



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 17th July 2026

The Big Bash is Almost Here!

We can't wait to welcome you to our annual Big Bash this Saturday and it's shaping up to be our best one yet! Please come along and bring your friends, family and neighbours for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon and evening of fun.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our whole community to come together in one of the most beautiful settings in Cornwall, while raising money for the best school in the South West! There is lots on offer on offer from the delicious food, refreshing drinks, fantastic live music, kids dj and a wide range of activities, there's something for everyone. If you'd rather simply relax and soak up the atmosphere, don't forget to bring a picnic blanket!

A huge thank you goes to our incredible PTA. They are a small team of dedicated volunteers who give up countless hours behind the scenes to organise this amazing event year after year. We are also incredibly grateful to Paul and Lorraine and everyone at Carwinion for once again so generously allowing us to use their stunning grounds.

A few important reminders:

- The forecast is looking glorious, so please come prepared with hats and sunscreen.
- The grounds are very dry, so this is a strictly non-smoking event and no naked flames.
- Please help us respect and protect this beautiful venue, There are some roped-off please don't go beyond them.

- While this is a school fundraising event, parents and carers remain responsible for supervising their children throughout the event.

To help reduce queuing on the day, we'd be very grateful if you could purchase your tickets in advance (they go up in price tomorrow!) -

<http://tinyurl.com/mawnanbash2026>

We really hope to see as many of you as possible. It's set to be a brilliant day full of laughter, music, great food and community spirit. Here's hoping for sunshine, smiles and another unforgettable Big Bash!

Our First Whole-School Ecology Day

What an incredible day we had on Tuesday as the whole school came together for our very first Ecology Day!

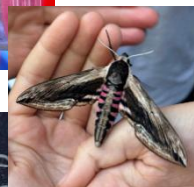
Children from every class spent the day exploring, investigating and learning about the amazing wildlife on our doorstep. Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed hands-on workshops with Budding Nature, discovered moths caught overnight, searched for plants and minibeasts around St Mawnan Church and the community graveyard, and learned from a fantastic range of conservation organisations, including Rewilding Britain, Cornwall National Landscape, Natural England, Cornwall Butterfly Conservation and Buglife. We also enjoyed an engaging online session from Prickles and Paws Hedgehog Rescue, learning how we can all help protect one of Britain's best-loved mammals.

The day was the vision of our wonderful Science Lead, Mrs Davies, who worked tirelessly alongside our amazing Mawnan School PTA to bring the event to life. Thanks to the PTA's successful £1,500 Tesco Stronger Starts grant, the school now has an incredible collection of ecology equipment, including nets, magnifiers, bug pots, identification guides and nature books, which will support outdoor learning for many years to come. Additional funding from Mawnan Parish Council and Cornwall Council's Community Chest Fund enabled every child to take part in the Budding Nature workshops.

A huge thank you to the many volunteers, parents and organisations who generously shared their time, knowledge and enthusiasm with our children. Days like this simply wouldn't be possible without such fantastic community support.

Thank you also goes to our Fusion and Dart parents who kindly dropped their children at St Mawnan Church to begin the day. Your support made a real difference, ensuring that every class was able to access the fantastic workshops and activities throughout the day.

The excitement, curiosity and awe shown by the children throughout the day reminded us just how powerful learning beyond the classroom can be. We hope this is the first of many Ecology Days at Mawnan as we continue to help our children develop a lifelong love of the natural world.





Congratulations, Year 6!

A huge congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 children on their fantastic SATs results. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them and all they have achieved during their time at Mawnan.

The results are excellent and reflect the hard work, determination and resilience shown by the children, together with the support of our dedicated staff and families. Despite this cohort experiencing significant disruption during their Reception and Year 1 years because of the pandemic, they have achieved outcomes to be incredibly proud of.

Once again, Mawnan has performed well above the national average across the majority of measures, with particularly strong outcomes in maths and combined attainment.

