



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 25th April 2025

Welcome Back!

As we embark on the summer term, I am delighted to report that our children have returned to school with an abundance of enthusiasm and, quite remarkably, many seem to have grown considerably during the break! The energy they bring to our school is truly invigorating, setting a positive tone for the term ahead.

Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
5 th May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Pico and Fusion trip to Truro Museum
12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
26 th – 30 th May	Half Term – Return date Monday 2 nd June
9 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
13 th June	Year 3 Elemental Beach Day
18 th – 20 th June	Year 4 & 5 School Camp: PGL Barton Hall
25 th – 27 th June	Year 6 School Camp - Porthpean
4 th July	Sports Day
11 th July	Sports Day reserve date
21 st July	Summer Holidays – last day Friday 18 th

RNLI

This morning we had a visit from the RNLI to discuss how to stay safe and be 'Water Safe.' They learnt about where to find lifeguards, the meaning of beach flags and what to do if you get stuck in a rip current. Your children have gone home with an RNLI leaflet.



Enrichment Clubs

We have a wonderful diverse array of after-school and enrichment clubs this half term. These offerings are a testament to the dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers, who work hard to provide our children with exceptional opportunities for growth and development beyond the school day. Thank you!

After School Clubs Summer Term

To Start Tuesday 22nd April

Day	Club	Staff	Year Group	Max Spaces
Monday	Netball	Gill, Alex, Jules	Year 5 & 6	20
Monday	Golf	Mick	Year 5 & 6	8
Monday	Reading	Mrs Davies	Year 3 & 4	15
Tuesday	Football	Christian	Year 5 & 6	20
Wednesday	Nature Play	Miss Ockwell	Year 1 & 2	20
Wednesday	Running Club	Mrs Watson, Mrs Timmins	Year 3 - 6	20
Wednesday	Skateboarding Club	Dave – coach Frank	Year 5 & 6	12
Wednesday	Gardening Club	Zinnia, Mrs Atkin, Miss Hamon	Year 3	16
Thursday	Mindfulness and Relaxation	Mrs K Robinson	Year 3 & 4	10
Thursday	Sing and Sign	Mrs Jones	Year 2-6	25
Thursday	Construction	Miss Law	Year 1&2	20
Friday	Football	Cameron W, Andrew W	Year 3&4	20
Friday	Sailing	Miss Pridmore and helpers	Year 5&6	

Mawnan Wraparound Childcare

We are thrilled to inform you that our after-school wraparound childcare has officially launched this week. Thank you to Sam and Joe for working so hard to get the club up and running. The feedback from the children has been incredibly positive!

This provision is in place to support you and operates Monday to Friday from 3:15 pm to 6:00 pm during term time (excluding INSET days).

Our wraparound childcare has been designed to complement our existing extra-curricular enrichment activities, providing a seamless and convenient solution for our families. The service is structured into three sessions: 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm, 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm, and 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm, each priced at £5.

To secure a place in this provision, parents and carers are required to complete a registration form, available for download from our website or collection from the school office. Once submitted to wraparound@mawnanschool.com or delivered to the school office, you will receive instructions on how to manage bookings through ParentPay Clubs. We kindly request that bookings are made at least 24 hours in advance, with payment required at the time of booking. Should you need to cancel, please provide 24 hours' notice to avoid incurring charges.

Parent Pay is unfortunately still not set up, we have been informed that set up will be complete next week. If you would like to book your child into wraparound club for the week commencing 28th April please email wraparound@mawnanschool.com with the days and times required and Sam will get back to you. Alternatively there is a form attached to the Newsletter email you can complete and return to the wraparound email or bring to the office on Monday.

If you are paying with vouchers, you will still be able to book via parent pay, your record will be adjusted with the vouchers and balance will be removed. Further information will be sent to you regarding this.

