

# 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 8th December 2023

## Advent Adventures

We are thrilled to share that on Thursday afternoon, all of Year 1 and Year 2 students had an incredible experience at St Michael's Church for an afternoon filled with Advent Adventures! This special trip allowed our children to delve into the significance of Advent and gain a deeper understanding of the traditions practiced by Christians during this time.

They actively participated in retelling the Christmas story and learned about the beautiful colours that grace the church during Advent and Christmas.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rev Johanna and Jane Wheeler Schools, our Families Lead, for their meticulous planning and exceptional delivery of this unforgettable afternoon.





## Winter Music Concert

Well done to all of our talented musicians who gave an outstanding performance at our winter music concert on Monday afternoon! 🎵🎄 It was a truly magical showcase of the children's musical ability and talent. We would like to express our gratitude to Pico, Fusion, and Dart Class for their amazing performances. A special thank you goes to Mr Hatherly, our dedicated music teacher, for nurturing and fostering a love for music within our school.

## Christingle

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended our enchanting Christingle service at St Michael's Church on Thursday. The children showcased their incredible talent and sang brilliantly. Thank you for returning your Christingle Candles with your generous donations for the Children's Society.





# Secret Santa

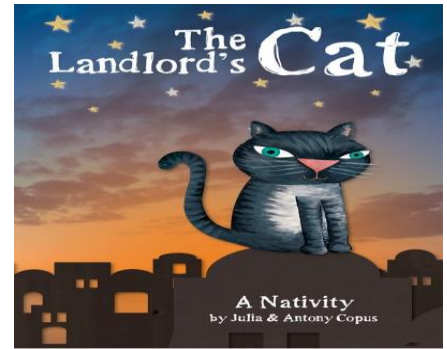
Our annual secret Santa shop brought much excitement and joy to all this week. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the PTA for their unwavering commitment in organizing this event. I would also like to express my gratitude to the WI for their invaluable support, as well as to all of you who contributed with kind donations, making this delightful occasion possible. We really hope that you enjoy opening your wonderful gifts on Christmas Day!





## Oppie and Topper Class Nativity

The Oppie and Topper Nativity, titled 'The Landlord's Cat', promises to be a remarkable performance. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children in Oppie and Topper Class the very best of luck. They have put in tremendous effort and dedication, and I am certain that they will captivate your hearts with their talent.



## Key Stage 2 Candlelit Carols



We would like to remind 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 last week). 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.

Please could you inform your child's teacher if your child is unable to attend this event.

## Squashbox Theatre

We are thrilled to announce that Squashbox Theatre will be visiting our school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> afternoon. This Christmas treat for the children has been made possible by the generous funding from our PTA. We eagerly anticipate an afternoon filled with fun and laughter. The show is in the afternoon so **there will be no celebration assembly.**

## Netball

Yesterday, Gill and Jazz took our Year 6 Netball team to Bodmin Leisure Centre to take part in the Netball Cornwall School Games Summer Finals. Mawnan demonstrated exemplary behaviour, incredible team work and played amazingly well winning every game! They drew on points with Cornish Bishop School however, as other points were collected along the way they lost out by a point receiving the silver. We are incredibly proud of these players and their amazing achievement!

A huge thank you to Gill who does such a fantastic job in coaching our Netballers and also to Zander and Sarah for giving up their day to take the team to Bodmin!



## Mawnan School PTA Raffle Prizes

### MAWNAN PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

- Meudon Hotel afternoon tea for two
- The Red Lion £50 food & drinks voucher
- The Ferryboat voucher
- Harbour Lights fish & chips voucher
- Stones Bakery cafe voucher
- Falmouth Phoenix Cinema 2 tickets
- Embrace Dance Fitness 5 Class Pass Gift Card
- Star Glazers Pottery workshop voucher
- The Natural Store food £50 gift voucher
- Sessions surf shop T shirt
- Jewell Podiatry voucher
- Bishop Phillpott St Mawes Scentroom candle
- Louise Daykin Prints handmade Xmas decorations

*£1 per ticket  
/£5 per strip*

Next sale at the nativity performances.

To be drawn at the last sale, Dec 18 2023



## 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.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Like all UK businesses, we have experienced significant inflationary pressures. As has been widely reported in the media, these pressures have particularly impacted the price of food.

We have been working hard over recent months to absorb these costs through menu changes and negotiating with our suppliers.

However, with inflation continuing to rise, we will be increasing the price of the meal served at your child's school to £2.53, effective from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



All menus will continue to provide children a choice of nutritious and delicious meals, while complying with the Government's nutritional guidelines, and catering for those with allergies.

We want to assure you that the decision to take this action was not taken lightly. We will always continue to do all that we can to provide you the best possible value for money.

