



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 30th January 2026

Youth Speaks

We are incredibly proud to share the fantastic achievement of our Youth Speaks Team at yesterday's Rotary Club interschool competition. Our brilliant trio Amelie, Lamorna, and Poppy delivered an engaging and thought-provoking speech entitled "AI: Help or Hindrance?"

Their performance was outstanding from start to finish and really showed the teamwork, effort, and enthusiasm they had put into their preparation. From the well-researched content to their confident delivery and strong stage presence, the girls spoke with clarity and maturity.

While the competition was of a very high standard, the experience itself was a valuable and rewarding one. Amelie, Lamorna, and Poppy gained confidence, showcased their talents, and did themselves and our school proud. We could not be more pleased with their achievement.



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_

Illness and Attendance

We understand that at this time of year many seasonal illnesses are circulating, and occasional absences due to sickness are sometimes unavoidable.

If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, it is essential that they remain at home for **at least 48 hours after symptoms have completely stopped** before returning to school. This precaution helps reduce the risk of infection spreading to other children and staff.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone the school office **before 8.50am on each day of absence** and leave a message on the answerphone. This ensures that your child's absence is accurately recorded.

When leaving a message, please include:

- Your child's name
- The reason for absence

School Telephone Number: 01326 250660

For further guidance on common illnesses and advice on when children should remain at home, please visit the NHS website using the link below:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community healthy.

After-School Clubs and the Weather

We would like to apologise that we have had to cancel our outdoor after-school clubs recently due to the weather. We know this can be disappointing and inconvenient for families, and we really appreciate your understanding.

As you are aware, over the past few weeks, we have experienced prolonged periods of heavy rain, and our field is currently completely waterlogged. Unfortunately, this means it is not safe or suitable for children to use at the moment.

We carefully monitor the weather throughout each day when deciding whether outdoor enrichment clubs can go ahead. Sometimes decisions are straightforward when the forecast is clear; however, our local weather can be very changeable and difficult to predict accurately by the end of the school day. While we always try to keep clubs running wherever possible, any decision to cancel is made with the safety, wellbeing and comfort of the children firmly in mind.

Thank you for your patience and support.

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.



Key Dates to remember 2025/2026

2026	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Fri 13 th Feb	Dress to Express
16 th – 20 th Feb	Half Term
Fri 27 th Feb	School Disco
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
23 rd – 27 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings
3 rd – 17 th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 1 st June	Inset Day 3
17 th – 19 th June	Year 4 & 5 Camp to BF Adventure
24 th -26 th June	Year 6 Camp to Porthpean
3 rd July	Sports Day
10 th July	Sports Day (reserve day)
22 nd -23 rd July	Inset days 4 & 5
24 th July	Summer Holidays

Term Dates

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

September 2025					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
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	

October 2025				
Mon	6	13	20	27
Tue	7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22
Thurs	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
Sat	4	11	18	25
Sun	5	12	19	26

November 2025				
Mon	3	10	17	24
Tue	4	11	18	25
Wed	5	12	19	26
Thurs	6	13	20	27
Fri	7	14	21	28
Sat	1	8	15	22
Sun	2	9	16	23



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	24 June 2026

AUTUMN TERM (73 days)

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

March 2026					
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	
Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29

April 2026					
Mon	5	6	7	8	9
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

May 2026					
Mon	5	11	18	25	
Tue	6	13	20	27	
Wed	7	14	21	28	
Thurs	8	15	22	29	
Fri	9	16	23	30	
Sat	10	17	24	31	
Sun					

ANSWER QUESTIONS (PAGES 1-3)

SPRING TERM (59 days)
5 January - 2 April 2026
(HALF TERM 16 - 20 February 2026)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)

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20 April - 22 July 2026

June 2026					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
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	

July 2026				
Mon	6	13	20	27
Tue	7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22
Thurs	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
Sat	4	11	18	25
Sun	5	12	19	26

August 2026					
Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thurs	6	13	20	27	
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195 days are included on the school calendar.

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Academy, trust and voluntary-aided schools set their own term dates and INSET days.

