THE MAWNAN LIGHT

Friday 6th November 2026

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Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11th November



On Wednesday, we will come together to mark Remembrance Day with a special assembly and observe the traditional two-minute silence at 11 am.

Our Year 6 pupils in Dart Class will represent the school at the village commemorations, where they will lay crosses in memory of those from Mawnan who lost their lives in conflict and recite the moving poem *In Flanders Fields*.

This is a special opportunity for our pupils to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice and play an important part in our village's tradition of remembrance.

We also have a Poppy Shop in the school office, open at the beginning and end of each school day, where families are welcome to purchase poppies and a range of poppy-related items in support of the Royal British Legion.



Children in Need – Friday 13th November

We're delighted to be supporting **BBC Children in Need** again this year! On Friday 13th November, children are invited to come to school wearing **spots, stripes or something bright and colourful** to help raise money for this fantastic cause.

We'll be collecting cash donations at the school gate on Friday morning. Every contribution, however small, will help make a difference to children and families across the UK.

Thank you for your support!

Mawnan School PTA Film Night – Friday 20th November

Our wonderful PTA is hosting a **Film Night on Friday 20th November**, giving the children a chance to relax, enjoy a film with their friends and help raise valuable funds for our school.

There will be two screenings:

- **Early Screening | 3:15–5:00 pm:** Oppie and Topper (EYFS and KS1)
- **Later Screening | 5:10–7:00 pm:** Pico, Fusion and Dart (KS2)

🎟 Tickets – £5 per child

For just £5, children will enjoy a film, pizza, popcorn and chocolates! Vegetarian and vegan options will be available.

🧸 Make yourselves comfortable!

We'll be transforming the hall into a cosy cinema, complete with gym mats. Children are welcome to wear comfy clothes and bring along a blanket or cushion to snuggle up with. Please also remember a named water bottle to help us avoid spillages.

A few important arrangements:

- Children in Oppie and Topper attending the early screening will go straight from their classrooms to the hall at 3:15 pm, so there is no need for parents to collect them at the usual time.
- Entry and collection for both screenings will be via the main office door only.
- Payment can be made in advance via the payment link.

📝 Please book your child's place!

Please complete the Google Form that will be emailed to families on Monday. This is really important as it provides consent for your children to remain at school and helps our PTA volunteers plan refreshments and ensure appropriate supervision.

🎥 And the winning films are...

Oppie and Topper **Toy Story 2**

Pico Fusion and Dart **ELF**

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising what promises to be a lovely event for the children. We hope lots of you can join in the fun!



Parent–Teacher Meetings -Week Beginning Monday 16th November

Our parent–teacher meetings will take place in school during the week beginning **Monday 16th November**. Google Form were sent out via email today at 1pm. Please book promptly to secure a time that suits you.

We dedicate this week to meeting with families, clearing our usual professional commitments to ensure we have time to meet with every parent. We really value these conversations and look forward to sharing your child's progress, achievements and next steps. Please arrive on time, as late arrivals can affect subsequent appointments.

Changes to Enrichment Clubs

Due to staff and room availability, the following clubs will **not run during parent–teacher meeting week**:

- **Monday:** Netball and Sewing
- **Wednesday:** Construction
- **Thursday:** Choir and Lego
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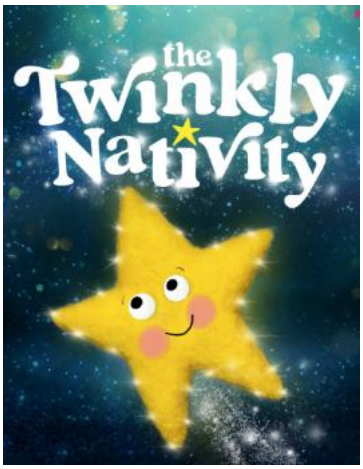
All other enrichment clubs will run as normal. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound care will continue as usual. However, during this week, please collect children from the **Fusion Class door**, located around the left-hand side of the school, near the bins and sheds.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to seeing you!

STOP PRESS! Oppie & Topper Class Nativity



We're delighted to announce that this year, Oppie and Topper Classes will be performing The Twinkly Nativity! We can't wait to see our youngest children bring this magical Christmas story 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.

Secret Santa Gift Collection

🎅 Secret Santa – Donations Needed!

Our much-loved Secret Santa event, organised by our wonderful PTA, will take place on Friday 11th December!

This special annual tradition gives the children the excitement of choosing gifts for their loved ones. Our lovely WI volunteers then carefully wrap and label each present, ready for the children to take home and tuck under the Christmas tree.

To make this magical event possible, we are asking for donations of unwanted, good-quality gifts suitable for all ages, from children to parents and other family members.

