



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Parent Teacher Meetings

The meetings will take place in school during the week beginning Monday 18th November. Google forms to sign up for a meeting were sent today.

Please sign up quickly to ensure that you get a meeting at time that suits your needs.

Our meeting week is dedicated time in our school calendar when we cancel all professional meetings and personal plans so please sign up, as we want to ensure that we see everyone. Please also ensure that you attend your meeting on time as lateness impacts on other parents. We are really looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

Please note the there is a slight change to our enrichment clubs due to these meetings and some clubs will not be running because of staff and room availability.

The following clubs will be cancelled for that week only:

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>: Embrace Dance Year 1 & 2

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>: Embrace Dance Year 3 & 4

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>: Construction Club Year 1 & 2

We apologise for the inconvenience. All other clubs will continue as normal.

# After School enrichment Clubs



Our enrichment clubs continue to be hugely popular and our pupils are enjoying all the activities both relaxing and energetic!





## Remembrance Day

Next week, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day, a solemn occasion that provides an opportunity for reflection and gratitude. On Monday, we will be holding a special assembly to mark this important day.

During this assembly, our pupils will participate in observing the traditional two-minute silence at 11 am, joining millions across the nation in a moment of unified remembrance.

I am particularly proud to announce that Dart Class has been selected to represent our school at the village service in the Memorial Hall. This is a great honour and responsibility, one that I am confident our pupils will undertake with the utmost respect and dignity. They have been entrusted with the privilege of laying the crosses, a symbolic act of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Additionally, they will recite "In Flanders Fields", the poignant poem that has become synonymous with Remembrance Day.

As we commemorate Remembrance Day, we are also mindful that it marks six months since the passing of our beloved Mr Barnes. His absence continues to be felt deeply within our school community, and we believe it is important to acknowledge this milestone. Next week, we will be engaging in thoughtful discussions with our pupils, seeking their input on how they would like to remember Mr Barnes. This collaborative approach ensures that our commemorative efforts are both meaningful and reflective of the impact Mr Barnes had on our school.



## Children in Need 2024

We will be supporting children in need again this year and would love it if the children could come into school on **Friday 15th November in either spots or stripes**. If you don't have anything spotty or stripy then anything colourful will do. We will be collecting cash donations on the gate in the morning.



## Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. This focus week presents a wonderful opportunity for our children to deepen their understanding of bullying and learn effective strategies to manage any instances they may encounter.

**Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November**, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



We are really proud that our school continues to foster a safe and inclusive environment for all our pupils. *According to our recent Ofsted inspection in June 2023, our students reported that bullying is extremely rare at Mawnan School. Should any incidents occur, our dedicated staff members are quick to address and resolve them.* This positive feedback is a testament to our commitment to creating a nurturing and supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive.



and remind adults  
to lead by example,

## 10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators

# ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Statistics from this week's experts – the Anti-Bullying Alliance – reveal that 40% of children in the UK have suffered some form of bullying within the last year, with the most common experience being name-calling and verbal abuse. While it can have several causes, this kind of behaviour is commonly seen when a disagreement between two youngsters gets out of hand and emotions take over.



Many children are still learning how to conduct themselves, and it can be difficult for them to know how to act when faced with someone who disagrees with them, or otherwise find themselves in conflict with another person. It can also be tricky for parents and educators to teach them how to resolve disputes in a mature and healthy manner. By teaming up with the ABA for Anti-Bullying Week, we're bringing you expert advice on encouraging children to choose respect.





# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

## 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

## 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

## 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening; that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

## 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

## 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

## 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

## 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

## 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

## 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

## 10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

## Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/choose-respect>



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## School Photographer

Hatchbox Photography came in yesterday for our individual school photos. Your child was given a slip with their QR code (check your child's bag). You can go online and view images - the initial order window for free school delivery closes on **Sunday 17th November 2024** - this is also when the discount 10% off voucher expires.

If you misplace your slip before placing an order, you can email [photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk](mailto:photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk) or use the website contact form link here - [Contact - HatchBox Photography](#)

## Secret Santa

Thank you to all for your donations of unwanted or preloved items so far. We would greatly appreciate as many donations as possible as we are still very short of donations. Please bring your donations to the box in the entrance. We are so grateful for all that has been received so far.

## Mawnan Christmas Lights Switch On

As we look forward to the festive season, I am thrilled to announce our school's participation in the Mawnan Christmas Lights Switch On event. This cherished community tradition, scheduled for the evening of Friday, 6th December, promises to be a magical affair that will bring together our school family and the wider Mawnan community as we begin to celebrate the festive season.



Our wonderful school choir will be performing a selection of beloved Christmas carols that are sure to evoke the joy and warmth of the season. We also have received intelligence of the highest order that Father Christmas himself will be gracing the event with his presence, adding an extra sprinkle of wonder to the proceedings!

The event will also feature a lantern procession. To prepare for this luminous display, we will be hosting lantern-making workshops after school hours in November. We will be sharing more detailed information about these workshops in due course, so please stay tuned for further announcements.

## Mawnan Movie Night

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November our PTA will be hosting MOVIE NIGHT! A Google form will be sent out for this next week.

A poster for a movie night event. The background is dark teal with a red diagonal stripe at the bottom. The word 'Movie' is written in large, yellow, bubbly letters, and 'night' is in smaller, red, cursive letters. Above it, the text 'Brought to you by Mawnan School PTA ...' is written in white, cursive. In the center, there is a stylized illustration of a film camera with yellow reels. Below the camera, a dark blue banner contains the text '22 November' and 'School Hall' in white, cursive. At the bottom, on the red stripe, the price '£5' is written in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the price, the showings are listed: 'SHOWING 1 (KS1) 3.15 - 5.00PM' and 'SHOWING 2 (KS2) 5.00 - 7.00PM'. To the right of the price, it says 'INCLUDES A HOT DOG/VEG-DOG, POPCORN & SWEETS!' and '(BYO DRINKS BOTTLE)'. At the very bottom, the text 'Blankets, bean bags & PJs welcome! :)' is written in white, cursive.

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Mawnan School PTA ...

# Movie

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22 November  
School Hall

**£5**

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5.00 - 7.00PM

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# Dates to Remember

<u>Dates 2024</u>	<u>Events</u>
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day-Anti Bullying
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need – Spots and Stripes
18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent Teacher Meetings
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Movie Night
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

# Term Dates

## Cornwall Council 2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2024							October 2024							November 2024						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25					
Tue	3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	5	12	19	26				
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27				
Thurs	5	12	19	26		Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	Thurs	7	14	21	28				
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29			
Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30			
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24				

  

December 2024							January 2025							February 2025						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24					
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	Tue	7	14	21	28	Tue	4	11	18	25					
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Sat	7	14	21	28		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29			
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30			

  

March 2025							April 2025							May 2025						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	5	12	19	26					
Tue	4	11	18	25		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	6	13	20	27				
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Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31			
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25				

  

June 2025							July 2025							August 2025						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25					
Tue	3	10	17	24		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue	5	12	19	26				
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24				

### School holidays

### Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

### AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024  
(HALF TERM 28 October - 1 November 2024)

### SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025  
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

### SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025  
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

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.

Our INSET Days for 2024-2025 will be as follows:

- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025