

# Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



*Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine*



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

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

***'When a storm blows, you must stand firm. For it is not trying to knock you down, it is really trying to teach you to be strong.'***  
**Joseph M. Marshall III.**

I hope you're all keeping warm and dry despite the stormy weather we've been having. Thank you for your support with our school closure yesterday and I apologise again for any inconvenience that this caused.

Despite the rain and wind and the disruptive week we've had a fantastic start to this half term at Mawnan School. It's going to be an exciting few months ahead, and I can't wait to see what we all achieve together!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We're here to support you and your children every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school. Together, we can make this term a truly memorable one!

Take care and have a lovely weekend,

Miss Pridmore

## **Coats**

Please remember to send the children in with a coat. We want to make sure they stay nice and toasty during break times and outdoor activities. Plus, it's always good to be prepared for those unexpected rain showers!

## Children in Need 2023 – Advance notice



We will be supporting children in need again this year and would love it if the children could come into school on Friday 18th November in either **spots or stripes**. If you don't have anything spotty or stripy then anything colourful will do. We will be collecting cash donations on the gate in the morning.

## Dates to Remember 2023/2024

<u>2023 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	TEMPEST: School Photos – Individual and Siblings
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings (a google form to sign will be sent out to parents nearer the time)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying – Odd Socks Day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service at St. Michael's Church
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mawnan Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1-3pm 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 Old Church – 6pm

<u>2024 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Meetings (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)

# TEMPEST

## PHOTOGRAPHY

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, to take individual, sibling and family group photographs.

If you would like your pre-school child photographed with their school aged siblings, then you will need to be in the school hall from 8.15am. Photos with Pre-school siblings will take place between 8:30am-9:00am.

Due to the large number of children currently in school, the photographer must start the school photographs at 9am.

## Penryn Partnership Sports Leagues

### Basketball:

Mawnan 20 - 2 Perranarworthal

Mawnan 8- 6 Flushing

Mawnan Team 1 played this week. They played together as team incredibly well and won both matches.



On Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, the Nasal Flu Immunisations will be taking place. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you complete and return the consent forms. The deadline to complete the consent form, is midday on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The link is here: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The code for Mawnan school is: EE112002

## Topper Assembly

Following on from their topic of Cornish Tin Mining and Cornish Heritage, Topper class performed this afternoon in our celebration assembly. They performed the Wellerman and sang 'Going up Camborne Hill, and 'This is my Cornwall' beautifully. They did a fantastic job, well done Topper Class!



## Remembrance Day



Next week, we will be focusing on Remembrance Day. It is an important time to reflect and remember all those who have served our country. To show our support, we will have poppies and poppy-related items available for sale on the gate. All proceeds will go towards supporting veterans and their families. Let's come together as a school community and make a difference!

Mark your calendars, parents! On Tuesday, the 7th of November, our talented school photographer will be joining us to take individual and sibling photographs. It's the perfect opportunity to capture those precious moments of your little ones as they grow and learn at our wonderful school. So, make sure they come dressed in their best smiles!

### **Change of Date – KS2 Carol Service**

Please note that the 'KS2 Carol Service,' will now take place on Thursday, 14/12/2023.

More details to follow later.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Topper and Pico classes have today received Parent Meeting googles forms and Oppie, Fusion and Dart will have all received a form by Monday to sign up for a parent teacher meeting.

The meetings will take place in school during the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Our meeting week is dedicated time in our school calendar when we cancel all professional meetings and personal plans so please sign up, as we want to ensure that we see everyone. Please also ensure that you attend your meeting on time as lateness impacts on other parents.

We are really looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

## Mawnan School PTA Movie Night

Our very popular Mawnan Movie night is back. This is always a popular event and a great fundraiser for our PTA. Googles forms have been sent out today for this fun event.



Brought to you by  
Mawnan School PTA ...

# Movie Night

24 November  
School Hall

SHOWING 1 (KS1)  
3.15 - 4.45PM  
SHOWING 2 (KS2)  
5.00 - 7.00PM

**£5**  
INCLUDES A  
HOT DOG/VEG-DOG,  
POPCORN & SWEETS!  
(BYO DRINKS BOTTLE)

Blankets, bean bags & PJs welcome! :)

## 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 will be on sale after half term from the school office.

The Bango Christmas Raffle is now live.....



After providing hundreds of pounds worth of gifts and vouchers to good causes throughout Cornwall this year, we have decided to fundraise ourselves for a couple of causes our team want to support!

