



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 04th July 2025

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day on Friday was such a fantastic celebration of fun, teamwork, and community spirit. The atmosphere was buzzing as the children gave it their all, showing not just their sporting skills but also brilliant sportsmanship and support for each other. It was lovely to see so many of you cheering them on from the sidelines – it really made the day feel extra special.

A huge thank you to the Ferry Boat Zander and Sarah and the PTA and WI for keeping everyone going with delicious refreshments and for all their hard work behind the scenes. We also want to say a big congratulations and thank you to Mrs Watson, our exceptional PE Lead, for organising and delivering such a fantastic event. Her hard work and enthusiasm made the day one to remember for everyone.

Our teams were fantastic, and this year's winners were the BLUES!





Thank you to Penryn College Students for your incredible help today!!

Farewell to Mrs Shepherd

We are sad to share the news that our wonderful Teaching Assistant, Mrs Shepherd, will be leaving Mawnan School at the end of this academic year.

Mrs Shepherd has been a valued member of our team, supporting both staff and children with her warmth, dedication, and endless positivity. She has made such a difference to so many pupils during her time here, and we know she will be greatly missed by everyone in our school community.

Although we are very sorry to see her go, we are also excited for her as she embarks on a new adventure. Mrs Shepherd will be taking over the village café, so we're sure many of you will still have the chance to see her and say hello!

Break the Rules Day – Friday 11th July

Looking ahead, don't forget that next Friday (11th July) is our muchloved *Break the Rules Day*! For a small donation to the PTA, children can enjoy bending some of our usual rules for the day – think wacky hair, wearing your own clothes, or even eating pudding first at lunch! It's always such a fun day and a great way to raise money for the school. We will have a collection on the front gate in the morning.

Break the Rules Menu

MAWNAN SCHOOL

1. Wear your own clothes
2. Wear your hair in any style
3. Wear make up
4. Eat sweets at breaktime
5. Bring toys into school (children will take responsibility)
6. Be called by a different name
7. Have lunch on the field (weather permitting)
8. Sit where you want in class
9. Squash or juice in your water bottle
10. Have more free time!

Fusion

Fusion's first expedition in September is called Survivors. To kick off this exciting learning, we will be having outdoor Survival Day on Friday 5th of September. If anyone is willing to let us borrow the following items, we'd be grateful. Items needed: **tarpaulin, rope, tent poles and tent pegs.**

Please send these items in on Friday 5th September in a labelled bag just so we know which items belong to who.

Many Thanks

Fusion Team

Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
15 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
3 rd September	Inset day 1
4 th September	Return to school
5 th September	Fusion Survival Day

Term Dates 2025/2026

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		
Tue		2	9	16	23	30	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		4	11	18	25		
Wed		3	10	17	24		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed		5	12	19	26		
Thurs		4	11	18	25		Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	Thurs		6	13	20	27		
Fri		5	12	19	26		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri		7	14	21	28		
Sat		6	13	20	27		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29		
Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30		

December 2025							January 2026							February 2026						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon		2	9	16	23		
Tue		2	9	16	23	30	Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue		3	10	17	24		
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Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22			

March 2026							April 2026							May 2026						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30	Mon		6	13	20	27	Mon		4	11	18	25		
Tue		3	10	17	24	31	Tue		7	14	21	28	Tue		5	12	19	26		
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June 2026							July 2026							August 2026						
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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 - 23 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.

Inset Days:

Inset 1: Wednesday 3rd July

Inset 2: Friday 24th October

Inset 3: Monday 1st June

Inset 4: Wednesday 22nd July

Inset 5: Thursday 23rd July

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 School



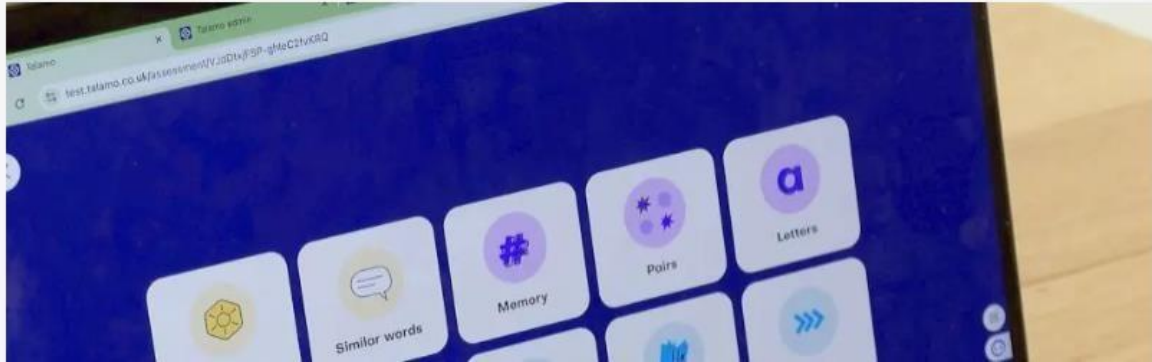
**ADULTS £10
ALL KIDS FREE!**



scan qr code for tickets

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

Tool for mass dyslexia screening being developed



We're also very proud to share that Mawnan CE VA Primary has been in the spotlight recently – quite literally! We've been featured on BBC Spotlight, Radio Cornwall, and BBC Online for our work with Talamo on their dyslexia screening software. This project is all about making learning even more inclusive and supportive for every child.

