

As we bid farewell to 2023, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible year we have had at Mawnan Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. It has truly been a year of success, growth, and achievement.

One of our proudest moments was the outcome of our Ofsted inspection in June 2023. We were thrilled to receive a Good and improving judgement, with the inspectors acknowledging our outstanding practice. They recognized that if we had undergone a full inspection, we could have been deemed an outstanding school. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

In October 2023, we also had our church school inspection, and we secured a J1 judgement. This means that our school is truly living up to its foundation as a Church school, and we are providing an environment where both pupils and adults can flourish. We are incredibly proud of this achievement.

Our statutory assessments this year also yielded exceptional results. Our Key Stage 2 SATs outcomes were truly remarkable, with progress in reading, writing, and maths well above both local and national averages. This is a testament to the commitment and effort of our wonderful children, who continue to shine brightly (see primary school league tables later in the newsletter).

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our incredible children for their hard work and dedication throughout 2023. Their enthusiasm and passion for learning are truly inspiring. I would also like to express my appreciation to our talented and dedicated staff team, who consistently provide high-quality education and care to our children. Their unwavering commitment to our school is truly commendable.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our team of governors for their support and dedication throughout this year.

We would like to thank all of our families for their unwavering support. Your involvement and partnership with the school are invaluable, and we are grateful for the trust you place in us.

As we look ahead to 2024, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for another brilliant year at Mawnan School. We will return to school on **Thursday 4th January 2024**, ready to continue our journey.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Warmest regards,

Jílly Prídmore

## **Next Week**

Next week will be short buy very lovely. I am thrilled to confirm that we will have a special visitor coming to see us on Tuesday afternoon. It promises to be a magical experience for all.

# **Oppie and Topper Class Nativity**

Congratulations to the Oppie and Topper Class for their outstanding performance of this year's nativity. The children truly shone on stage, captivating the audience with their talent and enthusiasm. It was a joy to witness their hard work and commitment paying off. A huge congratulations to all the children involved, as well as their teachers and support staff who have worked tirelessly to make this production a success. Well done, everyone!



## Key Stage 2 Candlelit Carols

It was wonderful to have our school community in church on Thursday evening for our annual KS2 Candlelit Carols. It was a truly magical evening, filled with joy and celebration. The children's singing was exceptional, their reading excellent and their renditions of traditional carols brought happiness to us all. Thank you to all the staff and children who worked tirelessly to make this special event such a resounding success.



### Squash Box Theatre

Squash Box Theatre gave us a real treat this afternoon. The show was called Stones and bones and took us on an adventure, bringing a fossilised dinosaur and prehistoric cave man back to life, meeting an explorer Dr Jones, a rock called Rocky, a naughty dinosaur and a druid.

The hall was full of laughter, cheer, hilarity, music, magic and fun. Thank you to our PTA for funding this memorable afternoon.



### **Christmas School Dinner**

On Wednesday we had our festive Christmas Roast Turkey Dinner. It was delicious and enjoyed by all, the pigs in blankets being a definite favourite!

We would like to thank our wonderful Kitchen team Katie and Pip for all the hard work they do throughout the year to provide our children with healthy, hearty meals and warm smiles!



# **Mawnan School PTA Raffle Prizes**



# Thank you PTA

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks to our hardworking Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for all of their work this year.

This term, they have gone above and beyond to provide our school with some wonderful opportunities and fundraising events. From enjoyable film nights to the excitement of secret Santa, from thrilling raffles to stylish tote bags, our PTA has been incredibly busy. The funds raised by the PTA play a vital role in ensuring that our library remains well stocked, the swimming bus trips are heavily subsidized, our curriculum resources are enhanced, and our students receive well-deserved treats. We are truly grateful for their tireless efforts and unwavering support.

#### Christmas Event Calendar



# Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight 5pm at St Mawnan

St Mawnan 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.

#### Of course, you are welcome at all our Christmas Services:

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

10.30 Lessons and Carols with Nativity scenes - joint with the Methodists, at St Mawnan

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 Celtic Christmas at St Michael

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 Christmas Day Celebration Communion at St Michael

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



# Primary School League Tables 2023



I am delighted to share with you the fantastic news that Mawnan School has achieved outstanding results in the recently published Primary School League Tables for 2023. Our school's performance compared to all schools in Cornwall is truly remarkable, and I am incredibly proud of our dedicated staff and hardworking students.

In terms of progress, we have achieved exceptional rankings in all key areas. Mawnan School is currently ranked 10th for average reading progress score, 18th for average writing progress score, and an impressive 6th for average maths progress score. These results demonstrate the excellent teaching and support provided by our staff, enabling our students to make significant strides in their academic journey.

