THE MAWNAN LIGHT

Friday 27th November 2026

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A Friendly Reminder – Visiting School

Just a gentle reminder that, when visiting school, all parents and visitors should enter through the main reception and sign in. Please also ensure that you are accompanied by a member of staff when moving around the school.

These arrangements also apply after the end of the school day, as we still have children on site attending enrichment clubs and wraparound care.

These procedures are in place for safeguarding, health and safety and fire safety reasons, ensuring that we know who is in the building at all times.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding and cooperation, and for helping us to keep you, your children and our wider school community safe.



Looking Ahead to a Magical December!

Christmas is always a special time at Mawnan, and we have lots for the children to look forward to over the next few weeks.

As we enter the season of Advent, we will be thinking about the true meaning of Christmas and exploring the themes of hope, peace, joy and love.

Alongside our Christmas performances and much-loved school traditions, there will be plenty of opportunities for the children to enjoy the excitement of the festive season.

We know December can be a busy time for everyone, but we hope you will be able to join us for some of our Christmas celebrations. We are really looking forward to sharing this special time of year with you all and making some lovely memories with the children.



Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 11th December**, children are welcome to come to school wearing their sparkly, festive Christmas jumpers!

This will still be a normal school uniform day, with children simply swapping their usual school jumper for a festive one. We can't wait to see everyone looking wonderfully Christmassy! It will also be the day of our exciting annual Secret Santa, when pupils will have the opportunity to choose a special gift for family members for just £1 per present. A lovely little Christmas surprise to take home and share!

Christingle Service and Candle Appeal



On **Thursday 3rd December**, we will come together for one of our most cherished Christmas traditions our annual Christingle service.

This beautiful celebration is a special opportunity for us to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and the message of hope and light that it brings. Each child will receive their own Christingle and learn about the symbolism behind its different elements, including the candle, which represents Jesus as the Light of the World.

As part of our celebrations, we have sent home Christingle candle money boxes to raise funds for The Children's Society, supporting vulnerable children and young people across the country. Each family has received one money box, which has been given to the oldest child. We would be very grateful if these could be returned to school by **Wednesday 2nd December**, ready to be taken to church for our service the following day.

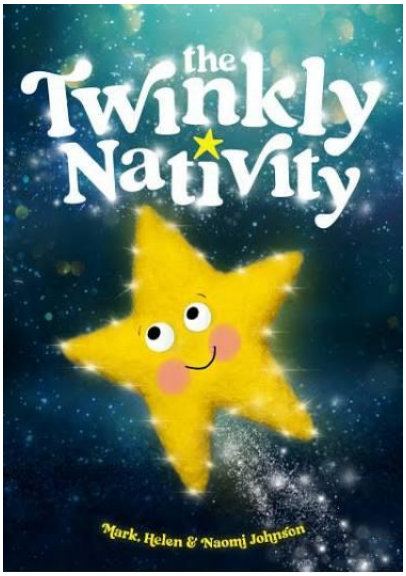
Oppie and Topper Class Nativity – The Twinkly Nativity

Excitement is building in Oppie and Topper as the children prepare for their Christmas Nativity! Rehearsals are well underway, the children are sounding wonderful, and we cannot wait to share their hard work with you. Complimentary tickets for both performances will be sent home next week.

Our Nativity performances will take place on:

- **Tuesday 8th December at 2pm**
- **Wednesday 9th December at 5.30pm**

Each family will be allocated **two tickets per performance** to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy this special occasion.



If you would like to swap afternoon or evening tickets with another family, please feel free to arrange this directly with them. We kindly ask that any unwanted tickets are returned to the school office so that they can be made available to other family members, including grandparents. We will let families know if any additional tickets become available.

Siblings in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to watch the Nativity during the afternoon of **Monday 7th December**. During the evening performance on Wednesday 9th December, a film will be shown in one of our classrooms for siblings of the children performing. Alternatively, siblings will be welcome to watch the Nativity if space allows.

Our Nativity is always one of the highlights of the Christmas season at Mawnan, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming families into school to share in the joy, excitement and magic of Christmas.

Key Stage 2 Candlelit Carols at St Mawnan Church

One of the most beautiful and treasured traditions in our Mawnan Christmas calendar is our annual Key Stage 2 Candlelit Carol Service. This year, our service will take place on **Tuesday 15th December at 6pm at St Mawnan Church (the old church)**. We kindly ask that children arrive from **5.45pm**, wearing their school uniform.

