THE MAWNAN LIGHT

Friday 13th November 2026

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Children in Need – Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported BBC Children in Need today! We have had a wonderful, fun-filled day, with children and staff coming to school dressed in their brightest colours, spots and stripes!

It has been lovely to see everyone getting involved and helping to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we have raised **£305.29** today!

Thank you for your fantastic support!











Anti-Bullying Week and Our Approach to Positive Behaviour



Next week, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week an important opportunity to celebrate kindness, respect and inclusion, and to remind our children that everyone deserves to feel safe, happy and valued.

We will be starting the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November**, and we would love everyone to join in by wearing odd socks to school! There is no need to buy anything new – simply wear two different socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



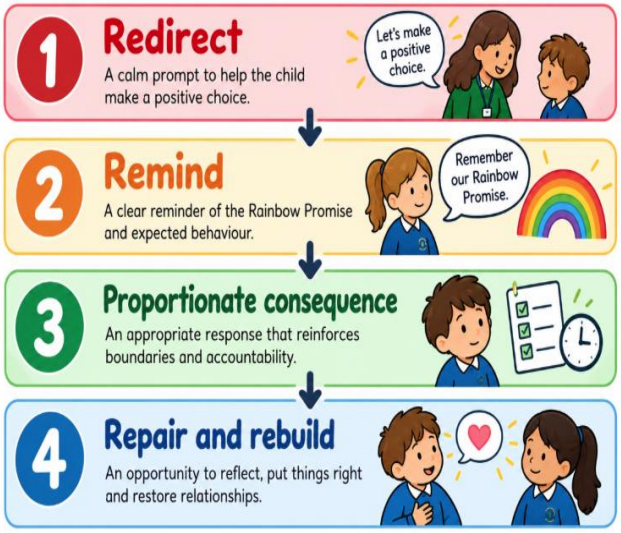
Throughout the week, children will be taking part in activities and discussions about friendship, kindness, recognising what bullying is (and is not) and understanding how we can all help to prevent it. Anti-Bullying Week is also a wonderful opportunity to remind our school community about our approach to positive behaviour at Mawnan. We believe that positive behaviour is something children learn, practise and develop over time.

Our approach is rooted in our Christian vision, *'Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine'*, and underpinned by our three Rainbow Promises:



Through our behaviour curriculum, assemblies and everyday routines, we explicitly teach children how to build positive relationships, manage their emotions, respect others and take responsibility for their actions.

We also recognise that children sometimes make mistakes – this is a natural part of growing up and learning. Our restorative approach combines warmth and understanding with clear expectations and boundaries, helping children reflect on their choices, understand how others may have been affected and put things right.



We are incredibly proud of our children and the kindness, care and respect they show towards one another. We are equally grateful to our wonderful staff team, whose patience, consistency and dedication help to create such a positive and nurturing environment. Their commitment to supporting every child, celebrating their successes and helping them through challenges makes a tremendous difference every day.

You can find out more about our approach on our Behaviour webpage.

Year 6 Netball – Peninsula Finals



This morning, our Year 6 netballers headed to Penryn College to compete in the Peninsula Netball Finals, taking on 13 other teams!

The girls showed just how much netball experience they have gained, improving with every game, really gelling as a team and maintaining a wonderfully positive attitude throughout. They faced some very experienced opposition but never lost their enthusiasm or determination.

They were absolutely delighted to finish in **6th place**, a fantastic achievement! Mrs Watson was extremely impressed, not only with how they performed as a team but also with each of them individually.

A huge well done to all the girls – you should be very proud of yourselves! Thank you also to Gill for coming along and supporting us.

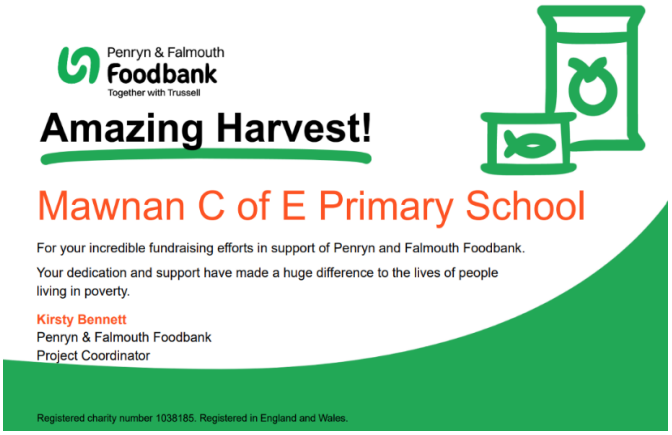
Harvest Appeal – Thank You for Your Generosity!

