



## Goldilocks Court Trial

Pupils did drama building, adopting characters ready for the court trial regarding Goldilocks breaking and entering, stealing food (porridge) and damaging property (baby bears chair).

This was great fun where an owl a squirrel and Goldilocks were all found guilty. Herbie in particular had exception integration skills!!

The very energetic Ninja bread man made pupils do a ninja assault course to warm up for the big event: obtaining a ginger biscuit without hitting the lasers!!

With great ninja guidance this proved hugely successful!



Everyone looked fantastic and it was wonderful to see so many creative costumes. Sending your children to school looking incredible really helped create the fun-filled World Book Day we always aim for.

More photos will follow on class Dojo!



## St Piran's Day Celebrations - Gool Peran Lowen!

We were delighted to mark St Piran's Day in school this week and take time to celebrate Cornwall's patron saint and our wonderful Cornish heritage.

The children enjoyed learning more about the history and traditions associated with the day, as well as exploring why St Piran is such an important figure in Cornish culture. It was a lovely opportunity for pupils to develop their understanding of local identity and to take pride in the rich heritage of Cornwall.



## Parent-Teacher Meetings

Our second set of parent-teacher meetings for this academic year will take place during the week beginning **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**.

A Google Form has been emailed to families this week so that you can select a convenient appointment time. During this week, we intentionally avoid scheduling other professional commitments so that staff are available to meet with every family.

These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to talk about your child's learning, progress and next steps, so it is important that all parents and carers book an appointment.

Please ensure that you arrive on time for your allocated slot, as delays can impact on the meetings scheduled for other families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please note, that due to these meetings Lego Club and Construction and Games club will be cancelled during this week.

## Cross Country



After qualifying in the Penryn Partnership Cross Country race, Hamish, Joseph, Noah, Cally, Alana, Emma, Amelie, Matthew and Robert went on to run in the Peninsula Cross Country race on Wednesday. They competed against schools in the whole of the South West with great success. We are incredibly proud of them!!

## Hockey

Our hockey team played their first league games on Wednesday. For a newly formed team, they did fantastically well and showed great determination and teamwork. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow and their skills improve with each game. Well done to all the players!

Mawnan 0 v 1 Mabe

Mawnan 0 v 1 Kennall Vale

Mawnan 2 v 0 Flushing

## School Disco

Thank you to our fantastic PTA for putting on a great School Disco last week! As well as being a fun and energetic evening they raised a fantastic £500!

## Mother's Day Breakfast

We are very much looking forward to welcoming mothers and special mother figures to our **Mother's Day Breakfast**, always one of the loveliest events in our school calendar.

This is a wonderful chance for us to come together as a school community and celebrate the fantastic mothers, grandmothers and carers who play such an important role in our children's lives.

Join us on **Friday 13th March from 7:45am in the school hall** for a cheerful start to the day, with plenty of smiles, good company and a delicious breakfast kindly prepared by Jacky.

A Google Form has been sent to families this week to reserve your place. **Booking and payment are essential**, so please make sure this is completed to avoid missing out.

We look forward to sharing a happy and memorable morning with you all!



## Key Dates to remember 2025/2026

Important Dates	
Date	Event
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Meetings
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PINs coffee morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day 3 – school closed
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 & 5 Camp to BF Adventure
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Camp to <u>Porthpean</u>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (reserve day)
22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset days 4 & 5 – school closed
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Holidays

## Statutory Primary Assessment Dates

As we are rapidly progressing through the year, we wanted to share key statutory assessment dates, so families are aware and can help support good attendance on these important days.

**Key Stage 2 Tests (Year 6)** will take place during the week beginning **Monday 11 May 2026**. The timetable is as follows:

- Monday 11 May – English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Papers 1 and 2)
- Tuesday 12 May – English Reading
- Wednesday 13 May – Mathematics (Papers 1 and 2)
- Thursday 14 May – Mathematics (Paper 3)

**Multiplication Tables Check (Year 4)** will take place between **Monday 1 June and Friday 12 June 2026**.

**Phonics Screening Check (Year 1)** will take place during the week beginning **Monday 8 June 2026**.

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators: Creative Ways to Encourage Reading

With reading for pleasure in decline, this practical guide offers ten thoughtful ways to reignite children's enthusiasm for books. From valuing all forms of reading to broadening access to diverse materials, it explores how adults can nurture positive reading habits both at home and in school. Digital tools, audiobooks and augmented reality are also considered as engaging ways to support today's readers.