Statutory Test Dates for 2024-2025

Key stage 2 tests

The statutory [key stage 2 tests](#) are timetabled from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025:

Date	Activity
Monday 12 May 2025	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 May 2025	English reading
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 May 2025	Mathematics paper 3

Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 children Year 1 children will complete their phonics screening check in the week beginning Monday 9th June 2025.

Multiplication tables check (MTC) for Year 4 children Year 4 children will complete the multiplication check during the week commencing Monday 2nd June 2025.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of regular attendance, particularly during the statutory testing period. Therefore, I kindly request that you refrain from booking any holidays or nonessential activities during term time to ensure that your child is able to participate fully in their learning.

Holidays During Term Time

It is crucial that we maintain consistent attendance throughout the academic year to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children. In light of this, I kindly request that parents and carers refrain from booking holidays during term time.

The continuity of education is paramount to the academic and social development of our children. Interruptions to their learning can have significant impacts on their progress and can disrupt the cohesive learning environment we strive so hard to maintain. By ensuring your child's regular attendance, you are not only supporting their individual growth but also contributing to the collective success of their peer group and the school as a whole.

We understand that family time is precious, and holidays provide valuable opportunities for bonding and creating lasting memories. However, we ask you to consider the wider implications of term-time absences and to plan your family breaks during the designated school holiday periods. Thank you.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Cornwall Council 2025/2026 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

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

October 2025						
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	

November 2025						
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



School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

December 2025						
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	

January 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	

February 2026						
Mon			2	9	16	23
Tue			3	10	17	24
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	

AUTUMN TERM (73 days)

3 September - 19 December 2025
(HALF TERM 27 - 31 October 2025)

March 2026						
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	

April 2026						
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	

May 2026						
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

SPRING TERM (59 days)

5 January - 2 April 2026
(HALF TERM 16 - 20 February 2026)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)

20 April - 23 July 2026
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)

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

July 2026						
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	

August 2026							
Mon			3	10	17	24	31
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	

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.

Inset Days

1. Wednesday 3rd September
2. Friday 24th October
3. Monday 1st June
4. Wednesday 22nd July
5. Thursday 23rd July

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

Search engines are a huge part of daily life, helping us find information in an instant. But with this convenience comes a hidden risk, especially for young users.



With billions of websites just a click away, children can easily encounter misleading, inappropriate, or even illegal content.

Search engines don't always filter this effectively, and features like AI-generated summaries or unlabelled ads can make things even trickier to navigate.

That's why this week's

#WakeUpWednesday guide focuses on what and educators need to know about search

From the risks of misinformation and AI errors to

steps like activating parental controls and promoting digital literacy, it's packed with expert advice to help keep children safe online.



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS**
Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed on tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.
- MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION**
Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.
- ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE**
Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking obscenity content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.
- ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE**
Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even legal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. The misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE**
Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may suggest them to young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.
- UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES**
Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage overviews, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS**
While no parental controls tool's perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.
- IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS**
One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be misleading. Show your child how to distinguish between paid and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.
- QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT**
While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.
- PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY**
Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us for a 5 session online workshop where we will teach you **practical strategies to support your child with their anxiety and worries**



Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025 , please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

To book a place please complete the online form **HERE**
<https://forms.office.com/e/OqRnKmCw1i> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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- Parent support

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This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM [HERE](https://forms.office.com/E/BVHDPYUCQA)
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/BVHDPYUCQA](https://forms.office.com/E/BVHDPYUCQA)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



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Coffee Morning in aid of Mawnan Park & Mawnan School PTA

SATURDAY 10 MAY

**10am-12noon
at St Michael's Church &
Community Garden**

**Join us for a friendly coffee morning to
support the transformation of Mawnan
Park (AKA Mawnan Junior Playing Field)!**

**Everyone welcome - all ages!
Enjoy coffee, cake, raffle, tombola,
and crafts - all while supporting our
wonderful local causes.**

- **Come and see the exciting plans for our village green space – including new play equipment, seating, trees, planting, and nature habitats.**
- **Learn more and show your support for our fundraising efforts for the new community park and our much-loved village school.**

