

As we look ahead to the upcoming week, there are several exciting events to anticipate. Firstly, we have the KS2 music concert on Monday afternoon, where our talented students will showcase their musical abilities.

On Thursday, we have the much-loved tradition of Christingle, a beautiful service that marks the beginning of the Christmas season. The children will be gifted with their own Christingles and will learn about the significance of each element. It is a heart-warming event that brings our school community together.

To add to the festive spirit, we will be having a Christmas jumper day on Friday. On this special day, children and staff are invited to wear their most festive and colourful jumpers with their school uniform to spread joy and cheer throughout the school.

Also, on Friday, the PTA will be transforming the hall into our secret Santa shop. This is an opportunity for the children to engage in the spirit of giving and to show kindness towards their families. Please see details below.

# Secret Santa

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## Squashbox Theatre

I would also like to express our sincere gratitude to our very generous PTA. They have arranged a special treat for the children on Friday 15th December. We will be welcoming Squashbox Theatre, who will be providing an exciting theatre experience for our students. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated and supportive parents who go above and beyond to enhance our children's education.

https://www.squashboxtheatre.co.uk/

# 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 arriving today and will be available for purchase very soon! 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.

### **Travel safely**

With the wintery weather upon us, I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of driving safely to ensure the safety of our children and families.

As the roads become wet, icy and visibility decreases, it is crucial that we all take extra precautions when driving to and from school. Here are some key tips to keep in mind:

- Slow down: Reduce your speed and allow extra time for your journey. It's better to arrive a few minutes late than to rush and put yourself and others at risk.
- Maintain a safe distance: Leave plenty of space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. This will give you more time to react if the road conditions suddenly become hazardous.
- Check your vehicle: Before setting off, ensure that your car is in good condition. Check your tires, brakes, and lights to make sure everything is working properly.
- Use your lights: In poor visibility, it's important to use your headlights, even during the day. This will help other drivers see you and increase overall safety on the roads.
- Be aware of pedestrians: With slippery conditions, pedestrians may find it challenging to walk safely. Stay vigilant and watch out for pedestrians, especially near schools and crossings.
- Stay informed: Keep an eye on weather forecasts and traffic updates to stay informed about any potential hazards or road closures in your area.

# **School Closure**

If there is a need to close the school due to severe weather conditions, we will notify you as soon as possible. The safety and well-being of our families and staff are of utmost importance to us. If the decision is made to close the school, we will communicate this information through our usual channels, including our website, ClassDojo, and email.

Please ensure that your contact information is up to date with the school office so that you receive timely updates. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.



## Netball

Today, our Year 6 Netball team took part in the Peninsula finals at Penryn College. They competed against Devoran, Wendron, King Charles, Mount Hawke, Treloweth and Treleigh. They played with determination, incredible sportsmanship and team spirit and played exceptionally well winning every game! This means that Team Mawnan are now through to the 2023 Cornwall School Games Winter Netball Finals! We are incredibly proud of them!







# Coats

With the weather turning colder, I kindly request that you ensure your child has a warm coat in school. We want to make sure that our students are comfortable and protected from the elements during these winter months.

# Safety at the end of the day

I would like to remind all parents and guardians to prioritize the safety of our students. Please refrain from allowing your children to run in between parked cars, behind the bushes near the cars, or climb on the school wall. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Movie Night**

Thank you for your support of our PTA movie night last Friday. It was a resounding success, and I am delighted to inform you that **we raised an amazing £472.31**. The children had an absolute blast and thoroughly enjoyed their films and the spending the evening together. Thank you to our amazing PTA volunteers.

# **Mawnan School PTA Raffle Prizes**

- 'Meudon Hotel' afternoon tea for two
- 'Red Lion' Mawnan Smith pub meal
- 'The Ferryboat' voucher
- 'Harbour Lights' fish & chips voucher
- 'Stones Bakery' cafe voucher
- Falmouth cinema tickets
- 'Embrace Dance' voucher
- 'Star Glazers Pottery' workshop voucher
- 'The Natural Store' food £50 gift voucher
- 'Sessions surf shop' T shirt
- 'Louise Daykin Prints' handmade Christmas decoration
- 'Jewell Podiatry' voucher
- 'Bishop Phillpott' St Mawes Scentroom scented candle
- And More!!!

Tickets will be on sale next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December after school. £1 per ticket/£5 per strip.

# 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 have been sent home today. 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. **Pre-school aged children and siblings at secondary school will need a ticket**.

Tickets are not required for the Dress Rehearsal on Monday, 11/12/2023 at 1.30pm.

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 service 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 (these have been sent home with your KS2 children today). We apologise 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.



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# **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> December	Key Stage 2 Candlelit Carols at St Mawnan Church (old church).	This candlelit service will start at 6pm and arrival will be from 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 your limited
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		Church is <u>very</u> limited. 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!



### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WhatsApp

It's a description of encryption proscription! **A** to world's most popular instant messaging service, WhatsApp has been appearing in the headlines even more often than usual recently over its opposition to aspects of the UK government's Online Safety Bill #

Encrypting messages to protect users' privacy has undeniable merit, but it also poses obvious risks – especially to young people. Updated to reflect the newest version of WhatsApp, today's #WakeUpWednesday guide brings trusted adults the latest essential info.



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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Wed		6	13	20	27	Wed
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	August 2024				
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Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
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School	holiday

Christmas Day

Boxing Day New Years Day

Good Friday

Easter Monday May 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.