



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 27th March 2026

School Eucharist Service

On Tuesday 31st March, the whole school will be walking down to St Michael's Church for our annual Eucharist service with Rev Johanna.

We will be leaving school promptly at 9:15am, with the service beginning at around 9:30am. Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us if you would like to come along.

It is always a lovely occasion for our school community, giving us a chance to come together, reflect, and share this special time of year as a whole school family.



Thank You

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our parent-teacher meetings this week. It is always a pleasure to share the progress your children are making and to celebrate their achievements together. We feel very fortunate to work with such wonderful children every day, and your continued support makes a real difference.

Agents of Change in Action

At Mawnan School, we actively encourage all children to become agents of change, to notice injustice in the world around them and to respond with courage, compassion, and positivity, rooted in our Christian values. We want our pupils to know that even the smallest voice can make a meaningful difference.



We are delighted to share a wonderful example of this in action from one of our youngest pupils.

A few weeks ago, Sammy in Year 1 wrote me a thoughtful letter. In it, he shared that he had seen a homeless person in town and that this had really upset him. He kindly and politely asked if, as a school, we might raise some money to help people experiencing homelessness.

Sammy and I spent some time discussing what this could look like, and together we agreed that a **non-uniform day on the last day of term (Thursday 2nd April)** would be a great way to raise funds. The money raised will go to St Petroc's, a charity that works tirelessly to support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. They provide vital services such as emergency accommodation, support with housing, and guidance to help individuals rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

This morning, Sammy and I shared this plan with the whole school. We also spoke about what homelessness means and how charities like St Petroc's make a real difference in people's lives.

I am incredibly proud of Sammy for showing such compassion, courage, and leadership. He has reminded us all that no one is too young to stand up for what is right and to make a positive change in the world.

We look forward to supporting this important cause together as a school community. We will have a cash collection on the gate on Thursday morning.

Cake Sale

The children would like to hold an Easter-themed cake sale to help with the St Petrocs fundraising. We would greatly appreciate any cake donations for this event. If possible, please bring donations into school by 3pm on Thursday 2nd April, ready for the sale later that day. Thank you for your support!

Running Club



Mrs Watson would like to thank the fantastic pupils for their commitment to Running Club. They have turned up every week, whatever the weather, resulting in huge improvements. Their stamina, speed and team spirit have improved week after week, and they should be as proud of themselves as we are of them!



Music Concert

Our budding musicians will be entertaining us with their talents next Wednesday 1st April at 2pm. All parents are invited to watch their children showcase their musical talents.



Adventure Playground Update

We are pleased to share that work on the adventure playground will be taking place over the holiday period.

This means that, all being well, the children should be able to access and enjoy the adventure playground when we return after the Easter holidays. We know how much the children have missed this space and look forward to seeing it back in use very soon.

School Uniform

It has come to our attention from parents that children are missing items of uniform. Whilst we know, and are thankful, that uniform is labelled at the start of the school year in September, this time of year often sees marker pen names fade or become illegible, and stickers can fall off.

To help avoid uniform going missing, please could we ask parents to check their child's uniform labels and ensure all items are clearly named.

Any uniform that is clearly labelled is always returned to the child or their school peg.

Please could parents also check any uniform that comes home to ensure that your child hasn't mistakenly brought home someone else's uniform, and return it if they have.

Term Dates 2026/2027

Cornwall Council

2026/27 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



Together for Families

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
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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.

INSET Days – Academic Year 2026–2027

We would like to share the planned INSET days for the next academic year. INSET days (In-Service Training days) are set aside for staff training and professional development. On these days, the school is closed to pupils while teachers and support staff take part in activities to further improve teaching, learning and overall provision for children.

Staff training (INSET) days will take place on:

- Thursday 3rd September
- Friday 4th September
- Monday 7th June
- Tuesday 8th June
- Wednesday 9th June

Families who feel they may need to take a holiday during term time are encouraged to consider the June closure dates to help avoid pupils missing school and any potential fines.

Further information will be shared with parents in due course.

