



# 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 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

## Merry Christmas

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the year we have had at Mawnan CE VA Primary School.

This has been a year of achievement and growth for our school community. We were delighted to be ranked as the top school in the South West, which is a wonderful reflection of the dedication and professionalism of our staff, the support of our families, and the hard work and enthusiasm of our children. I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together.

Our school community continues to be a source of great strength. The support, encouragement, and partnership between staff, families, governors, and the wider community play a vital role in everything we do. It is this collective commitment that enables our school to thrive and continue to provide the very best for our children.

As always, our children have been at the heart of everything. They are motivated, curious, and a joy to work with each day. Their enthusiasm, kindness, and determination inspire us all and make Mawnan School such a special place.

As we look forward to the festive season, I hope you are able to enjoy a restful and relaxing Christmas with family and friends. It is a well-deserved break for everyone, and I encourage you to take time to enjoy these precious moments together.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.



We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 5th January 2026** for the start of the new term.

Warm regards,

Miss Pridmore





## Thank you PTA

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for their outstanding work throughout the year. This term has been particularly active, with the PTA going above and beyond to create wonderful opportunities and memorable fundraising events for our school community.

From enjoyable film nights and the excitement of Secret Santa, to popular raffles and the much-loved merchandise, the PTA has brought energy, creativity, and fun to school life. The funds raised make a significant and lasting difference to our school, directly supporting the experiences and opportunities we are able to offer our children. We are incredibly grateful for the time, commitment, and enthusiasm shown by our PTA, and for their continued support of our school community.

## The Masked Singer

Yesterday's Masked Teacher event was a truly spectacular celebration of talent, creativity, and fun! Planned and delivered by the ever-imaginative Mrs Luscombe, the event provided a unique and memorable experience for both our children and staff.

It was a real joy to see the excitement and delight on the children's faces as they enthusiastically engaged with such a novel and entertaining event. The atmosphere was buzzing from start to finish!

A huge thank you must also go to Cam, our fantastic compère, whose energy, humour, and professionalism played a key role in making the event such a resounding success.

## Candlelit carols

One of the true highlights of our festive calendar was the KS2 Candlelit Carols held on Tuesday evening. It was a wonderfully uplifting occasion, bringing our school community together in a shared spirit of celebration and joy. The children sang with confidence and enthusiasm, producing a truly beautiful sound, while their readings were delivered with poise and clarity. Their performances of traditional carols left us feeling incredibly proud and filled the hall with a truly Christmassy atmosphere.

Warm congratulations to our KS2 children and the staff team for delivering such an exceptional carol service. Their commitment, teamwork, and dedication were evident throughout and ensured the evening was a memorable and special experience for everyone who attended.



# Enrichment Clubs

## After School Clubs Spring 2026

Clubs will start week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Forms for new clubs (in green) will come out in the first week of term please wait for the google form. If a club is oversubscribed we will split the group so everyone will get a chance to attend. You will be notified.

Please note clubs may be cancelled at last minute notice due to weather etc.

Day	Club	Staff	Year Group	Max Spaces
Monday	Golf	Mick	Year 5 & 6	8
Monday	Netball	Alex Watson and Jules	Yr 5 & 6	18
Monday	Lego Club	Mrs Davies	Yr 3 & 4	
Tuesday	Dance	Embrace	Yr 1,2 &3	18
Tuesday	Hockey	Rachel and Penryn College helpers	Yr 5&6	14
Tuesday	Football	PAFC	Yr 2 &3	18
Wednesday	Construction and Games	Miss Law	Yr1&2	16
Wednesday	Basketball	DT Coaching	Yr 5&6	16
Thursday	Running Club	Mrs Watson and Mrs Timmins	Yr 3-6	26
Friday	Football	Cameron W, Andrew W	Year 4,5&6	20
Friday	Choir (preparation for SONGFEST in March 2026)	Mrs Jones	Year 3-6	25



# Admissions

Deadline for Year R September 2026 applications 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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## Starting school September 2026

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### Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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# Festive Tips for a Screen Free Christmas

This WakeUpWednesday guide shares warm, family-friendly inspiration for enjoying a Christmas that's richer in conversation, creativity and togetherness. Drawing on simple seasonal pleasures, from crafts and baking to storytelling and wintry walks, it encourages families to reconnect and make memories in ways that feel authentic and wonderfully low-tech.