We were delighted to receive a lovely message of thanks from the Penryn & Falmouth Foodbank, who wanted to express their gratitude to everyone at Mawnan School for their continued support.

They shared that, sadly, the need for emergency food in our local area remains incredibly high. Over the past year, the Foodbank has provided an incredible 1,096 emergency food parcels to people who are struggling to afford everyday essentials.

The Foodbank wanted to thank our whole school community for helping them continue this vital work.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity!



School Photographs – Ordering Reminder

Yesterday your children had their sibling and individual school photos. Your child's QR code, will have been sent home yesterday. This allows you to go online to view and order your child's photographs.

The initial ordering deadline is Sunday 22nd November 2026. This is also the last day to take advantage of the 10% discount voucher and free delivery to school.

Orders can still be placed after this date, but will be subject to a home delivery postage and packing charge, which will be clearly explained at checkout.

If you have any queries or have not received your order form, please contact Hatchbox Photography directly at photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk or via the contact form on their website. Although the team may be busy photographing, they will ensure you receive a prompt reply and support.

Main orders are expected to be delivered to school during the week following the closing date. We will keep parents updated once the ordering window has closed.

Don't forget to order by Sunday 22nd November to receive free school delivery and your 10% discount!

Mawnan School PTA Film Night – Friday 20th November

Our wonderful PTA is hosting a **Film Night on Friday 20th November**, giving the children a chance to relax, enjoy a film with their friends and help raise valuable funds for our school.

There will be two screenings:

- **Early Screening | 3:15–5:00 pm:** Oppie and Topper (EYFS and KS1)
- **Later Screening | 5:10–7:00 pm:** Pico, Fusion and Dart (KS2)
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🎟 **Tickets – £5 per child**

For just £5, children will enjoy a film, pizza, popcorn and chocolates! Vegetarian and vegan options will be available.

🧸 **Make yourselves comfortable!**

We'll be transforming the hall into a cosy cinema, complete with gym mats. Children are welcome to wear comfy clothes and bring along a blanket or cushion to snuggle up with. Please also remember a named water bottle to help us avoid spillages.

A few important arrangements:

- Children in Oppie and Topper attending the early screening will go straight from their classrooms to the hall at 3:15 pm, so there is no need for parents to collect them at the usual time.
- Entry and collection for both screenings will be via the main office door only.
- Payment can be made in advance via the payment link.

📝 **Please book your child's place!**

Please complete the Google Form that will be emailed to families on Monday. This is really important as it provides consent for your children to remain at school and helps our PTA volunteers plan refreshments and ensure appropriate supervision.

🎥 **And the winning films are...**

Oppie and Topper **Toy Story 2**

Pico Fusion and Dart **ELF**

Please note: There will be no Celebration assembly on this day due to Movie Night.

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising what promises to be a lovely event for the children. We hope lots of you can join in the fun!

Parent–Teacher Meetings -Week Beginning Monday 16th November

Our parent–teacher meetings will take place in school next week beginning **Monday 16th November**. Google Forms were sent out via email last week.

We dedicate this week to meeting with families, clearing our usual professional commitments to ensure we have time to meet with every parent. We really value these conversations and look forward to sharing your child's progress, achievements and next steps. Please arrive on time, as late arrivals can affect subsequent appointments.

Changes to Enrichment Clubs

Due to staff and room availability, the following clubs will **not run during parent–teacher meeting week**:

- **Monday:** Netball and Sewing
- **Wednesday:** Construction
- **Thursday:** Choir and Lego
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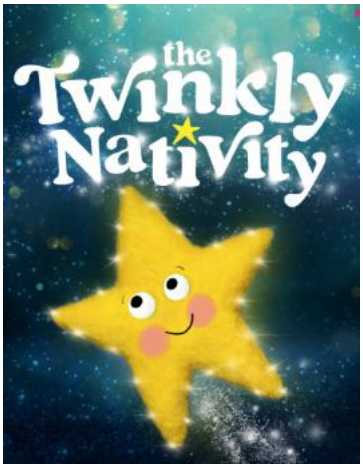
All other enrichment clubs will run as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound care will continue as usual. However, during this week, please collect children from the **Fusion Class door**, located around the left-hand side of the school, near the bins and sheds.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to seeing you!

Oppie & Topper Class Nativity



We're delighted to announce that this year, Oppie and Topper Classes will be performing The Twinkly Nativity! We can't wait to see our youngest children bring this magical Christmas story to life.