What Parents and Educators Need to Know about Tracking Devices

Tracking devices like AirTags and SmartTags were designed to help people find lost belongings, but they've also opened the door to worrying forms of misuse. Their compact size and subtle design make them easy to hide, which can lead to the unwanted tracking of people without their knowledge. From stalking and bullying to potential misuse by peers, these gadgets bring a range of risks that trusted adults must stay aware of.

This guide examines the growing popularity of Bluetooth trackers, the most common ways they're being misused, and how to spot signs that a child may be affected. With practical tips on detecting hidden devices, using the right apps, and starting important conversations, it's a vital read for parents, carers and educators looking to stay ahead of a fast-moving issue.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- STALKING AND HARASSMENT**
Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 37 percent between 2018 and 2021.
- INVASION OF PRIVACY**
These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without tracking.
- TOOLS FOR BULLYING**
Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces - like home - that should feel safe and secure.
- FALSE ACCUSATIONS**
Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to prove ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.
- DIFFICULT TO DETECT**
Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to look without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS**
If a child's peers always seem to know their location - whether in person or hidden at online - it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.
- USE DETECTION APPS**
Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's "Tracker Detect" or the third-party app "Ainsguard" to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.
- CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS**
Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it - this could help police trace the account it's linked to.
- HAVE THE CONVERSATION**
Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert
Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, Techradar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New York Times. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.

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Mawnan Emergency Group: First Community Workshop

To begin bringing the community together, we are hosting our first workshop:
Sunday 29th March 2026 2:30 to 4:30pm Mawnan Memorial Hall

Free entry

Everyone is welcome, and we encourage residents to bring family members along. The session will include hands-on experience in CPR and defibrillator use, helping people feel more confident in responding during an emergency. It will be a relaxed and supportive environment and a great opportunity to learn potentially lifesaving skills.

We will also be inviting volunteers to get involved in MEG, including those interested in becoming Area Coordinators. These individuals will play an important role in keeping their local areas connected and informed should an emergency arise.

We would be grateful if you could help us share this initiative with the wider community. Anyone interested in learning more, attending the workshop, or volunteering is warmly encouraged to get involved.

Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1432531511841571>

Volunteer Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdc29VujLPw30 BX L8yrs1EntWsCi i4teiOQ-AQf9r2QWg/viewform?usp=header>

Stronger communities start with people coming together — and together we can help ensure Mawnan is prepared, connected, and supported when it matters most.

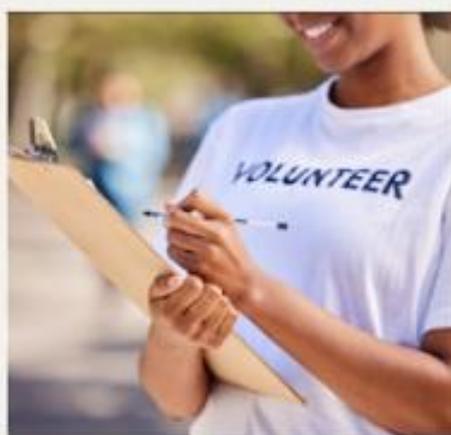
Warm regards,
Mawnan Emergency Group

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Mawnan Emergency Group ...

March Workshop 2026

We're excited to announce a workshop for the community of Mawnan Smith. MEG has been formed to help our community stay safe in an emergency.



FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY
29th
MARCH

2:30 - 4:30PM
Mawnan Memorial Hall



Everyone is welcome, so bring the family along and have a hands on experience learning how to perform CPR and use a defibrillator. It's a great opportunity to learn a lifesaving skill in a relaxed and supportive environment. We will also be looking for volunteers who would like to join MEG and help support the community by becoming Area Coordinators. If you're interested in getting involved and making a real difference locally, we'd love to chat with you on the day.

Stronger communities start with people coming together – we hope to see you there.

Time to Move Holiday Programme



EASTER 2026

- Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays from 6th - 17th April 2026

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1ST TEAM HOME MATCH

28th MARCH

12.45pm

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