



# 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 23rd January 2026

## Trees

Thank you very much for the many kind offers of help as we repair the adventure playground following the recent storm. We are extremely grateful for your kind offers.

Like many of you, we are very saddened to be losing some of our mature, well-established trees, which play such an important role in our local environment. Work is nearly complete on removing the tree that fell in the middle of the adventure playground and we plan to use the logs to enhance our outdoor play provision.



However, it has also been confirmed that the large tree by the pedestrian gate will unfortunately need to be removed. The storm caused significant movement and damage to its root system, meaning it is no longer safe. This removal work will take place this weekend to minimise disruption to the school day and ensure everyone's safety. Work to rebuild the wall and fence will then follow over the coming weeks.

To help this work take place as smoothly and efficiently as possible, **we kindly ask that the parking bay outside the school is kept completely clear of cars throughout the weekend.** If you know of anyone who usually parks there at weekends, we would be very grateful if you could pass this message on.

## Children's Mental Health Week 2026

This year, Children's Mental Health Week 2026 will take place from 9-15 February 2026!

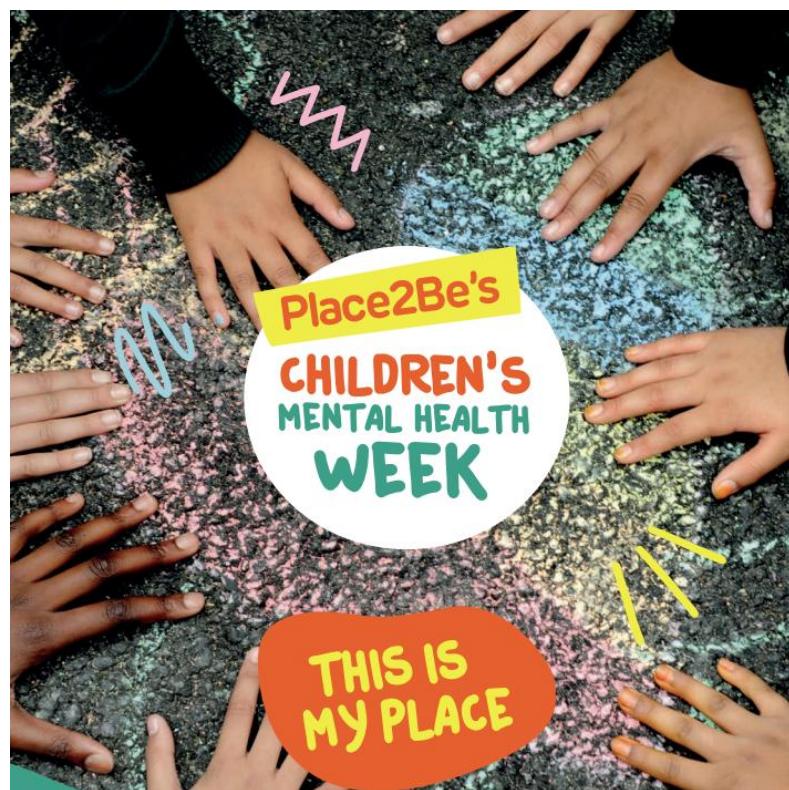
The official theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is "This is My Place." This theme focuses on helping children and young people feel a sense of belonging, whether that's in their friendships, at school, within their families, or in their wider communities and highlights how important feeling included and supported is for their mental health and wellbeing.

To support Children's Mental Health Week, we will be holding a 'Dress to Express' Day on Friday 13 February to raise money for Place2Be.

Children and staff are invited to wear an outfit that expresses who they are. This could be a favourite outfit, bright colours, traditional clothing that celebrates culture, or something that reflects a much-loved hobby. We would love to see everyone's creativity shine.