Our remaining INSET Days for 2026 are as follows:

- 3. 1st June 2026
- 4. 22nd July 2026
- 5. 23rd July 2026

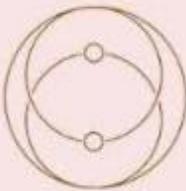
Nurturing Connections Workshop for Parents and Carers

Tuesday 3rd February 10:30-1pm

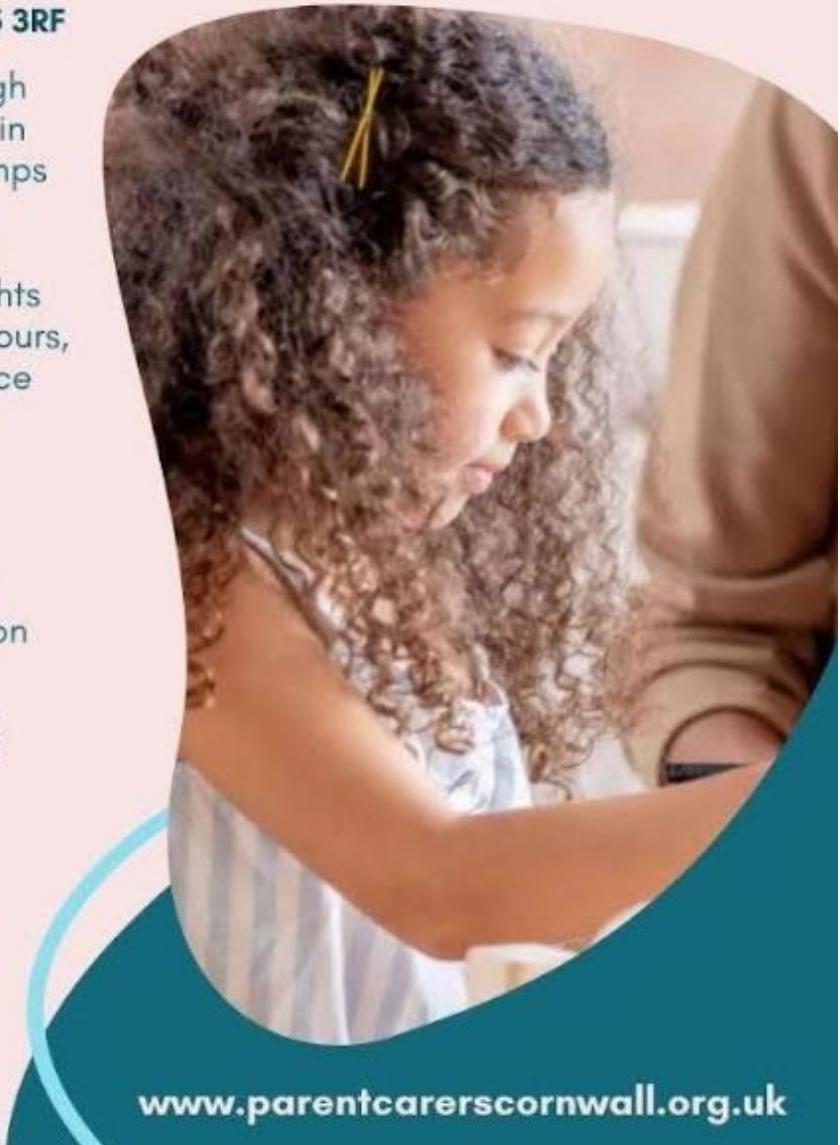
St Austell Conference Centre PL25 3RF

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.



ELEMENTS
CREATIVE THERAPY



www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk



EdVenture- Penryn College

The half term holidays are fast approaching and Penryn College will be hosting our very successful Edventure holiday programme once more.

Parents can book spaces using our website

- www.myedventure.co.uk. Parents can also pay using childcare voucher schemes if they contact us directly.

If anyone has any questions or queries please do contact us.

