



# Mawnan CE VA School Newsletter

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



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

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**

## **Mawnan Memory Day**

I am pleased to share our plans for the upcoming Mawnan Memory Day, scheduled for Friday, 29th November. This day promises to be a poignant and meaningful occasion for our entire school community. The centrepiece of this special event will be the official opening of our Reading Barn, a special memorial building that stands as a testament to Mr Barnes' enduring spirit and love for learning. We are honoured that Orson has volunteered to cut the ribbon and unveil the commemorative plaque, marking the beginning of a new chapter in our school's story.



We will also be having a day of outside learning. The inspiration for this day's activities came from the children, who eloquently suggested that we honour the memory of Mr. B by engaging in the outdoor activities he so cherished.

In line with this beautiful sentiment, we have arranged a day of engaging outdoor bushcraft learning, to be facilitated by the local company, Footsteps of Discovery. This hands-on experience will allow our children to connect with nature, learn valuable skills, light fires and create lasting memories. We kindly request that all children come dressed in comfortable, warm outdoor clothing to fully participate in these activities.

It is our sincere hope that Mawnan Memory Day will be filled with reflection, learning, and joy as we come together to honour Mr Barnes and all he meant to our school community.

We are mindful of the weather conditions and will postpone the outdoor learning element until spring if the forecast does not improve as expected towards the end of next week.

## Ofsted Report

I hope that you have had the opportunity to read our outstanding Ofsted report. The recognition of our school's achievements is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community. If you haven't yet had the chance to peruse the report, it is available on our school website. We are immensely proud of this achievement and deeply appreciate your congratulations and kind messages.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended the recent parent-teacher meetings. These conversations are invaluable in supporting your child's progress, and we appreciate your engagement and partnership in their educational journey.

## Touch Rugby League

On Wednesday our Year 6 Touch Rugby Team had their second round of matches. They played exceptionally well and managed to come away with a win against both Penryn and Perranarworthal. We are very proud of the way this team are playing together, communicating with each other and enjoying the game. Well done team!

# Staffing Updates

## Acting Assistant Headteachers

I am delighted to announce that Catherine Prosser and Jen Law have been appointed as Mawnan's new Acting Assistant Headteachers following recent interviews. Both of these talented educators have made exceptional contributions to our school's effectiveness, and I look forward to working with them in their new roles as Senior Leaders.

## Hannah Martin

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to Hannah Martin, who will be leaving Mawnan to take up a new position as Education Support Officer at Penryn College. Mrs Martin has been an integral part of our school community for many years, contributing significantly not only as a teaching assistant but also as a parent and proactive member of the PTA. Her last day will be Friday 13th December, and we will be holding a farewell assembly at 2:40pm on that day to celebrate her contributions and wish her well in her new endeavours.

We are currently advertising for a Teaching Assistant, more details can be found here:

[https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/teaching\\_assistant\\_november\\_2024/700731](https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/teaching_assistant_november_2024/700731)

## Wraparound

We still haven't had any interest in these positions. Please could you share these links with anyone who you think might be interested in working with our wonderful children.

[https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/wraparound\\_playleader\\_/696866](https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/wraparound_playleader_/696866)

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## Dates to Remember

<u>Dates 2024</u>	<u>Events</u>
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Candlelit Carol Concert
17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity (time tbc)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity (time tbc)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Return to School

## Mawnan Christmas Lights Leaf Lantern Workshops



As part of the Mawnan Christmas Lights switch on this year on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 we will be offering some fun crafty workshops in school to come and make your own leaf lantern. The lanterns will be part of a small lantern procession and then help to light up our school choir who will be singing that evening.

The workshops will be held on a choice of two days – you can drop in at any time on the Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November after school in the hall between 3.30 and 4.30pm on these dates. Children will attend the workshops with an adult to help with the making of their lantern. Children attending clubs on those evenings are welcome to come at 4.15 to make their lanterns.

You will need to bring a cylinder shaped cheese box for each lantern you want to make (camembert/dairy Lea box etc.) and some collected dry autumnal leaves/pressed flowers/seed heads to decorate. All the other materials including LED tealights will be provided.

Google Form to sign up will be emailed out.



# 10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators

## EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Findings from the Money and Pensions Service have only 47% of children in the UK have received a meaningful financial education. Money management is a vital part of being an adult, and an exceptionally important skill that will benefit children for their entire lives. Having the knowledge and self-control to let savings build up interest – or avoid an impulse buy – can ensure that children go into adulthood at a significantly lower risk of financial difficulty. With Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales fast approaching, now is a great time to help children understand the value of money.



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Of course, it can feel daunting when attempting to teach people about something as complicated as money and responsible budgeting, but there are several options at your disposal. To break down these options, we've put together this guide in collaboration with financial education app GoHenry, helping you teach children and young people all they need to know about spending and saving.



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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

## 1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

## 2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

## 3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

## 4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

## 5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

## 6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

## 7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

## 8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

## 9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

## 10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

## Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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