Performance dates:

- **Tuesday 8th December at 2:00 pm**
- **Wednesday 9th December at 5:30 pm**

To ensure every family has the opportunity to attend, each family will be allocated two tickets per performance.

Please pop these dates in your diaries! More information about tickets and arrangements will follow soon.

Secret Santa Gift Collection

🎅 **Secret Santa – Donations Needed!**

Our much-loved Secret Santa event, organised by our wonderful PTA, will take place on Friday 11th December!

This special annual tradition gives the children the excitement of choosing gifts for their loved ones. Our lovely WI volunteers then carefully wrap and label each present, ready for the children to take home and tuck under the Christmas tree.

To make this magical event possible, we are asking for donations of unwanted, good-quality gifts suitable for all ages, from children to parents and other family members.

🎁 **What can you donate?**

- Toys, puzzles and games
- Gifts suitable for adults
- Any other lovely gift someone would be delighted to receive!

Items can be new or good-quality pre-loved gifts. Please ensure everything is clean, complete, undamaged and in good condition – something you would be happy to receive yourself.

Please place your donations in the Secret Santa donation box in the school entrance.

A huge thank you for supporting this wonderful tradition. Our Secret Santa simply couldn't happen without your generosity, and your donations help our children experience the joy of choosing something thoughtful and special for their family members.

Important Dates

MONTH	KEY DATES
November 2026	Mon 16 - Odd Socks day Week beginning Mon 16 – Parent–teacher meetings Fri 20 – Movie Night
December 2026	Thu 3 – Christingle Service at St Michael's Church Tues 8 – Oppie and Topper Nativity Performance 2pm Wed 9 - Oppie and Topper Nativity Performance 5:30pm Fri 11 – Secret Santa Tue 15 – Candlelit Carols for KS2 at St Mawnan Church Fri 18 – Last day of autumn term
January 2027	Mon 4 – Children return Mon 22 - School Disco
February 2027	Mon 15–Fri 19 – Half-term holiday
March 2027	Week beginning Mon 15 – Parent–teacher meetings Tue 23 School Eucharist at St Michael's Church Thu 25 – Last day of spring term
April 2027	Mon 12 – Children return
May 2027	Mon 3 – Bank holiday; school closed Mon 10–Thu 13 – KS2 SATs Mon 31 May–Fri 4 Jun – Half-term holiday
June 2027	Mon 7–Wed 9 – INSET days Thu 10 – Children return Mon 7–Fri 18 – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check window Week beginning Mon 14 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
July 2027	Fri 9 – Sports Day Fri 23 – Last day of academic year & Y6 leaver's service

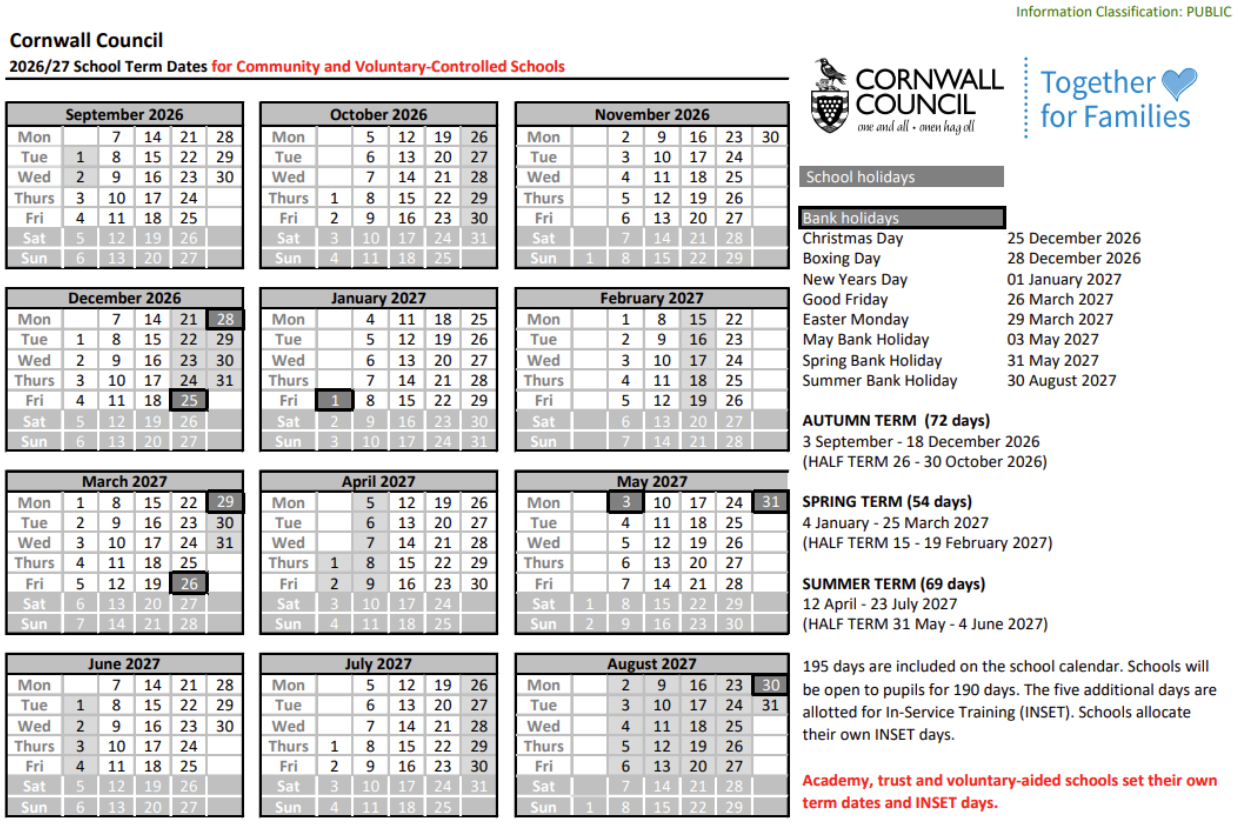
Important reminder about term-time holidays