Edventure Holiday Activities @ Penryn College
01326 372379



CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

EDVENTURE

FEB HALF TERM SUPERCAMPS

Come and take part in our EdVenture holiday provision, offering children a fantastic opportunity to build friendships through team sports and outdoor adventures, and explore their creativity with themed group games and arts & crafts.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM: FEB 17TH – 19TH

3-DAY SUPERCAMPS

5-7 YEARS | 8+ YEARS

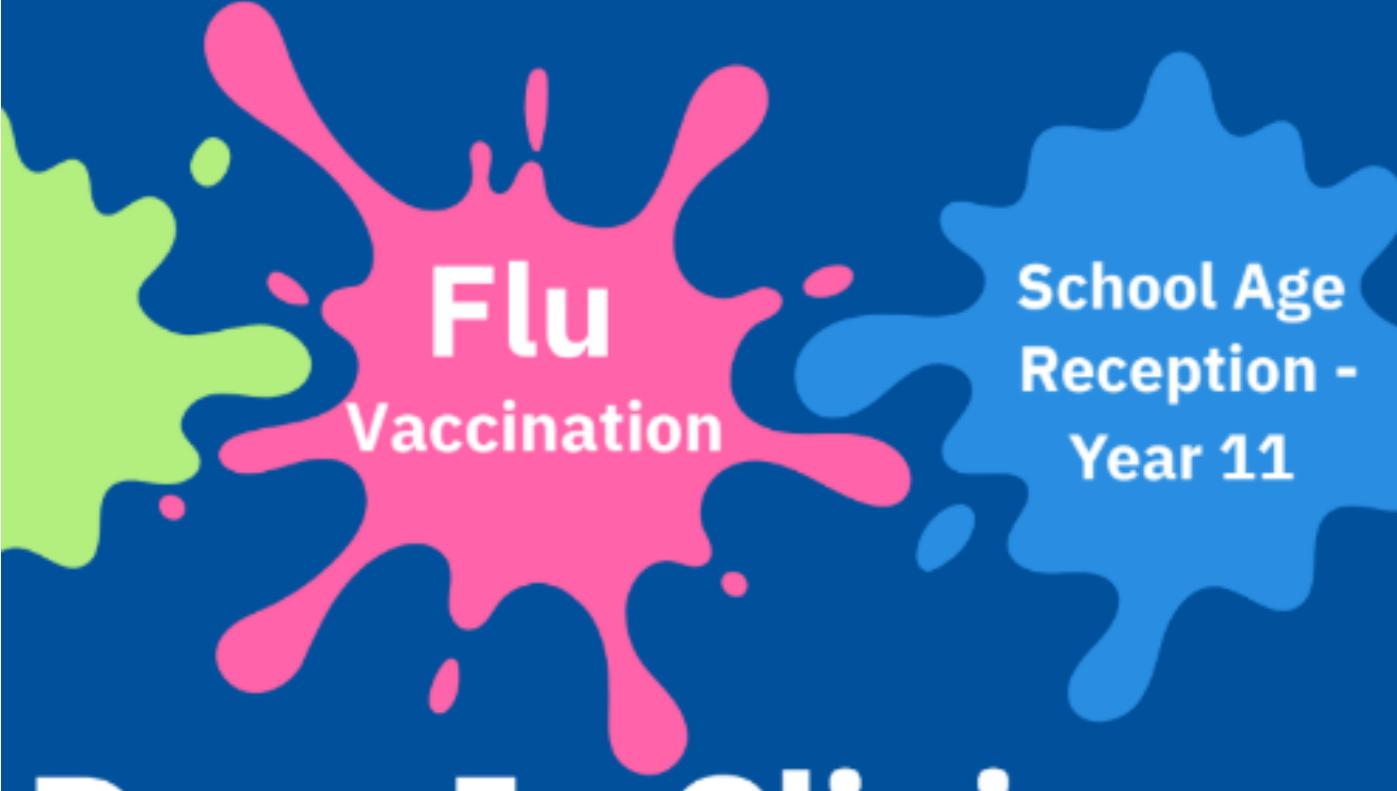
- DODGEBALL, DEN BUILDING, GYM,
- PAPER PLANE FLYING, ARTS & CRAFTS,
- DANCE OFF, FOOTBALL GOLF,
- CAPTURE THE FLAG, BOARD GAMES,
- FILMS, TEAM CHALLENGES
- & LOTS MORE!

£90 FOR 3 DAYS

OR

£35 A DAY

FOR MORE DETAILS & TO BOOK:
WWW.MYEDVENTURE.CO.UK
01326 372379



**Flu
Vaccination**

**School Age
Reception -
Year 11**

Drop In Clinic

Saturday 7th 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

Call us on

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