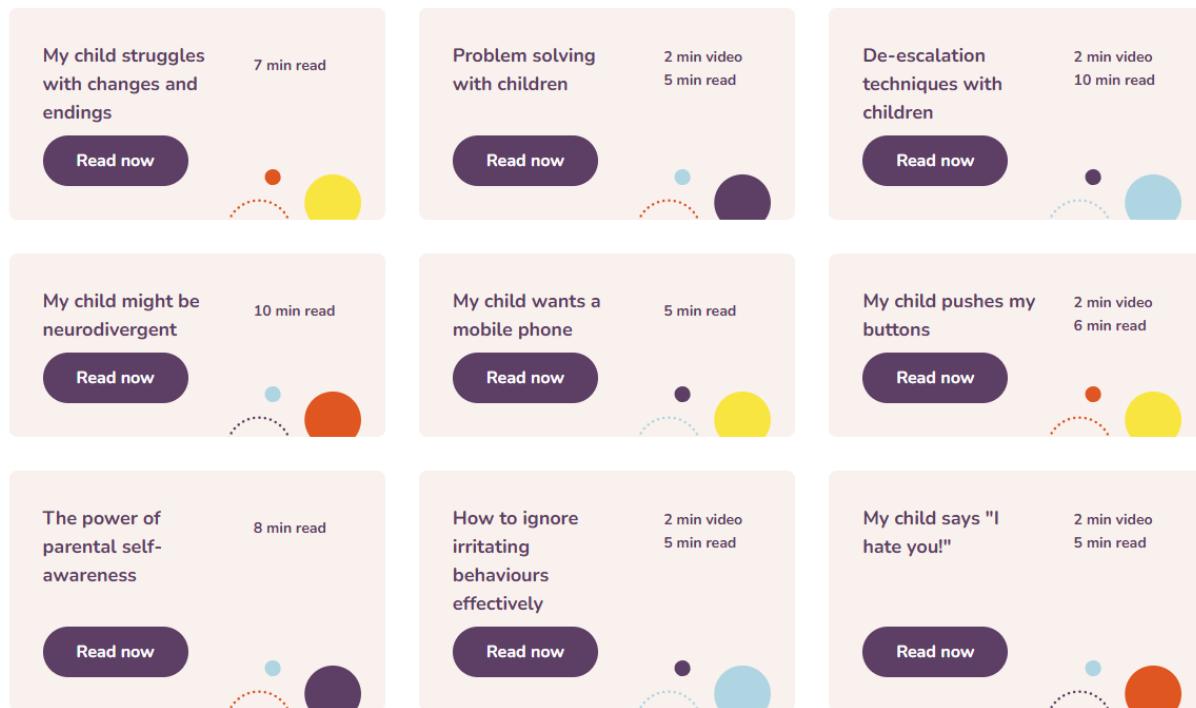
Cash donations will be greatly appreciated, and there will be a collection at the school gate.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.



Place2Be offers a wide range of helpful resources to support parents and carers. These can be accessed here:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



## Free Kooth Webinars for Families

### How to support your child manage anxiety with self care

Kooth is offering free 45-minute online webinars for families, designed to support conversations around anxiety and emotional wellbeing.

During the session, parents and carers will hear from a member of Kooth's Community Engagement Team alongside a Kooth clinician. They will share expert advice on how to start open and supportive conversations about anxiety, offer practical self-care strategies, and explain how Kooth can support young people and families.

#### Dates:

- **26 January at 6.00pm**
- **28 January at 6.00pm**

For more information and to sign up: <https://connect.kooth.com/for-families>

## Year 6 Girls Football Tournament



Some of our Year 6 girls competed in a football tournament at Penryn College this morning. Despite the wet, cold and windy conditions, they showed great determination and teamwork as they braved the elements to play against five other teams: Penryn 1, Penryn 2, Mylor, Mabe and Perran-ar-worthal.

The girls did a fantastic job and finished joint first with Perran-ar-worthal. Well done to all involved for their excellent teamwork and great sporting efforts — even in miserable conditions!

## Raze the Roof

Thank you to everyone who came to Raze the Roof on Tuesday — we hope your children weren't too tired afterwards!

We would also like to thank the PTA for their hard work in creating this event, which raised a fantastic £392.

## Mawnan Local Emergency Group

A survey has been created focusing on how we, as a village, can be better prepared should we experience another event like the recent storm. The information gathered will be used to help put practical actions in place.

The feedback will be shared with the Parish Council and will also help support the setup of a local emergency group for Mawnan, working alongside the Parish Council.