It also highlights the power of social connection – recommending books, reading together and meeting authors – alongside the importance of modelling reading ourselves. With expert insight from literacy specialist Carl Pattison, this edition provides supportive, achievable ideas to help young people reconnect with reading and see it as a meaningful part of everyday life.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators CREATIVE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE READING

Reading regularly has a life-long impact, yet recent data from the National Literacy Trust shows a decline in reading for pleasure among 8- to 18-year-olds, with just 32.7% enjoying it in 2025. Despite growing distractions, there are practical ways adults can spark a love of reading. This guide offers strategies and resources to help inspire young readers.

- 1 VALUE ALL READING**

When we think about reading, it's very easy to picture a young person reading a fictional novel; however, reading is so much more than this. To help them understand, why not show them how to create a 24-hour reading diary? Jet down all reading and then discuss this with them. By doing this, you can demonstrate the many ways we turn to reading.
- 2 WIDEN THE SELECTION**

Once we know reading can be varied, we need to think about the selection of reading material they can access. Visit a shop selling magazines, the library and a bookshop, and consider the range of material that is available within them. Then consider how you might broaden their reading choices, so all young people have access to a wide and varied selection.
- 3 GIFT A BOOK**

One simple way to encourage reading is to make books feel special. Gifting a book adds value and shows it's something to be treasured. Whether it's as a reward or for a celebration like a birthday, let the young person choose a title or pick one you know they will enjoy. You could also include a personal note inside.
- 4 CONNECT WITH AUTHORS**

Meeting authors can certainly spark an interest in their reading material. This might be through a live event in a school/bookshop or by using the wealth of online material that is now available. Encourage young people to look at ways to connect with authors using free resources such as Authority and Just Imagine's Children's Authors Live.
- 5 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE**

Access training about reading for pleasure to widen your understanding of this topic and, more importantly, how to develop it. Explore a wide range of free resources that can be found online. The more you know, the better placed you are to inspire a love of reading in others.
- 6 TALK BOOKS**

There are times when we need silence to read and focus on our book; however, we know that reading is a social experience, so we must also factor in discussion time. Reading the same book gives two people a connection and the opportunity to voice their thoughts and questions about it. Why not buy two copies of a book and read it together? Start the connection.
- 7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

As well as talking about the content of books, we can share what we are reading or have read recently. This can often act as a trigger for someone else to explore it. How often have you watched a film or series because someone else has recommended it? It's the same with books. If you know the young person well, you can tailor your recommendations and share why you think they'll enjoy it.
- 8 GO DIGITAL**

With the rise in online digital material, we can easily focus on the negatives; however, it also brings a wealth of opportunities. Resources can aid and enhance the reading experience for young people. They can read along with audiobooks, translate, and track their reading goals with resources like PolyIn and apps like Goodreads for older children. Augmented reality books also bring books to life and offer a great way for engagement.
- 9 RECONNECT**

There can come a time when a love of reading seems to disappear. It does not mean it's gone forever; it generally means they have lost the connection. How do we get it back? Find the next piece of reading material that sparks their current interests. The National Year of Reading focus of 'Go All In' captures this well as it is their key theme. As children grow and change, so do their interests. A visit to the local library is a great way to support the reconnection.
- 10 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

Let them see you reading. If you make time to read, you send a strong message to children: reading matters. Share why you enjoy it. Is it to relax, escape the world, learn something new or to be entertained? When children see reading as a normal and valued part of everyday life, they are more likely to adopt it themselves.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Carl Pattison is a literacy advisor and early reading expert at The National College. Through his programmes, he supports schools to enhance reading and writing. In addition to his independent work, he also works for a large academy trust in the East Midlands as the strategic lead for their English Hub and Literacy Excellence Centre.

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## Mawnan Park Closure and tree planting update 🌳

Please note Mawnan Park (formerly known as the Junior Playing Field) will be closed on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 March while new fencing, gates and cycle racks are installed. Please follow all signage and use alternative routes during this time.

The Park's second tree planting session has been rescheduled to Friday 13 March, starting at 10am. Volunteers are very welcome to join for as much or as little time as they can spare.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Cllr Shiona Biggin  
Mawnan Parish Council

**JOIN US TO PLANT TREES!**

## NEW DATE FOR OUR SECOND COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY

Mawnan Parish Council is hosting its second free community tree planting day in Mawnan Park (AKA the Junior Playing Field, next door to the Bowling Club).

**Friday 13 March:**  
Fruit trees and foraging hedge planting with Simon Miles from The Forest Garden. 10am-4pm.  
(Back-up dates: Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 March).

Register your interest: contact Cllr Shiona Biggin at [cllr.biggin.mawnan@gmail.com](mailto:cllr.biggin.mawnan@gmail.com) or 07792 758640.

The sessions are free and the trees have been funded by Forest for Cornwall and Cornwall Council's Cornwall Climate and Nature Fund.

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