🎁 What can you donate?

- Toys, puzzles and games
- Books
- Gifts suitable for adults
- Any other lovely gift someone would be delighted to receive!

Items can be new or good-quality pre-loved gifts. Please ensure everything is clean, complete, undamaged and in good condition – something you would be happy to receive yourself.

Please place your donations in the Secret Santa donation box in the school entrance.

A huge thank you for supporting this wonderful tradition. Our Secret Santa simply couldn't happen without your generosity, and your donations help our children experience the joy of choosing something thoughtful and special for their family members.

Individual School Photographs: Thursday 12th November

Hatchbox Photography will be visiting Mawnan School on the morning of Thursday 12th November to take individual/sibling photographs of the children. Please ensure your child comes to school looking smart and ready for their photo!.

Important Dates

MONTH	KEY DATES
November 2026	Wed 11 – Year 6 Remembrance Fri 13 – Children in Need Non uniform day Thurs 12 – School individual photos Week beginning Mon 16 – Parent–teacher meetings Fri 20 – Movie Night
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

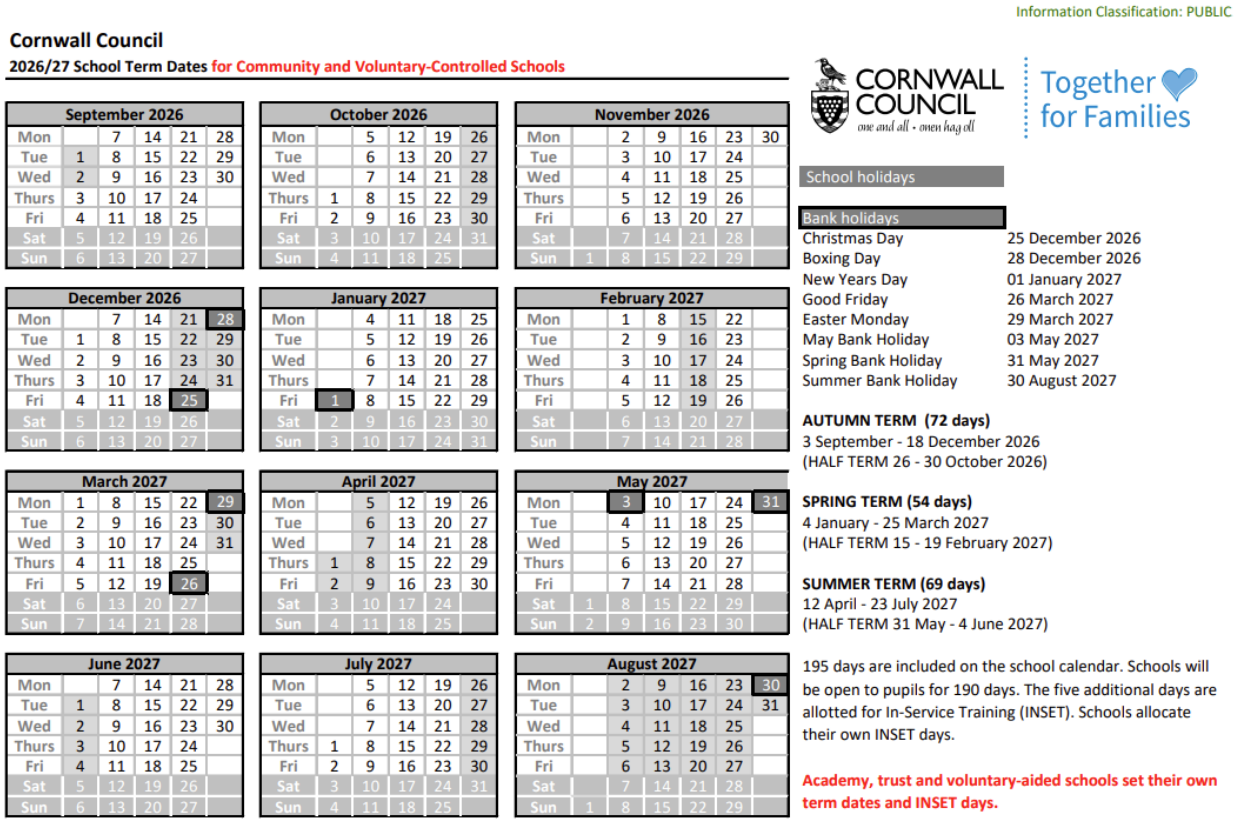
Important reminder about term-time holidays

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					
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	

April 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	
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May 2027					
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
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Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
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Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2027					
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	

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
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

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Together for Families

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.

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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