

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 5th January 2024

Happy New Year and welcome back to School! I hope you all had a fantastic break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

I am delighted to report that the children have settled back into school brilliantly this week. They have come in with smiles on their faces and a spring in their step, ready to launch themselves into their new learning expeditions. It's so wonderful to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn!

As we dive into the new term, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to all the parents and carers for your continued support. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we truly appreciate all that you do. Together, we can make this year a memorable and successful one for our children. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open.

The weather forecast is looking quite promising for the weekend. It seems like we might finally have a few rain-free sunny days to enjoy. Have a lovely weekend.

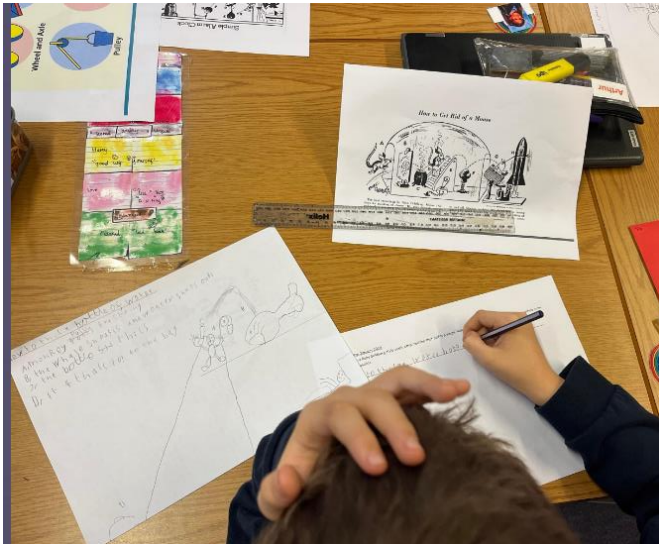
Warmest wishes,

Miss Pridmore

Class Activities

Yesterday **Pico** had a jam-packed mechanical investigation day as part of their Human Ingenuity - Mechanical Inventions Topic. They studied the 6 simple types of machines, played with different machines, found out about the cartoonist Rube Goldberg and adopted his style to invent their own simple machine comics.

They also tested contact and non-contact forces in Science and tried to make a class giant marble run.



Topper and **Fusion class** had fantastic fun during PE this week, using indoor apparatus, concentrating on balance, climbing, gymnastics, jumping and core strength.



Holidays during Term Time

Mawnan 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.

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. 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.

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.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Monday	Hockey with Tom Holway	Years 5 & 6	None
Monday	Embrace Dance	Years 1 & 2	None
Tuesday	Football with Christian	Years 5 & 6	None
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 FULL	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

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 *one and all - one language* **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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Top Tips for Managing Screen Time

99% of current children will own a smartphone before they reach 18 📱👤 With phones and other devices offering an increasing number of ways to pass the time, it can prove difficult for young people to set them aside. As a gateway to messaging services, games, television, music and more, digital devices can become borderline indispensable items in a young person's life.

Studies have shown, however, that managing a child's screen time can have positive impacts on their cognitive development. This week, our #WakeUpWednesday guide provides you with some simple but effective tips to help you bring your family's screen time down to a healthier level, while suggesting alternative activities that are far less reliant on technology.

See email attachment for e-Safety 'Managing Screen Time' Tips.

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	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	

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	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	

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	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	31
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	

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.