We would like to remind families that holidays during term time **cannot normally be authorised**. Under the national attendance framework, schools must issue a penalty notice when a child reaches **10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period**. Ten sessions is usually equivalent to **five school days**, and the absences do not have to be consecutive. GOV.UK

It is particularly important that parents are aware that penalty notices now **escalate over a rolling three-year period**:

- **First penalty notice:** £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days.
- **Second penalty notice for the same child within three years:** £160 per parent, per child, with no reduced rate.
- **Third occurrence within three years:** a further penalty notice **cannot be issued**. Other legal action must instead be considered, which may include prosecution. Legislation UK

This means that repeated term-time holidays can have increasingly serious consequences. We appreciate that family holidays are important, and that prices are cheaper during term time, but we ask parents **not to arrange holidays during term time.** Our priority is to protect every child's education and ensure that they miss as little learning as possible.



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2026/27 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

September 2026					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

October 2026					
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	

November 2026					
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
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Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

December 2026					
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Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	6	13	20	27	

January 2027					
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
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February 2027					
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March 2027					
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May 2027					
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June 2027					
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July 2027					
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August 2027					
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

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School holidays

Bank holidays	
Christmas Day	25 December 2026
Boxing Day	28 December 2026
New Years Day	01 January 2027
Good Friday	26 March 2027
Easter Monday	29 March 2027
May Bank Holiday	03 May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2027

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)
3 September - 18 December 2026
(HALF TERM 26 - 30 October 2026)

SPRING TERM (54 days)
4 January - 25 March 2027
(HALF TERM 15 - 19 February 2027)

SUMMER TERM (69 days)
12 April - 23 July 2027
(HALF TERM 31 May - 4 June 2027)

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.

Academy, trust and voluntary-aided schools set their own term dates and INSET days.

Wake Up Wednesday – Advertising Aimed at Children

This week's Wake Up Wednesday focuses on advertising aimed at children and the ways children can be influenced by what they see online. From influencer marketing and sponsored content to pressure to buy products and unrealistic expectations, online advertising isn't always as obvious as it might seem.

The guide offers helpful advice for parents and educators on how to help children recognise online adverts, think critically about what they see, protect themselves from unwanted purchases and feel confident talking about anything they come across online.

It's well worth a read to help us support children in becoming safer, more informed and confident digital users.



SEN Coffee Morning – Friday 27th November



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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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CARWINION HOUSE

Wreath-Making Workshops

Join Manice Stabbins at **Carwinion House** in aid of **Mawnan Park.**



Workshop dates and times:

Thursday 26 November
7:30-9:30pm

Saturday 28 November
2:00-4:00pm

£30 per person, per session

Create your own willow wreath using natural, locally grown materials, including foliage from Trenarth Manor.

All materials are provided, but you're welcome to bring personal touches such as decorations, brooches or foliage from your own garden.

Light refreshments are included, and drinks can be purchased from the bar.
Just 10 places per session.

To book a place, contact Shiona Biggin:
07792 758640
cllr.biggin.mawnan@gmail.com