When it comes to attainment, our school continues to excel. We are joint 13th out of the 269 schools in Cornwall for pupils achieving expected standard in reading, writing and maths, with an impressive 80% of our students reaching this milestone. Additionally, we are proud to announce that we are ranked 13th for pupils achieving greater depth in reading, writing and maths, with 20% of our students meeting this standard.

Mawnan School stands at an impressive joint 3rd place for average reading score and an outstanding 2nd place for average maths score in county. These achievements reflect the high standards we set for our children and the dedication they show towards their education.

For those who wish to explore the league tables further, I encourage you to visit the following link: <u>https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables</u>

Thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring that your children attend school every day, that they read every day at home and for valuing and supporting your children's learning journey. Together, we can continue to provide a nurturing environment where our learners thrive academically and personally.

## Breakfast Club from January 2024

Breakfast Club takes place between 8:00 am and 8:40 am every day.

Breakfast consists of orange or apple juice, choice of cereal, toast, a selection of fruit and yoghurt.

Numbers are limited, so booking is essential. You can make a booking for the whole year, or if spaces allow, you can book for a 'one off' session.



To book, please email breakfastclub@mawnanschool.com or phone the school office on 01326 250660:

- All 'one off' sessions **must** be pre-booked by **4pm** on a Wednesday, for places required for the following week, to enable us to order the correct amount of food.
- In an emergency, please **call** the school office by **no later than 4pm** the day before the breakfast is required.

The cost is £3 per child per day. Payment is made via your child's ParentPay account. (Unlike school dinners, this is for payment only and does not book your child's place at Breakfast Club.)

## After School Clubs January 2024

Our After-School clubs will all be starting the week commencing 08/01/2024 and ending the week of 18/03/2024.

There is no cost for the majority of these clubs thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers and staff.

As Cooking club is limited on numbers, it will have 10 Year 3 & 4 pupils for the first half term and then 10 different Year 3 & 4 pupils for the second half of Term.

Netball club is having a break for the first half Term and will resume in February.

Day	Club	Year Group	Cost
Monday	Hockey with Tom Holway	Years 5 & 6	None thanks to volunteer
Monday	Embrace Dance	Years 1 & 2	None
Tuesday	Football with Christian	Years 5 & 6	None thanks to volunteer
Tuesday	Girls Maths Club – Mrs Davies This is an invite only club	Years 3 & 4	None
Tuesday	Boys Maths Club– Mr Barnes This is an invite only club	Years 3 & 4	None
Thursday	Drama Club (20 Max) Mrs Churcher, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Atkin <b>FULL</b>	Years 1 & 2	None
Thursday	Cooking Club (10 Max - changing to another 10 pupils after half term) Miss Law and Jacky	Years 3 & 4	£10 per child
Thursday	Running/Multi Sports (20 Max) Mrs Watson and Mrs Timmins	Years 3 & 4	None
Thursday	Embrace Cheer	Years 4 & 5	None

Google forms have been sent out for these clubs.





## 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a Tech-Free Christmas

There's no disputing how integral the digital world has become to modern life It can prove difficult for many young people to stay off smart phones, tablets and other devices for a single day – even one as special as Christmas. In fact, according to a survey by e-commerce platform Groupon, almost 80% of parents and carers would prefer a festive period that's free

from technology </u>

Going online, of course, is useful for checking in with friends and relations who we can't be with, or for arranging celebrations – but if we allow gadgets to dominate our Yuletide break, that precious time could pass in a flash. We've got suggestions for keeping a handle on device use over the holidays, so your family can be truly together this Christmas.