I'd be incredibly grateful if as many people as possible across the community could complete the form.

Thank you so much for your time and support.

Link is: <https://us21.list-manage.com/survey?u=7d0f6c1181311aec9c765d816&id=3cee3c9385&attribute=false>

Kind regards,

Hannah Christophers

## Wraparound Play Worker Vacancy

We are now (once again!) advertising this vacancy. This is a really lovely role within our school community, working with our children in a friendly and supportive environment.

If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please speak to Miss Pridmore. We would be very grateful if you could also share this opportunity with anyone who you think may be interested.

For more information and an application form please use this link:  
[https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/vacancies\\_](https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/vacancies_)

# Term Dates

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

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon	6	13	20	27		Mon	3	10	17	24			
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Together  for Families

### 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

### AUTUMN TERM (73 days)

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

### SPRING TERM (59 days)

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

### SUMMER TERM (63 days)

20 April - 22 July 2026  
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)

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.

## Our INSET Days for 2025-2026 are as follows:

1. **3rd September 2025**
2. **24th October 2025**
3. **1st June 2026**
4. **22nd July 2026**
5. **23rd July 2026**

## Term-Time Holidays

We kindly remind parents and carers that holidays should not be booked during term time. Under current legislation, unauthorised term-time holidays may result in a fixed penalty fine. We aim to avoid this wherever possible and appreciate your support in ensuring excellent attendance for all pupils.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.



Thank you for the first PINS coffee morning, I was made to feel so welcome at your school, feel free to get in touch if you want to share any further ideas or comments with me, my details are at the end and I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you soon and hopefully some new Parents and Carers at the Second one. It was a very relaxed session and thank you to the parents that attended - it was good to chat and hear from you and to share Ideas.

If you are unsure what PINS is here is a brief description, and the link to further Information on our website. (Click to follow the secure link if you are viewing electronically)

<https://parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/pins-project/>

### **Introducing the PINS Project**

#### **What is the PINS Project for?**

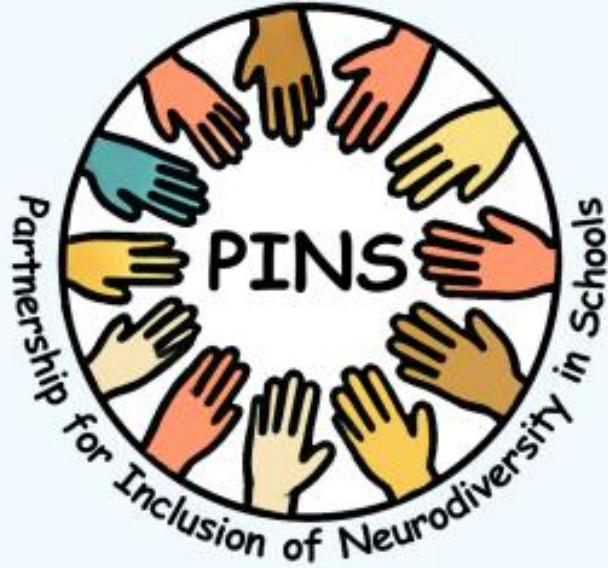
This partnership work will give children, their families, and school staff the opportunity to have important discussions to understand how best to support neurodivergent children and their families within school communities across the country.

Parent Carers Cornwall, NHS Kernow, Cornwall Council and 30 participating school communities across Cornwall are working together to complete this important project work. The outcome of this local partnership work will be fed back into the national PINS programme for evaluation at the end of the project in March 2026

#### **How will the PINS Project work?**

Parent Carers Cornwall has appointed 3 PINS Locality Support Officers, who will be holding face to face and online parent carer engagement events for each participating school community. The community engagement opportunities will be informal and inclusive sessions, where parent carer views and experiences will be gathered. Parent carers will also have the opportunity to explore ideas that could create positive change within their school community, together with school staff.

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## PINS Coffee Morning Mawnan Smith School

30 January 2026

9AM - 1030

All Welcome





# Nearly Neurodivergent- Children

A workshop for Parents and Carers, who are exploring if their child might be neurodivergent.