This special evening of carols, readings and candlelight provides a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and celebrate as a school community.

Due to the limited capacity of the church, this event is reserved for **Key Stage 2 families (Pico, Fusion and Dart)**, with a maximum of **two tickets per family**. Tickets have been sent home with your Key Stage 2 children today.

We appreciate that families may wish to bring additional guests, but the size of our cohorts and the intimate setting of the church mean that this restriction is necessary. Thank you for your understanding.

Parking at St Mawnan Church is extremely limited. We strongly encourage families to share lifts wherever possible, arrive early and allow plenty of time to park safely before the service begins.

Each year, as part of our Candlelit Carol Service, we hold a collection to support a charity or worthwhile cause. This year, we are delighted to be supporting **Cornwall Music Service Trust (CMST) and its Music Therapy provision**.

CMST Music Therapists provide specialist therapeutic sessions across Cornwall and beyond supporting people of all ages.

Music Therapy helps to overcome social, emotional and communication barriers, using music and creative interaction to help individuals feel heard, understood, respected and valued. It can support emotional regulation, communication, self-awareness and wellbeing, making a meaningful difference to people's lives.

This is a cause particularly close to our hearts, as CMST provides Music Therapy here at Mawnan, supporting some of our own children. We are delighted to have the opportunity to help support the continuation of this valuable work.

Please remember to bring some cash on the evening if you would like to make a donation. Every contribution, however small, will be gratefully received.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 16th December

We are looking forward to bringing the whole school together for our annual Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday 16th December**. This is always a lovely festive occasion, filled with Christmas cheer, laughter and excitement as the children enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch with their friends.

Christmas Dinner is now available to book through ParentPay. Please book as soon as possible to help our wonderful kitchen team plan ahead and ensure they have enough festive food for everyone.

Sparkle Day – Friday 18th December

Friday 18th December is our last day of term before the Christmas holidays and, of course, our much-loved annual Sparkle Day!

Children are invited to come to school dressed in their sparkliest clothes. We will kick off the celebrations with our annual Sparkle Day fashion show, with a prize for the sparkliest dressed child in each year group. So, dig out those sequins, glitter and anything that sparkles!

The children will then enjoy Christmas parties in their classrooms.

In the afternoon, we are expecting a very special visitor to bring a little extra Christmas magic to our school. A huge thank you to our wonderful Mawnan PTA for helping our special visitor prepare some lovely treats for the children.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Grand Theft Auto VI

Few video games have generated as much excitement as **Grand Theft Auto VI**. Set in the fictional state of Leonida, this highly anticipated crime adventure follows two criminals navigating a dangerous underworld. However, with graphic violence, sexual content, drug and alcohol use, and mature social commentary, **GTA VI is firmly intended for adults** – despite its potential appeal to younger audiences.

Even without playing GTA VI, children may encounter its adult themes through gameplay clips, livestreams and online discussions. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the potential risks, including inappropriate content, interactions with strangers on other platforms and in-game spending. It also offers practical advice on parental controls, communication restrictions and starting open conversations to help keep young people safe.



Information Classification: PUBLIC

Family Drop-In Sessions

For Parents and Carers of Neurodivergent Children, with or without a diagnosis

A friendly and welcoming space to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share experiences and ideas
- Access support and information
- Feel empowered and connected



Children are welcome.
No booking required, just drop in.

Liskeard Family Hub, Varley Lane **Friday 6 November** | 1:30pm - 3:30pm **Friday 20 November** | 1:30pm - 3:30pm **Friday 4 December** | 1:30pm - 3:30pm	**Bodmin Family Hub, 83 Fore Street** **Friday 13 November** | 1:00pm - 3:00pm **Friday 27 November** | 1:00pm - 3:00pm **Friday 11 December** | 1:00pm - 3:00pm
St. Austell Family Hub, White River Place **Friday 13 November** | 9:30pm - 11:30am **Friday 27 November** | 9:30pm - 11:30am	**Falmouth - The Lighthouse Family Hub** **Tuesday 17 November** | 9:30am - 11:30am **Tuesday 24 November** | 9:30am - 11:30am **Tuesday 1 December** | 9:30am - 11:30am
Helston Family Hub, Bulwark Road **Wednesday 9 December| 12:30pm - 2:15pm** **Wednesday 16 December | 12:30pm - 2:15pm**	**Penzance – Jubilee Room, St John's Hall** **Wednesday 9 December| 9:30am - 11:15am** **Wednesday 16 December| 9:30am -11:15am**

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