Welcome to the December 2023 Scomis (	Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers
Remember—Set up devices!	Reminder—Be a good digital parent!
With Christmas almost upon us, Scomis would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important safety points to consider if your child is likely to receive a: SMART device (TV, Speaker—Alexa, Google) new mobile phone (Android/iPhone) games console tablet PC or laptop Consider the following tips: Make sure the device is working correctly Charge it up Set up the device and try it before you wrap it up Check the parental controls Check the safety settings Ensure filtering is applied to your home's Wi-Fi Need help with the above points. Check advice published on the following websites: Internet Matters Parental controls View and download their <u>checklist</u> . Parentzone Setting up new technology Access Parentzone's library of resources here. Read their complete guide to	<ul> <li>Keen your passwords safe and do not share them</li> <li>Schedule notifications to turn off for certain times of the day</li> <li>Think about what you are sharing online. Are you sharing too much and putting your kids in danger?</li> <li>Give practical tips for dealing with unwanted content, conduct or contact</li> <li>Show your child how to take screen shots</li> <li>Reassure your child that they can talk to you or another trusted adult to ask for help</li> <li>Need help? Visit the following websites for more guidance: Vodafone's Digital Parenting Helping your family live a happy and safe digital life</li> <li>Childnet's Parent and Carers Toolkit. Access to resources offering practical tips on keeping your child safe online, including: Parents and Carers Resource Sheet</li> <li>UK Safer Internets Centre's</li> <li>Advice on key online issues includes guidance on how to report, when to report, where to report. Internet Matters</li> </ul>
setting up <u>SMART toys and speakers</u> Childnet review advice on <u>Screen Time</u> and boundaries. Find out what the <u>'experts'</u> and <u>'parents'</u> say. Find out what <u>children and young people</u> think UK Safer Internet Centre's <u>Parent Guide</u> Advice on using:	Helping parents keep their children safe online find out about trending topics such as market place Apps like Temu. Online Safety resources for children with SEND
SMART speakers safely includes setting up parental controls SMART TVs includes how to use safely and parental controls Games Consoles includes top tips to stay safe - think about the location of the game console! NSPCC Find out all about <u>CHAT Apps</u> and how to keep your child safe when using: WhatsApp; KiK; Telegram; Omegle; Gaming Chats; Chat Rooms; <u>Live Streaming and Video Apps</u> Try the NSPCC's <u>Online Safety quiz</u> STOP PRESS! In this newsletter, we have also included a link to Netflix's <u>Help Centre for setting up Parental Controls</u> Learn how to:	NSPCC partnering with Ambitious about Autism, have created online safety tips, advice and activities for parents and carers of children with SEND, including children with dyslexia, autism and speech and language difficulties. Access resources listed below: Sharing personal details Friendships online One-page profile Cyberbullying for children with SEND visual article Talking to people online for children with SEND visual article
Create a profile for kids Set profile maturity ratings or block titles Turn autoplay previews on or off Access viewing history for a profile Remember — Talk to your child about Online Safety! Do you know the key issues?	Remember — Many devices now connect to the Internet!           • Internet connected devices can send and receive data           Examples of internet connected devices include:           • Doorbells, CCTV, Toys, robots, drones and much more           If not set up properly, the risks include being hacked:           • Software developers or hackers may be connected to your device without your knowledge
Visit the following websites to find out: Parentzone – <u>Guides for parents</u> review digital guides, advice and videos on social media including: <u>Cyber Security, Virtual Reality, Loot Boxes</u> and much more <u>CommonSense Media – Age based media reviews</u> for families, including Games, Apps, Films and TV, books. <u>ThinkUKnow - Advice on keeping your under 5 safe</u> Learn about <u>Jessie &amp; Friends</u> —advice for 4-7 year olds. Watch the advice films for 8-10 year olds Review the <u>advice for 11-18 year olds</u> <b>Get Safe Online</b> advice on how to <u>protect yourself</u> , your family, your finances and devices online during the festive	Baby monitors, children's tablets, drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home. Find out how to keep you and your family safe and visit the <u>NSPCC's website</u> HELP IN THE HOLIDAYS!      Don't forget! advice is just a phone call away from the <u>NSPCC</u> helpline 0808 800 5000 Childline 0800 1111 Websites to check: <u>Childrenet's Parent and Carer's</u> Toolkit
season.	ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents Your ICT Partner Your ICT Partner

## **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



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

06 May 2024 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.



# An art dub for children that.

- Provides a safe artistic space where children aged 6 -16 have time to do long-term projects.
- Uses professional materials and delivers an in-depth art education.
- Builds children's confidence and self-esteem.
- Advises students studying GCSE how to build-up their sketchbook.

Mediums explored include: watercolours, acrylics, pastels, pencil, clay, papier maché. All materials are provided. Adults classes and private tuition also available.

Contact us\_ ssion Times Barras Moor Farm, Perranarworthal, 14.00 - 15.30 (home educated group) Tuesday 16.30 - 17.45 Truto, Cornwall TR3 7PE 10.30 - 12.00 (home educated group) Wednesday If you are interested in joining art-K 16.30 - 17.45 please contact Sara on 07852 674316, Thursday 16.30 - 17.45 email her at sara@art-k.co.uk or visit us online at www.art-k.co.uk Saturday 9.30 - 11, 11.30 - 13.00 & 14.00 - 15.30 ic oil watercolour mixed media modelling collage