THE MAWNAN LIGHT

Friday 20th November 2026

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Thank you for coming to parent–teacher meetings

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for parent–teacher meetings this week. It was lovely to see you and to have the chance to talk about how your children are getting on, celebrate their progress and share their next steps. We really appreciate you taking the time to come in. These conversations make such a difference, and your support means a lot to us.

Secret Santa is coming on Friday 11 December!

Our much-loved Secret Santa shop is back soon. It's one of the children's favourite events of the year, and they love choosing a surprise for someone at home.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated gifts. We have fewer donations than usual so far, and we'd love every child to have the chance to choose gifts for at least two family members.

If you have any unwanted gifts or other items in good condition that would make a lovely present, please bring them into school. Every donation helps make the day a little more magical for the children. Thank you for your support!

Oppie & Topper Class Nativity

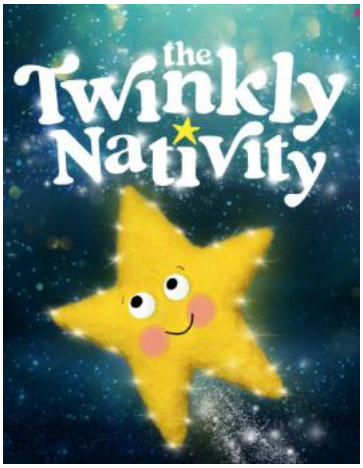
We can't wait to see our Oppie and Topper children bring magical Christmas story of The Twinkly Nativity to life.

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.



School Photographs – Final Ordering Reminder

A little reminder that our school photographs are now available to view and order online via HatchBox Photography.

The deadline to take advantage of **free home delivery and the 10% discount coupon expires this weekend, on Sunday 22nd November**, so this is your final chance to view your child's photographs and place an order using these offers.

If your child was in school on photo day but you have not yet received or seen their QR code slip to access their private gallery, please don't worry! You can request a link directly from HatchBox Photography by:

- Completing the HatchBox online contact form, including your school name, child's name and class.
- Emailing **photos@hatchboxphoto.co.uk** with the same details.

Please note that **you can still place orders after this weekend's deadline**, but free home delivery and the discount offer will no longer apply. Any subsequent home delivery orders will be subject to postage and packaging charges, which will be clearly shown at checkout.

We wouldn't want anyone to miss out on seeing their lovely school photographs, so please take a moment to log in and view your gallery before the offers expire!

Mawnan School Christmas Gifts – PTA Fundraiser

Looking for a lovely keepsake this Christmas? Our PTA is delighted to offer this year's fantastic Mawnan School tea towels, featuring all the children!

There are also other items available to order, so why not take a look and get a special school memento for yourself or as a Christmas gift?

How to order:

- Please complete the booking form by Wednesday 25th November.
- Payment must be made by Friday 27th November for your order to be included.
- Payment links will be sent directly to parents.

All profits go towards supporting our school through the PTA. Thank you, as always, for your support!



Important Dates

MONTH	KEY DATES
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

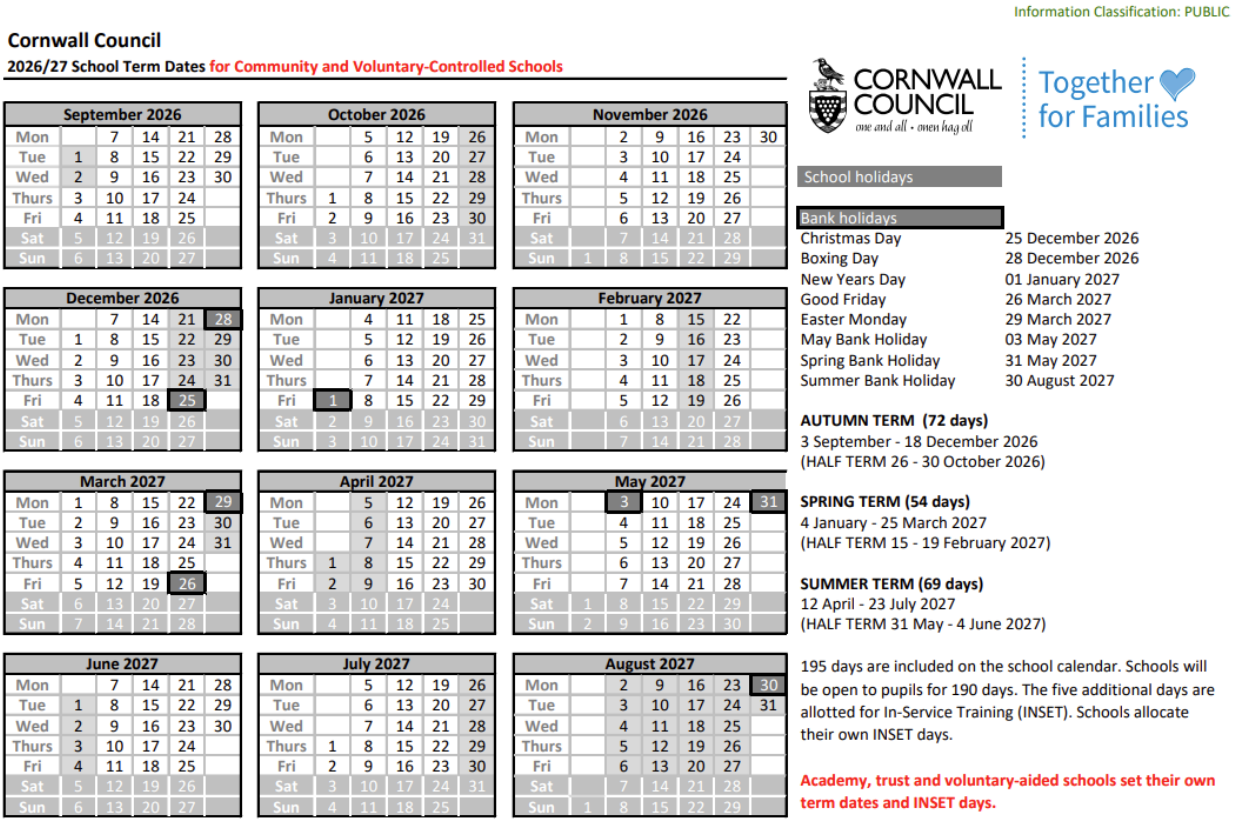
Important reminder about term-time holidays

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
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	29	

December 2026					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
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
Sun	3	10	17	24	31

February 2027					
Mon		1	8	15	22
Tue		2	9	16	23
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

March 2027					
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April 2027					
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May 2027					
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June 2027					
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July 2027					
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	

August 2027					
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
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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.

What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are a major part of young people's lives, but growing concerns about their impact on mental health, learning and wellbeing have prompted tighter restrictions. From classroom distractions and excessive screen time to cyberbullying and harmful online content, this #WakeUpWednesday guide examines the potential risks and explores what the evidence tells us about smartphone use.

With schools now expected to be phone-free environments, and further social media restrictions proposed for under-16s, understanding the changing rules is increasingly important. Featuring expert insight from Mark Emmerson OBE, our guide explains the latest requirements, including reasonable adjustments for pupils with additional needs, and offers practical advice to help parents and educators encourage healthier digital habits.



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:
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cllr.biggin.mawnan@gmail.com