**We are now selling raffle tickets at £2 per ticket or 3 for £5 with all money received being split equally between the Penryn Foodbank and Mawnan Smith Primary School!**

Prizes include: A bottle of Bango Gin, 2 x Award Winning Duchy Charcuterie Packs, Free Bike Hire for 2 Voucher from Top Gear Bikes worth £45, A copy of The Sharps Brewery Just Add Beer Cookbook & a case of Offshore Pilsner, 2 x £25 Bango Kitchen Vouchers, Produce filled Hamper from West Country Fruit Sales, A Free Class Voucher from Embrace Dance Fitness, A Large Luxury Hamper from Letterbox Hampers, and MUCH more!

**Raffle will be drawn at 3pm at the Bango Christmas Fair on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023!**

**SPEAK TO OUR TEAM TO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

## Holidays during Term Time

As you may be aware, the school has always placed great importance on regular attendance and its positive impact on students' academic progress and overall development. Consistent attendance is crucial to ensure that children receive the education they deserve and have the best opportunity to reach their full potential.

However, in recent weeks, we have received a noticeable increase in the number of requests for holidays during term time. While we understand that there may be exceptional circumstances that warrant such requests, it is important to remember that any absence from school can disrupt a child's learning and impact their ability to keep up with the curriculum.

The school's policy regarding family holidays during term time is in line with the guidelines set by the Department for Education. We can only authorize absences in exceptional circumstances, such as family bereavement or illness, where documentary evidence is provided. Absences for reasons such as family holidays, birthdays, or visiting relatives are considered unauthorised and may result in penalties from the local authority. We strongly encourage you to plan family holidays during the designated school breaks to ensure your child does not miss out on valuable learning experiences.

We understand that there may be unique situations where taking a holiday during term time cannot be avoided. In such cases, we kindly request that you submit a 'request for leave during term time form' to the school office, explaining the exceptional circumstances and providing any supporting documents. Please note that each request will be considered on an individual basis, and that absence for holidays during term time will only be granted in exceptional cases.

Your commitment to your child's education is greatly appreciated, and together, we can ensure their success.



# 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.

[https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School\\_Admissions/](https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School_Admissions/)

The deadline for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**CORNWALL COUNCIL**  
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**Together for Families**

**Starting school**  
September 2024

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

**Attending a nursery or pre-school**  
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that 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.

**Information and guidance**  
Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

## Applying for a reception class place for September 2024

### 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](mailto: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 you will get your child to school. Go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://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 15 January 2024

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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: 16 April 2024. 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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# Will Keating Concert – 10 November



Will Keating will be performing a winter candlelit concert at Mawnan Parish Church on Friday 10th November at 7pm.

Tickets are available in advance from Toad Hall Cottages in the Square for £10, from <http://www.willkeatingcornwall.com/tickets> for £12, or on the door for £12.

Will Keating loves his home county of Cornwall. His passion for his county shines through in his music, but also in the venues he chooses for his Concert Tours. Mawnan Church is stunningly beautiful, steeped with history, and has fantastic acoustics for a concert! This is a very meaningful tour to Will Keating and his special guest.

## Term Dates

Our term dates and closure dates can be found here:

[https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/term\\_dates/521213](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

## Attendance

If your child is absent, please phone or email the school by 9:00am on the first day of absence and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.

### **Holiday during Term Time**

Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised. No flights or travel arrangements should be booked until the absence has been discussed with the Headteacher. Under current legislation parent/carers taking their child on an unauthorised holiday in term time could be subject to a fixed penalty fine. This is something we would like to avoid happening.

More information can be found on the Education Welfare Service website:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/education-welfareservice/#holidays>

If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine per child, per parent, of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

We have recently had a visit from our Educational Welfare Officer who has expressed their concern at the number of unauthorised holidays that are being taken during term time. This is a plea to ask that you think very carefully before taking your children on holiday in school term time. If unauthorised absences continue, not only will pupil learning be affected but the management of the school will be questioned by the Educational Welfare Officer and Ofsted.

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



September 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	

October 2023						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

November 2023						
Mon			6	13	20	27
Tue			7	14	21	28
Wed		1	8	15	22	29
Thurs		2	9	16	23	30
Fri		3	10	17	24	
Sat		4	11	18	25	
Sun		5	12	19	26	

December 2023					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

January 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

February 2024					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	
Sat	3	10	17	24	
Sun	4	11	18	25	

March 2024					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thurs		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

April 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

May 2024					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

June 2024					
Mon		3	10	17	24
Tue		4	11	18	25
Wed		5	12	19	26
Thurs		6	13	20	27
Fri		7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	2	9	16	23	30

July 2024					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thurs	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6	13	20	27	
Sun	7	14	21	28	

August 2024					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	4	11	18	25	

**School holidays**

**Bank holidays**

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	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.