Come meet other parents and carers who are on the same journey, learn more about neurodivergent traits & behaviours, and have your questions answered with Joanna Grace.

**When:**

Wednesday 21st January 2026  
10:30am-2:30pm

**Where:**

St Austell Conference Centre,  
PL25 3RF.

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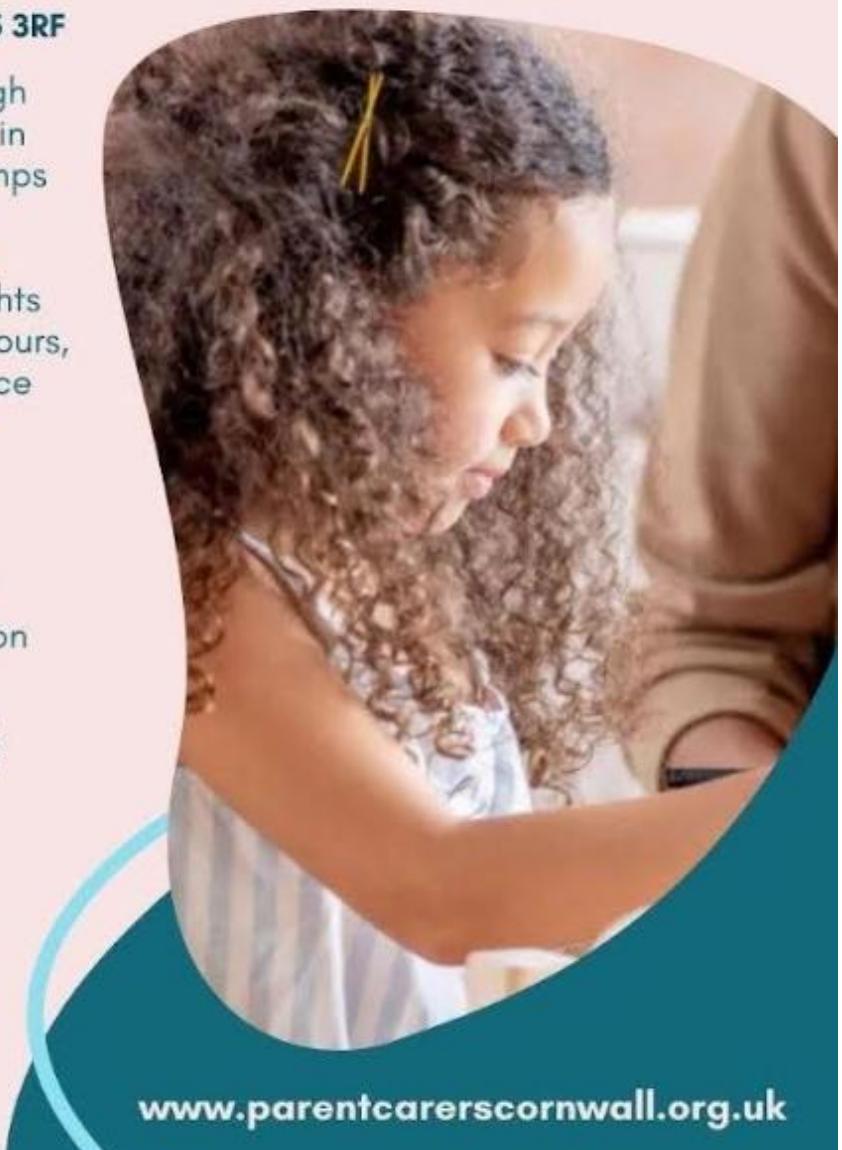
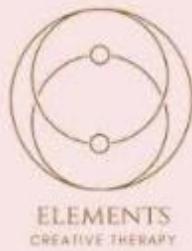
# Nurturing Connections Workshop for Parents and Carers

