



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 13th June 2025

Father's Day Breakfast

It was wonderful to see so many family members in school on Friday morning for breakfast. We really enjoyed breakfast together, followed by some lovely time on the adventure playground!

A huge thank you, as always, to Jacky for feeding everyone so well, and to our amazing staff team who came in early to set up and serve breakfast.

As we head into the weekend, we'd also like to wish all our Mawnan Dads, Grandads, and special father figures a very Happy Father's Day for Sunday. We hope you have a relaxing and joyful day!



Football Club

This week marked the final Football Club session for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and also the end of an era! We want to say a heartfelt thank you to Coach Christian for his years of dedication and commitment to our school football club.



We are so grateful for the time, energy and expertise Christian has given, not only through coaching but also in organising football leagues, encouraging teamwork, and creating so many memorable moments. Thank you!



Cricket League

On Wednesday our Year 6 Cricketers had two more matches.

Mawnan 26 v Constantine 61

Mawnan 66 v Stithians 66

Despite not coming away with a win, their sportsmanship and teamwork was as always fantastic!

Sports Day – save the date

Our Sports day will be taking place on Friday 4th July.

Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
18 th – 20 th June	Year 4 & 5 School Camp: PGL Barton Hall
25 th – 27 th June	Year 6 School Camp - Porthpean
1 st July	Family/Parenting Worker Drop In – 2:45-4:00pm
4 th July	Sports Day
11 th July	Sports Day reserve date
14 th July	Year 6 BBQ 4-6pm
18 th July	Year 6 Leaver's Service 2pm
18 th July	Last day of term
21 st July	Summer Holidays

Bon Voyage!

We're wishing our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils a fantastic time as they head off to Barton Hall in Torquay from Wednesday to Friday next week!

The children will be taking part in a whole range of exciting outdoor activities, building confidence, teamwork, and making brilliant memories along the way. We know they'll represent Mawnan brilliantly and have an unforgettable adventure.

Shuffle Up and Meet the Teacher

We had a very successful first Shuffle Up session on Tuesday afternoon. The children transitioned seamlessly into their new year groups and really enjoyed spending time in their new classrooms.

We're pleased to have a few more sessions planned to help ensure everyone feels confident and excited for the next academic year.

We'd also like to invite parents and carers to join us after school on Tuesday 1st July for a chance to meet your child's new teacher and see the learning environment they'll be in from September.

Cat's Protection Cake Sale

Congratulations to Izzy, Dottie, and Lamorna for their fantastic cat-themed baking in support of Cats Protection. Their creativity and hard work were on full display during their cake sale—and the cakes were as delicious as they were adorable!

Well done, girls—we're very proud of you!



Thank you all again for your help, support and funds for our fury friends at Cats Protection. I was inspired to do a sale for ages thanks to my cat Bagheera who is from the Cats Protection.

Thank you all so much. Together we have managed to donate a whopping £105.55!

Kind Regards

Izzy



Tennis

Will Richards continued to deliver his tennis lessons to KS1 and KS2 pupils and the pupils continued to thoroughly enjoy it!



Year 3 Beach Day

Our Year 3 children had a brilliant Beach Day at Swanpool Beach today with Elemental. They enjoyed a fantastic time taking part in exciting coastal activities, learning new skills, and making the most of the sunshine and sea air. A big thank you to the team at Elemental and to all the staff who supported the day!



School Reserve

Since the Easter break, the Year 1 and Reception children have had the opportunity to visit the Reserve again. We have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the children have enjoyed being outdoors for the afternoon. We want to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who have made these visits possible.

This week, the children make 'journey sticks' and followed their own route around the Reserve. They wound wool around the stick and some natural objects. We then took it in turns to tell our 'journey' by using the stick as a prompt.



Mawnan Uniform

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your efforts in ensuring that your children come to school in their full school uniform.

If your child has outgrown any branded uniform items, please consider passing them along to another family or donating it to the PTA.

If you need assistance in sourcing or funding school uniform please speak to Miss Pridmore.

Our local uniform provider offers convenient options for purchasing uniform, either in-store or online with free delivery to the school <https://www.castlesports.co.uk/mawnan-school>

Castle Sports will always their very best to ensure that your child has their uniform ready for starting school in September, but they can only guarantee this if you place your **order by Saturday 7th August**. This allows them enough time to order the items you require if they are out of stock.

