



# 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 May 2025**

## Happy Half Term!

As we come to the end of this short but incredibly busy half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic few weeks we've had. The school has been filled with brilliant achievements, smiles, and plenty of proud moments. It's always a joy to see our children thriving, not only in their learning but also in the friendships and memories they're building each day.

A huge thank you to all our staff and families for your ongoing support. We wish you a peaceful and restful half term break — fingers crossed for some lovely weather to enjoy a well-deserved pause!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd June as we begin our final term of the academic year. It's set to be a lively one, bursting with opportunities for learning and laughter. Highlights will include Sports Day, residential trips for our older pupils, transition days, our much-anticipated Summer Bash, and so much more. We can't wait to share all the fun with you.

Wishing you all a restful and happy half term — see you soon!

Warmest wishes,

Miss Pridmore



## Wraparound

This is a valuable resource has been thoughtfully developed to support you. If you haven't yet made use of it, we'd love for you to give it a try. We really want this venture to be a success and for us to sustain and grow this service for the whole school community.



**Sam and Joe**





## Wraparound

If you would like to book your child onto Wraparound after Half Term, you will need to complete a registration form and make your bookings via Parent Pay (Form and booking information attached to the Newsletter email).

If you are paying by vouchers and have informed the office about it, information on how to pay will be emailed directly to you.

Our wraparound childcare has been designed to complement our existing extra-curricular enrichment activities, providing a seamless and convenient solution for our families. The service is structured into three sessions: 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm, 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm, and 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm, each priced at £5.

## Enrichment Clubs Summer

### After School Clubs Summer Term (2)

To start Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Day	Club	Staff	Year Group	Max Spaces
Monday	Netball	Gill, Alex, Jules	Year 5 & 6	20
Monday	Golf	Mick	Year 5 & 6	8
Monday	Reading	Mrs Davies	Year 3 & 4	15
Tuesday	Football	Christian	Year 5 & 6	20
Tuesday	Skateboarding	Dave – Coach Frank	Year 5&6	12
Wednesday	Nature Play	Miss Ockwell	Year 1 & 2	20
Wednesday	Running Club	Mrs Watson, Mrs Timmins	Year 3 - 6	20
Wednesday	Tennis	Will	Year 5 & 6	15
Wednesday	Gardening Club	Zinnia, Mrs Atkin, Miss Hamon	Year 3	16
Thursday	Mindfulness and Relaxation	Mrs K Robinson	Year 3 & 4	10
Thursday	Sing and Sign	Mrs Jones	Year 2-6	25
Thursday	Construction	Miss Law	Year 1&2	20
Friday	Football	Cameron W, Andrew W	Year 3&4	20
Friday	Sailing	Miss Pridmore and helpers	Year 5&6	

New Club/change to day - Google form will be sent in next week
Continuing Club – No google form needed. Continue as Summer 1 Term

## Cricket League

Our Year 6 Cricket team went to play their second their second round of Cricket for the Penryn Partnership Cricket League at Penryn College on Wednesday afternoon.

Our team played so well together, demonstrating as always, their incredible sportsmanship and team work. They also came away with two wins!

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## Term Time Holidays

Please remember that leave during term time should be avoided unless there are truly exceptional circumstances.

The Department for Education (DfE) states that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Family holidays, no matter how educational or enriching, are not considered exceptional and therefore cannot be authorised.

Any requests for leave must be made in advance, explaining the exceptional nature of the circumstances. Unauthorised absence due to holidays may result in a fixed penalty notice, as per local authority guidelines.

We understand that family time is precious, but regular attendance at school is vital for your child's education, wellbeing, and long-term success. Every lesson really does count, and we thank you for supporting us in maintaining high attendance across the school.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

## Dates to Remember

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term – <b>Return date Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Elemental Beach Day
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 & 5 School Camp: PGL Barton Hall
25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 School Camp - Porthpean
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day reserve date
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer Holidays – last day Friday 18th

## SUMMER BIG BASH – Saturday 12th July, from 4pm onwards!

PTA plans are underway for our summer fundraiser. We are planning a fantastic afternoon of fun at this year's Summer Big Bash in the gorgeous Carwinion House Gardens. This year we will feature a variety of live music, including performances from the children, a live band or two, and even a DJ for those who can stay later!

The wonderful Ferryboat Crew will design an amazing BBQ menu. There will also be games, stalls, bar and plenty more to entertain the whole family. It's the perfect way to celebrate the end of the school year and have a good party! All welcome so please bring family and friends. The money raised will go towards much needed repairs to our adventure playground and Science and DT resources.

The PTA are feeling a bit low on numbers, if anyone can offer us a hand with helping at this event we would be hugely grateful and ALL funds raised go straight back to funding amazing things for the children at school! Talk to Anam, Alex or Nat if you can help!



# SUMMER BASH

CARWINION HOUSE GARDENS

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**FROM 4PM**

live music, food, games, bouncy castle, drinks  
more details to come ....

raising money for mawnan school



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft has hundreds of millions of players - making it more important than ever to be informed. With its vibrant worlds and endless potential for creativity it's no wonder Minecraft continues to capture young imaginations



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With the Minecraft movie hitting cinemas in April, interest in the game has remained strong But whether they're mining resources or building digital castles, children could also encounter strangers, scary content or bullying behaviour online.



We've created this free guide offering parents and educators the latest top tips on how to keep children safe from issues like griefing, chat risks, and unintended purchases, embracing the game's educational and creative benefits.



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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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of digital LEGO, certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

#### GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by causing losses of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

#### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

#### PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who have their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

#### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms, which is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creative attacking you or damaging your building.

#### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

#### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – it's having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people, it's important that a child knows never to let a stranger get about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

#### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

#### PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative roleplay. Much like working with LEGO or model kits, playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.



**Meet Our Expert**  
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EMBRACE CHEER AND DANCE

# Cheer open day



SATURDAY JUNE 21ST

12:30-2:00PM AGE 7-12

2:30-4PM AGE 9-16

COME ALONG FOR A FUN SESSION  
FOR OUR COMP CHEERLEADING  
TEAMS, TUMBLE, DANCE AND  
STUNTS.



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£5 a child

