

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 17th November 2023

Children in Need

Thank you for your incredible support in helping us to raise funds for Children in Need. Thanks to your generosity, our school community managed to raise a staggering **£265.40!** This money will go a long way in supporting children across the country who are in need of our help. Your kindness and willingness to contribute truly embodies the spirit of compassion and empathy that we strive to instil in our children. Thank you once again for making a difference!

**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**






Together, we can
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Penryn Partnership Sports Leagues

Basketball:

I am delighted to announce the outstanding achievements of our school's basketball team this week. This week they played against Mylor and won 8 points to 0.

Our Team 1 have shown incredible skill and determination, securing victory in their recent matches. Congratulations to each member of the team for their hard work and dedication. Your success is a testament to your resilience and teamwork, and we are incredibly proud of you all.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending parent-teacher meetings this week. Your presence and involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and it is through collaboration and open communication that we can ensure their success. It was a pleasure meeting with each and every one of you, and I hope you found the meetings informative and helpful. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

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 currently being printed and will be available for purchase in December. 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.

Dates to Remember 2023/2024

<u>2023 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thurs 7 th Dec	Christingle Service at St. Michael's Church
Fri 8 th Dec	Mawnan Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 11 th Dec	1-3pm Oppie & Topper Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tues 12 th Dec	2pm (for a 2:15pm start) Oppie & Topper Nativity Afternoon Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Wed 13 th Dec	6-7pm Oppie & Topper Nativity Evening Performance
Thurs 14 th Dec	KS2 Carol Service – Mawnan Old Church – 6pm

<u>2024 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon 4 th – Fri 8 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings (a google form to sign will be sent out to parents nearer the time)
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day
Fri 8 th March	Mother's Day breakfast
Thurs 25 th April	TEMPEST: Class Photographs
Friday 14 th June	Father's Day breakfast
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day
Fri 12 th July	Sports Day (reserve date)

School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 21st November. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Mawnan Film Night

On Friday 24th November Mawnan School PTA will be hosting a film night for the children.

There will be two showings; an earlier showing is for children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Oppie and Topper) and a later showing is for the children in Key Stage 2 (Pico, Fusion and Dart).

This is a fundraising event so we are asking for a donation of £5 for each child. In return for your £5 donation, your child will get a hotdog, popcorn and some sweets (veggie and vegan options will be available). We would like the children to have their water bottles with them so that they can have a drink when they need it and this will reduce spillages!

Money will be collected on the door. We will be putting the gym mats on the floor and the children are welcome to bring in covers, cushions and to wear comfortable clothes.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 starts at 3:15pm and collection is at 5pm (if your children are staying for the film you do not need to collect them at 3:15pm)

Key Stage 2 starts at 5:15pm and collection is at 7:00pm.

Entry and collection will be from the main office door only. The Oppie and Topper children that are attending will go straight from their class into the hall at the end of the day.

We would like you to sign up via the google form that has already been emailed to you, if you'd like your child to attend the film night. This will help the PTA know how many children to cater for.

The children have voted for the film that they would like to see and we will be showing the following:

Oppie and Topper



Pico, Fusion and Dart



Christmas Dinner 2023

Our school Christmas Dinner will be served on **Wednesday, 13th 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.



What Parents and Carers Need to Know about Smart TVs

Smart TVs are the future of home entertainment ... but how safe is that future? The percentage of UK households that own a smart TV has leapt from 11% to 74% in less than ten years – and that proportion is only expected to increase further as more viewers discover the various benefits of these sophisticated systems.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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Cut Your Carbon

At Mawnan School, we take pride in our commitment to sustainability and protecting our environment. Throughout November, we will be encouraging our students to think about their carbon footprint and the steps they can take to reduce it. From walking or biking to school to turning off lights when not in use, these small changes can make a big impact. As parents and guardians, your support in reinforcing these eco-friendly habits at home is greatly appreciated. We would love to know how you are getting on with the challenges

WE'RE TAKING PART IN

CUT YOUR CARBON

Throughout November, we're challenging all pupils to complete 9 small, carbon-cutting actions, at home, with the help of friends and family.

Completing these challenges will raise awareness, change behaviours, and cut carbon - a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change.

All pupils will bring home a checklist on November 1st, outlining the simple, easy-to-deliver actions. This will help you to tick them off throughout the month.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

IT'S TIME TO CUT YOUR CARBON!

Find out more!

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 3rd December 2023!

SPEAK TO OUR TEAM TO BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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 are now on sale from the school office.

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/>

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.



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
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

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

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 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

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

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
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

October 2023				
Mon	2	9	16	23
Tue	3	10	17	24
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

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

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

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
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

January 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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

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

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)

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
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

April 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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
Thurs	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
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
Sun	2	9	16	23

July 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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

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

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.