Our Year 6 children were absolute stars during the filming, speaking with confidence and maturity about their experiences. A big well done to them and to Miss P for representing our school so brilliantly in the interviews.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvg88p4gqvyo>

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 instore or online with free delivery to the school <https://www.castlesports.co.uk/mawnanschool>

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.

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

Tablets have transformed the way children learn and play, but are they always a safe choice? This #WakeUpWednesday guide focuses on the ever-popular iPad and how to use it responsibly with younger users. We explore key concerns such as exposure to harmful content, data collection by apps and the possibility of screen addiction.

This guide also offers practical advice on using Apple's own tools to limit screen time, filter content and prevent unwanted purchases. With expert insights and clear recommendations, it's essential reading for parents and educators keen to make iPad use safer and smarter.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple iPads are by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of young children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their basic functionality, iPads can be the phillip, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen over-use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- COSTLY TO REPAIR**
The average child in the UK is likely to use a tablet or smartphone for the first time around age 8. This means that by the time they are 12, they will have used a tablet or smartphone for over 4 years. Over 40% of the tablet apps available on the App Store require a purchase to download. This means that if a child's tablet is damaged, they may need to purchase a replacement tablet.
- DATA PRIVACY**
With a tablet, it's easy to access personal information, such as photos, videos, text messages, and social media posts. Over 40% of the tablet apps available on the App Store require a purchase to download. This means that if a child's tablet is damaged, they may need to purchase a replacement tablet.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
The App Store has a strict review process, but it's not perfect. Inappropriate content, such as pornography, violence, and hate speech, can be found on the App Store. Over 40% of the tablet apps available on the App Store require a purchase to download. This means that if a child's tablet is damaged, they may need to purchase a replacement tablet.
- BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS**
If a child's tablet is set up with parental controls, they can be bypassed. For example, a child can use a computer to access the App Store, or they can use a computer to download apps. This means that if a child's tablet is damaged, they may need to purchase a replacement tablet.
- SCREEN ADDICTION**
Tablets are highly addictive, and children can spend hours of their day on them. This can lead to screen addiction, which can have a negative impact on a child's mental health and academic performance.
- REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT**
The longer a child spends on a tablet, the more likely they are to experience reduced attention and cognitive impact. This can lead to difficulties in school and other areas of a child's life.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ENABLE FAMILY SHARING**
Family Sharing lets you create a shared Apple ID for your child and manage their apps. You can also purchase content on the App Store, the iTunes Store, and the iBooks Store. All items purchased with your Apple ID will be available to all family members who have purchased a compatible device.
- FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES**
Parental controls can be used to restrict the types of apps, websites, and in-app purchases that a child can access. This can help to protect a child from inappropriate content and purchases.
- USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY**
Screen Time lets you set app limits, block inappropriate content, and track a child's screen time. You can also use Screen Time to set up a Family Sharing account, which lets you manage your child's screen time from a single device.
- PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING**
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Meet Our Expert
Dr. Sarah-Jane Houghton is a senior lecturer in the School of Education, The National College. She has over 10 years of experience in the field of education and is a frequent speaker at conferences and events. She is also a member of the National College's Advisory Board.

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The EdVenture programme is open to all young people, aged 5-16, who are looking for a diverse range of physical, educational and enriching sessions during the summer holidays.

The EdVenture Summer Holiday programme also provides free meals and activities for eligible free school meal children and their families across Cornwall during the summer holidays.

The activities will be led by our experienced teachers, coaches and outside providers who will provide a safe and fun environment for all participants.

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Activities

Healthy
Meals

Ages
5-16



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From
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WORKSHOPS

Arts &
Crafts

And
Much
More...

HOW TO BOOK:

LIMITED SPACES - PRE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

BOOKING
LIVE
NOW!

For more details on the activities please visit the www.myedventure.co.uk website. *All SuperCamp activities, and some other selected activities, are free for eligible free school meal (FSM) children and their families; simply enter your code at the checkout. Those eligible for FSM funding can obtain their code at cornwall.gov.uk/time2move. Free school meal pupils will be provided with a packed lunch for each day they attend eligible activities.

Parent/carer(s) wishing to use childcare vouchers please contact us for more information - edventure@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

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