and togetherness, and here at Mawnan School, we wholeheartedly embrace these values.

### **KS2 Music Concert**

On **Monday 4th December** we will be hosting music concert featuring our amazing music teacher, Mr. Hatherly, and our talented Key Stage 2 musicians. The concert will take place in the afternoon at 2:00pm. Families of Key Stage 2 children are more than welcome to attend and enjoy the wonderful performances.

# **Oppie and Topper Class Nativity**

I am delighted to announce that free tickets for our upcoming Christmas performances will be available soon. The performances will take place on **Tuesday 12th December at 2pm** and **Wednesday 13th 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.

For siblings in Key Stage 2, there will be an opportunity to see the Christmas Nativity on the afternoon of Monday 11th December. During the 6pm performance on Wednesday 13th, a film will be shown in one of the classrooms specifically for siblings of the children performing.

Tickets for all the performances will be sent home with the children in December, so please keep an eye out for them.

### Key Stage 2 Candlelit Carols

We would like to inform you that on the evening of Thursday 14th December, Key Stage 2 will be performing their annual carol at St Mawnan Church (old church). This beautiful candlelit service will commence at 6pm, and we kindly request that the children arrive from 5:45pm wearing their school uniform.



Due to limited capacity, this event is exclusively for Key Stage 2 families (Pico, Fusion, and Dart), with a maximum of two tickets per family. We apologize for the need to limit tickets, but the size of the church and the large cohorts in Key Stage 2 necessitate this measure. We appreciate your understanding.

To mitigate parking issues, we strongly recommend lift sharing, as parking at the church is extremely limited.



# **Christingle Candles**

This week we have sent home the Christingle candle money boxes to raise funds for the Children's Society. Please could you kindly return the money boxes to school by **Tuesday 5th December**, as we will be taking them to the church for our Christingle service on **Thursday 7th December**. Please note that there is one money box per family, which will be given to the oldest child.

#### **Christmas Dinner 2023**

Our school Christmas Dinner will be served on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.** This meal is available to book now via ParentPay. Please book at your earliest convenience, so that the kitchen knows how many children to cater for.



# Secret Santa

The PTA would like to express their gratitude to all the parents who generously donated their unwanted gifts for our PTA Secret Santa event on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.** Your support is truly appreciated. This special event is one of the highlights of the year, and your contributions make it all the more memorable.



Every gift is priced at  $\pounds1$ , so please ensure that your child brings  $\pounds1$  for each family member they are buying for, along with a bag to carry their gifts home in. The children will be able to buy gifts for their parents and siblings.

We are pleased to inform you that the Mawnan WI and a dedicated team of volunteers will be wrapping the presents, while the children will be labelling them. As part of our commitment to being environmentally friendly, we are also offering a newspaper wrapping station, utilizing our old stock of newspapers. Thank you to our PTA for organizing this event and ensuring that we all have exciting, well-chosen gifts to put under the tree!

We are still short of presents for adults. If you have any spare gifts suitable for adults, we would greatly appreciate your kind donations. Let's make sure everyone receives a special gift this festive season!

### **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 are now on sale from the school office.



## Christmas Event Calendar

Date	Event	What you need to know
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Services	This service will be happening at St Michael's Church at 9:30am
		Please being in your Christingle candle moneyboxes on this day. All of the money raised goes to the Children's Society.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	We would like the children to come into school wearing their
		Christmas jumpers instead of their Mawnan jumper. We will not be asking for donations.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Santa	This PTA event will be an opportunity for the children to buy preloved gifts for their families. The gifts will be wrapped and labelled by our team of volunteers.
		Thank you all for your wonderful
		donations.
		The children will need to bring in a bag and some money (ideally pound coins).

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity dress rehearsal for KS2	Please see the information above about tickets.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Oppie and Topper Nativity at 2pm	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Oppie and Topper Nativity at 6pm	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	You can view the menu and book this on parent pay now.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Candlelit	This candlelit service will start at
December	<b>Carols</b> at St Mawnan	6pm and arrival will be from
	Church (old church).	5:45pm. We would like the
		children to wear their school
		uniform. Due to limited capacity,
		this event is exclusively for Key
		Stage 2 families (Pico, Fusion, and
		Dart), with a maximum of two
		tickets per family.
		We strongly recommend lift
		sharing as the parking at the Church is <u>very</u> limited.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		For our last day of term, we
December		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!



#### Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have ballooned in popularity during the past few years, as prices on almost everything are slashed for a few precious days. With consumers in the UK alone spending a staggering £9.4 billion over last year's discounted digital shopping weekend, it can often become a frenetic rush to grab tech, games and other products at knock-down prices.

Such radical reductions are especially welcome at this time of year – but Black Friday and Cyber Monday are also peak season for scammers, who bet on a sense of urgency blinding shoppers to the red flags in their 'offers'. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights some common warning signs to help you bag the goods without being left out of pocket.



Mawnan Church **Coffee Morning** Saturday 2 December 2023 At Mawnan Memorial Hall At 10.00am - 12 noon Tea, Coffee & Mince Pies! Cakes, Preserves, Plants **Christmas Goodies** Raffle

### **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.

<u>https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-</u> <u>synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School\_Admissions/</u>

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.



#### **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

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#### **Cornwall Council**

2023/2024 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

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Christmas Day

Boxing Day New Years Day

Good Friday

Easter Monday May Bank Holiday

Summer Bank Holiday

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#### 25 December 2023 26 December 2023 01 January 2024 29 March 2024 01 April 2024 06 May 2024 Spring Bank Holiday 27 May 2024

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.