Uniform

Grey knee-length pinafore, skirt, trousers or shorts

Pale blue polo shirt

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (from Castle Sports)

Grey or white socks or navy or grey tights

Black School shoes (no high boots or open toed sandals) Navy blue and white gingham dress for summer wear

PE Uniform - to be worn on PE days. PE uniform will also be worn for competitions to further reduce costs. ~~zXC~~ x

Top : **White P.E. shirt with school logo (from Castle Sports) with ~~Mawnan~~ zipped sports top (from Castle Sports)**

Bottom: **Navy blue shorts (from Castle Sports), Navy blue Skort (from Castle Sports) or ~~Mawnan~~ tracksuit trousers (from Castle Sports)**

Footwear: Black, blue or white trainers

SUMMER BIG BASH – Saturday 12th July, from 4pm onwards!

HELP NEEDED.. The Big Bash – Saturday 12th July from 4pm.

Plans are in full swing for this year's **Summer Big Bash** – our end-of-year fundraiser and celebration, taking place in the beautiful Carwinion House Gardens. Expect an amazing afternoon and evening of fun, with **live music** (including performances from the children, local band - My friend John and the utterly amazing, FLIGHT42), a **delicious BBQ by the Ferryboat Crew**, **huge inflatable obstacle course and bouncy castle**, games, stalls, a bar, and much more to entertain the whole family!

But... we really need your help to make this event a success!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're currently low on helpers, and we can't run this event without your help!

If you can help on the day and offer **an hour or two on a stall** (e.g. serving cakes, pouring cocktails, running a game) please get in touch— even a short shift would make a huge difference!



SOFT TOY DONATIONS WANTED

We're running a game that needs good condition, clean **cuddly toys**. If you have any to spare, please drop them in the box in the school foyer.



BAKERS NEEDED!

Can you bake a **traybake or some cupcakes** for our cake stall?

Please Chat to Shiona if you can contribute something sweet.



AUCTION PRIZES – CALL FOR CONTACTS

Do you have any **amazing contacts or businesses** who might donate a prize or experience for our fundraising **auction**? Alex and Anam would love to hear from you!

This is going to be a **fantastic event** and a brilliant way to end the school year – but we need our school community to come together to make it happen. **Every bit of help counts** and **all funds raised** go directly to supporting the school – including repairs to the adventure playground and boosting some much needed Science and DT resources.

Please spread the word, buy tickets, bring friends and family, and help however you can!

Thank you so much!

Please get in touch with Anam or Alex - mawnan.pta@gmail.com

SUMMER BASH

CARWINION HOUSE GARDENS

SATURDAY 12TH JULY
FROM 4PM

AMAZING GIANT INFLATABLES
GAMES & PRIZES
FERRY BOAT BBQ
PIZZA, BAR & COCKTAIL BAR
.....& MUCH MORE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

LIVE MUSIC...

FLIGHT 42

MY FRIEND JOHN

**& PERFORMANCES FROM THE AWESOME CHILDREN
OF MAWNAN SCHOOL.**

Fundraising for Mawnan Sschool



ADULTS £10
ALL KIDS FREE!



scan qr code for tickets

<https://mawnan-school-pta-shop.sumupstore.com/product/summer-bash-adult-ticket>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **GENERATIVE AI SAFETY**

Generative AI can be a brilliant tool for creativity and learning – but it's not without its hazards. With 3 in 4 pupils now using generative AI (up from just 2 in 5 last year!), it's more important than ever for parents and educators to understand the risks.

This week's free #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks down the key safety concerns around generative AI tools and offers expert advice for keeping young users safe. From encouraging critical thinking to safeguarding their privacy, find out how to help children use AI safely and smartly



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or share users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.

PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.

ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.

Meet Our Expert

Brandon O'Keefe, Deputy Headteacher and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House School, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brandon guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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Family/Parenting Worker Drop In

Mawnan School

Tuesday 1st July 2:45pm-4pm

These sessions will be run by Nina Rogers from the Early Help Team.

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running drop-in sessions with no appointment necessary

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: carrickfamilyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk

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