



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 10th October 2025

Thank you!

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for being so accommodating on Monday when we were required to open slightly later and finish the school day a little earlier. We fully appreciate the inconvenience this may have caused and are grateful for your patience and support.

We have communicated these concerns and have been assured that any future outages will be scheduled outside of the statutory and wraparound school day.

Exciting Visit from the Bishop of Truro!

We are very excited to share that the Bishop of Truro will be visiting Mawnan School on Thursday afternoon. We are honoured to be hosting such an important visitor and can't wait to show him all the wonderful things that make our school so special. The children and staff are looking forward to welcoming the Bishop and sharing our learning and school vision and values.

Harvest Celebration

On Tuesday, the whole school walked to St Michael's Church for our annual Harvest Service with Rev. Johanna. It was a joyous occasion filled with uplifting songs, heartfelt prayers, and a wonderful sense of community. Dart Class did a brilliant job of leading the service.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the Trussell Trust Food Bank. Your donations will make a real difference to the lives of those in need, and we are truly grateful for your kindness and support.



Movie Night

Our PTA are busy organising the annual Movie night for our pupils. This has always been a huge success with pupils in the past. The choice of Films will be voted by the pupils nearer the time.

Date: Friday 14th November

Time: KS1 - 3:15 - 4:45pm / KS2 5:15pm - 7:00pm

Further information and Google Forms will go be going out after the half term.

Secret Santa Gift Collection

Secret Santa special event is organised by our dedicated PTA and gives our children the wonderful opportunity to select Christmas gifts for their family members. Our WI members lend their expertise to wrap and label the presents, allowing children to bring home beautifully packaged surprises to place under their Christmas trees.

To make this event possible, we need your help! We are seeking donations of unwanted or preloved items to be sold as gifts. To maintain the quality and joy of the experience, please ensure all contributions are in good condition and free from damage.

We would greatly appreciate donations of toys, puzzles, and gifts suitable for parents. Your generosity will help make this event a memorable and meaningful experience for everyone involved.

We will start collecting donations from next week. Please bring your items to the donation box in the school entrance.



Key Dates to remember 2025/2026

Date	Event
2025	
13 th Nov	Individual School Photos – Hatchbox Photography
14 th Nov	Children in Need
17 th -21 st Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings
4 th Dec	Christingle Service
9 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2-3pm
10 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 6-7pm
16 th Dec	KS2 Candlelit Carol Service 6-7pm
2026	
5 th March	World Book Day
23 rd -27 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings
17 th – 19 th June	Year 4 & 5 Camp to BF Adventure
24 th -26 th June	Year 6 Camp to Porthpean
3 rd July	Sports Day
10 th July	Sports Day (reserve day)

Term Dates 2025/2026

Date	Event
2025	
24th October	Inset Day 2
27 th – 31 st Oct	Autumn Half Term
3 rd November	Return to school
22 nd Dec – 4 th Jan	Christmas Holidays
2026	
5 th January 2026	Return to school
16 th – 20 th Feb	Spring Half Term
23 rd February	Return to school
3 rd -17 th April	Easter Holidays
20 th April	Return to school
4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
25 th – 29 th May	Summer Half Term
1 st June	Inset Day 3
2 nd June	Return to School
21 st July	Last Day of School
22 nd July	Inset Day 4
23 rd July	Inset Day 5

Term Time Holidays

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of underachievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education does not allow Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete an absence request form. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence and you will a penalty notice will be issued.

Top Tips for Dealing with Traumatic and Challenging Events

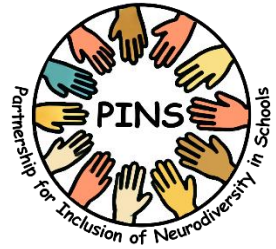
This guide offers compassionate, practical advice for helping children cope with traumatic or challenging events – such as bereavement, bullying, or family upheaval – and begin the healing process.

When children and young people experience traumatic or difficult life events, their emotional world can be shaken, and the impact may show up in their behaviour, mood, or relationships. Whether it's bereavement, a family breakdown or witnessing something distressing, the support of trusted adults can be key in helping them feel safe again. This guide looks at how to create a nurturing environment to help young people process difficult feelings.

It also shares clear, actionable strategies to promote recovery – from building emotional literacy and creating a predictable routine to recognising signs that further help may be needed. Sensitive language, patience, and presence all play a part in empowering children to move forward at their own pace. With the right support, they can rebuild a sense of security and resilience.



PINS: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools



There is a new project running in your school...

Introducing PINS...

PINS is a new project that builds on the idea of a community approach to improving experiences in school for neurodivergent children.

What does PINS stand for?

Partnerships for Inclusion of **N**eurodiversity in **S**chools.

The **partnerships** bit refers to bringing together NHS Kernow, Cornwall Council, us at Parent Carers Cornwall, and **YOU**, the school community.

The reason for this partnership is so that children, families, and school staff can all be included in the conversations to understand and improve support for neurodiverse children in mainstream school settings.



How can you help?

We want to make sure your voice as a parent carer is heard.

We will be holding three coffee mornings Termly to March 2026 and there will be refreshments, and the chance to tell us about what you think and feel is working, or not working, when looking at the support currently in place for your child(ren). It will be an informal inclusive session where we can gather your views and together look at what could be put in place to create positive change.

Is this for me?

We want to hear from you if your child has a diagnosis, may be awaiting a diagnosis, or if you think your child may need some additional support and you are perhaps at the beginning of exploring this route. If you are interested in finding out more about the PINS project, and to see the other schools taking part, please visit the Parent Carers Cornwall PINS project page.

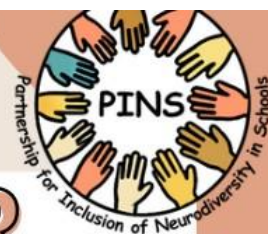
www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/pins/

We are really looking forward to meeting you and hearing your experiences and ideas.





MEET YOUR PINS WORKER



Hi! My name is Michelle Lobb, I am the PINS locality worker for your primary school.

I wanted to introduce myself and the PINS project so you know what to expect.

The Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) is a new project that builds on the idea of using a community approach to improve the experiences and inclusion of neurodivergent children within mainstream school settings.

The community engagement opportunities will be informal and inclusive sessions, where parent carer views and experiences will be gathered. Parent carers will also have the opportunity to explore ideas that could create positive change within their school community, together with school staff.

Contact Info

Here are all the ways you can contact me:

- MichellePCC@outlook.com
- Through your school SENCO
- 07503173917

This partnership work will give children, their families, and school staff the opportunity to have important discussions to understand how best to support neurodivergent children and their families within school communities across the country.

From September 2025 I will be visiting your school on a frequent basis to hold Parent/carers engagement sessions – these sessions will be open to all families (whether your child is neurodivergent or not) and I promise to have a good cake and nice coffee available!



PINS Coffee Morning

Mawnan School

28 November 2025

9 - 10.30

All Welcome





HALLOWEEN SUPERCAMP

Come and take part in our EdVenture half term provision, offering children a fantastic opportunity to build friendships through team sports and outdoor adventures, and explore their creativity with themed group games and arts & crafts

OCTOBER
28-30
TUES - THUR **09:00 - 16:45**

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE COURSES & HOW TO BOOK:

WWW.MYEDVENTURE.CO.UK

01326 372379



Admissions for Primary September 2026



Together  for Families

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2026 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2026**.



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.



Together  for Families

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Starting school September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022



Attending a nursery or pre-school

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Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: **0300 1234 101**



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Admissions for Secondary September 2026



Together 
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2025**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

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Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2026**

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 2025**

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: 2 March 2026. 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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