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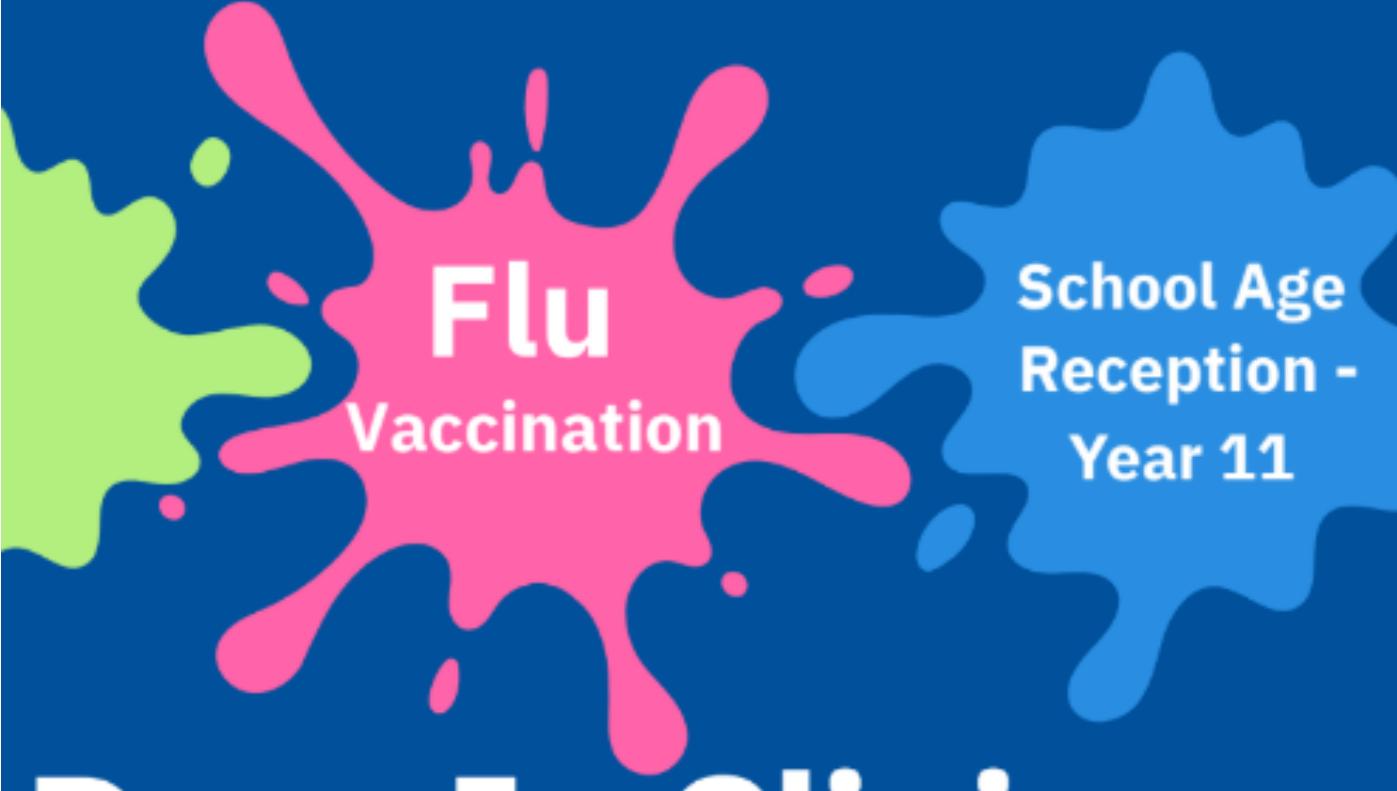
**St Austell Conference Centre PL25 3RF**

This workshop will walk you through the basics of brain development, in order to meet developmental bumps in the road and challenging behaviours with compassion and understanding. You will gain insights into what drives children's behaviours, how to maintain emotional balance and promote healthier and more resilient family relationships.

Play Therapist Ellie Cudmore will equip you with the language and tools to foster emotional regulation whilst considering the vital importance of nurturing your own needs in order to nurture those of your children.



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**Flu  
Vaccination**

**School Age  
Reception -  
Year 11**

# **Drop In Clinic**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**10:30 - 13:30**

**Redruth Family hub  
Drump Road  
Redruth, TR15 1LU**

**10.30-13.30**

For more information  
please speak with a  
member of the team

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