Kind Regards,

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## Christmas Event Calendar

Date	Event	What you need to know
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity dress rehearsal for KS2	Tickets were sent home on Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Oppie and Topper Nativity at 2pm	Each family were given two tickets for the afternoon performance and two tickets for the evening performance.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Oppie and Topper Nativity at 6pm	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> 	You can view the menu and <a href="#">bookable on ParentPay now.</a>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Key Stage 2 Candlelit Carols</b> at St Mawnan Church (old church).	<p>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.</p> <p>We strongly recommend lift sharing as the parking at the Church is <u>very</u> limited.</p>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		<p>For our last day of term, we would like all of the children to come into school in their <b>sparkliest clothes</b> (non-uniform).</p> <p>We will also be having our class parties on this day and a special visitor will be coming to join us!</p>





## **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, TR11 5HY - St Michael, Carwinion Road, TR11 5JG

## 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.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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 Love Maths – Mrs Davies <b>This is an invite only club</b>	Years 3 & 4	None
Tuesday	Boys Love Maths – Mr Barnes <b>This is an invite only club</b>	Years 3 & 4	None
Thursday	Drama Club (20 Max) Mrs Churcher, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Atkin	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.

Girls love Maths and Boys love Maths will be by invite only – a Google Form for these clubs will be sent out before the end of term.



# Kindness Advent Calendar

In the spirit of giving, challenge yourself to perform an act of kindness each and every day leading up to Christmas.

- 1 Make a card for your neighbour.
- 2 Give someone a compliment.
- 3 Hold the door for someone.
- 4 Tidy your room.
- 5 Help to make breakfast, lunch or dinner.
- 6 Share a smile!
- 7 Thank someone who helps you.
- 8 Draw a picture for a friend.
- 9 Gather used clothes or toys for a local charity.
- 10 Invite a new friend to play.
- 11 Share a funny animal meme or video with someone.
- 12 Help around the house without being asked.
- 13 Pick up litter.
- 14 Do a random act of kindness for someone.
- 15 Tell an adult you appreciate them and why.
- 16 Donate food to a local food bank.
- 17 Thank a teacher for all that they do!
- 18 Give someone you love a hug.
- 19 Call a relative that lives far away.
- 20 Make someone laugh.
- 21 Leave a happy note for a friend.
- 22 Donate a book to your library.
- 23 Share your toys with a friend or sibling.
- 24 Tell your family you love them.

Merry Christmas!

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## XMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

from just £25 PER day...

### 2 DAY XMAS SUPERCAMP | 20th & 21st DEC | AGES 5-14

In association with Active Cornwall and the Time2Move Holiday programme, our Xmas SuperCamps are free of charge for eligible free school meal children and their families (this does not include children eligible for EY FSM funding). Those eligible for FSM codes can obtain them by visiting [cornwall.gov.uk/time2move](http://cornwall.gov.uk/time2move). Free school meal pupils will be provided with a meal on the day of their activity. Parent/carer(s) wishing to use childcare vouchers, please select 'Childcare Voucher' option at checkout.

**FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK:**  
[WWW.MYEDVENTURE.CO.UK](http://WWW.MYEDVENTURE.CO.UK)

TIME MOVE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

active CORNWALL

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



# Meet Santa at the drive through Christmas grotto at Falmouth Fire Station!

Open from 4:30-7:30pm on the  
10th and 11th of December



Santa Claus himself is flying in specially to hand out small gifts to the local children and wish them a very Merry Christmas. Families can drive through the festively decorated station grounds, experiencing the enchanting sights and sounds of Christmas with Mabe Ladies Choir, then meeting Santa in his grotto. All from the comfort of your car.

We are asking for donations towards The Fire Fighters Charity. Find more information at [Facebook.com/FalmouthFireStation](https://www.facebook.com/FalmouthFireStation)





# App Update

## Anonymous apps like Omegle

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/why-teens-use-anonymous-apps-like-omegle/>

## WhatsApp

Recently Whatsapp created, 'locked chats'. The original feature created a visible locked folder for chats to be stored in. As of this month Whatsapp have now added an extra layer to this by hiding the locked folder so that it cannot be seen that you have a locked chat.



To access the locked chats you now enter a code into the search menu and they will appear, making it impossible for parents to check a child's messages if they have used this feature. This is a really worrying upgrade to an app accessed by very young children and one that we felt you need to be aware of

<https://blog.whatsapp.com/introducing-secret-code-for-chat-lock>

## What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Disney+

More than 150 million subscribers worldwide Disney+ has enjoyed a steady rise in popularity since launching four years ago: the platform's deep library of treasured old-school animated favourites, modern classics and original series means that it can offer a rich seam of engrossing content that caters for young and not-so-young users alike

Of course, a consequence of this approach is the presence of the sort of age-inappropriate material one might not expect to find on the platform, given Disney's fabled status as a purveyor of family entertainment. There's useful advice in avoiding this pitfall (and more besides) in this guide, as Disney+ comes under the microscope.

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+**

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- LESS SUITABLE CONTENT**  
While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings' below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.
- BINGE WATCHING**  
With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could distract children from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.
- PHISHING EMAILS**  
Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.
- ENCRUCHING ADVERTS**  
Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 8+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.
- ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES**  
If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

- ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS**  
When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 8 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 8+, 9+, 10+ or 14+.
- ADD PIN PROTECTION**  
Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.
- TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY**  
When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.
- ENJOY AS A FAMILY**  
When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

**Meet Our Expert**

Dr Claire Summerbell is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and online safety policies in schools. She has written various academic papers and contributed to research for the Australian government concerning internet use and online behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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# 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.



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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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# 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

### 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	31

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.