You'll also find gentle prompts for slowing down, noticing the small moments and putting presence before presents. With ideas for cosy indoor fun, outdoor adventures and even a festive talent show, this guide offers parents and educators a sprinkle of encouragement to help young people step back from screens and rediscover the joy of shared experiences.

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## Festive Tips for a SCREEN-FREE CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, why not unplug and rediscover the simple joys of spending time together? Here are some festive, screen-free ideas to help families laugh, create, and connect in the old-fashioned way.



- 1 GET CREATIVE AND CRAFTY**  
Bring out the glue, glitter, and imagination to make your home sparkle with handmade cheer.
  - Make decorations: Try paper snowflakes, salt-dough ornaments, or pinecone garlands for the tree.
  - Christmas card workshop: Design and decorate cards for friends, family, or neighbours.
  - DIY gifts: Craft photo frames, bath salts, or 'kindness coupons' offering hugs, chores, or treats.
- 2 BAKE, BUILD, AND TASTE TOGETHER**  
The kitchen is the heart of Christmas, and it smells divine when everyone's baking.
  - Festive baking: Bake and decorate cookies, mince pies, or cupcakes together.
  - Gingerbread challenge: Build a gingerbread house and let the kids take charge of decorating!
  - Sweet treat swap: Wrap up homemade goodies to gift to friends or neighbours.
- 3 SLOW DOWN AND BE PRESENT**  
The greatest gift you can give is your attention.
  - Digital Detox Day: Choose one day to switch off all screens and enjoy each other fully.
  - Gratitude Gathering: Share what you are thankful for from the past year.
  - Memory Moments: Take photos with a disposable camera or sketch favourite holiday scenes.
- 4 ENJOY COSY, INDOOR FUN**  
Cold outside? No problem, turn your home into a festive retreat.
  - Family game night: Play board or card games, from Uno to festive trivia.
  - Hot chocolate bar: Set up a 'cozies station' with marshmallows, cream, and candy canes.
  - Puzzle power: Work together on a big jigsaw puzzle – slow, calm, and wonderfully mindful.
- 5 HOLD A FAMILY TALENT SHOW**  
Let everyone shine with a little Christmas sparkle and imagination.
  - Perform together: Sing, dance, tell jokes, or stage a short Christmas play.
  - Make costumes: Use household items to design festive outfits or props.
  - Award the stars: Give fun prizes like 'Best Performance' or 'Most Festive Outfit'.
- 6 READ, WRITE, AND IMAGINE**  
Nurture creativity and quiet time with stories that come to life.
  - Story hour: Read holiday tales aloud by the tree or under a blanket fort.
  - Write a story or comic: Create Christmas adventures starring your family or pets.
  - Book swap: Exchange favourite books and read each other's choices.
- 7 EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS**  
Wrap up warm, breathe the crisp winter air, and find magic in nature.
  - Winter nature walks: Spot birds, berries, and frosty patterns while collecting natural treasures.
  - Christmas light hunt: Take an evening stroll to admire twinkling lights in your community.
  - Scavenger hunt: Hide small surprises around the garden or park.
- 8 GIVE BACK AND SPREAD KINDNESS**  
Christmas feels even warmer when shared with others.
  - Kindness countdown: Do one good deed a day, from helping at home to writing thank-you notes.
  - Donate together: Collect food, toys, or clothes for a local charity.
  - Neighbourly cheer: Deliver homemade treats or cards to someone spending Christmas alone.

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