Most importantly, these results represent much more than data. They reflect a group of kind, resilient and talented young people who have embraced every opportunity during their time at Mawnan. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success as they begin the next exciting chapter of their education.

Well done, Year 6—you have been amazing!

Year 6 Leavers' Service

As our wonderful Year 6 children prepare to leave Mawnan, we warmly invite their families to join us for our Leavers' Service on the last day of term at 2.00pm.

Please arrive from 1.45pm to allow time to be seated. We are hoping to hold the service outside, weather permitting.

It promises to be a special opportunity to celebrate a fantastic group of children, reflect on their journey through Mawnan and wish them every success as they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives. We look forward to sharing this memorable occasion with you.

Break the Rules Day



What a brilliant day we had for Break the Rules Day! The children absolutely loved the chance to turn school life upside down and enjoy a few fun surprises along the way.

For one day only, the rules were changed! Children came to school wearing whatever they wanted, enjoyed ketchup with their lunch, ate outside, and even had the exciting choice of eating their pudding first!

The fun didn't stop there – some children became teachers for the day, others brought in sweets, and a few even took on a brand-new name! It was fantastic to see their creativity, confidence, and sense of humour shining through.

A huge thank you to all the children (and families) for getting involved and helping to make the day such a success. We loved seeing everyone having so much fun while raising money for the school. A **Total of £141.95** was been raised. Thank you!

Chartwells: school lunch price increase

We have been informed that new school meal prices will be introduced across Cornwall schools from **1st September 2026**.

From this date, the cost of a pupil meal will increase from **£2.79 to £2.99**. The value of meals provided through the Free School Meals scheme will also increase accordingly.

Chartwells have advised:

"We have worked hard to avoid increasing meal prices wherever possible. However, the continued pressures facing school meal operations, particularly labour costs and food inflation, mean that this adjustment is now necessary to ensure the service remains financially sustainable while continuing to provide high-quality, nutritious meals for pupils.

Even with this increase, the new pupil meal price remains significantly below the national average of £3.40 and continues to sit below the average meal price across Cornwall."

If your child purchases school meals, please ensure that sufficient funds are available in your ParentPay account from September.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Term Dates 2025/2026

Date	Event
21 st July	Last Day of School
22 nd July	Inset Day 4
23 rd July	Inset Day 5

Key Dates to remember 2025/2026

Date	Event
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Service 2pm
21 st July	Last Day of School

Term Dates 2026/2027

Cornwall Council

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		
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Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
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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	
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Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
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Sun	7	14	21	28		

April 2027						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
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Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

May 2027						
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
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		
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July 2027						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
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Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
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August 2027						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
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Thurs	5	12	19	26		
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	



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

Staff training (INSET) days will take place on:

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

What's On in and around Mawnan

A vibrant, colorful poster for the Mawnan Art & Craft Market. The background features a light blue sky with a large yellow sun, colorful triangular bunting, and several white seagulls in flight. Below the sky is a dark blue sea with a small island featuring a white lighthouse. The foreground is a lush green field with various flowers, including purple and white daisies. A wooden signpost is the central focus, displaying event details. To the right of the signpost, a pink and orange diamond-shaped kite with a long, colorful tail is flying. The text is in various fonts and colors, including pink, black, and white.

Mawnan Art & Craft Market

Quality art, craft & produce from around Cornwall

Saturday 1st August
to Sat 8th August 2026
Daily from 10am to 5pm
Memorial Hall, Sampys Hill,
Mawnan Smith,
Falmouth. TR11 5EW

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Free Admission

For more information please email
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Summer Tennis Camps with Will (Access Tennis)

Join us this summer for fun, active Tennis Camps suitable for all abilities! Our holiday camps are split into age and ability groups, with exciting games, coaching and match play designed to help children improve their skills while having lots of fun.

Sessions are available for:

- Tots Tennis (3–4 years)
- Red Ball (5–7 years)
- Orange Ball (8–9 years)
- Green & Yellow Ball (10+ years)

Individual sessions or full six-week course bookings are available, with a discount when booking the full course.

First session date: Tues 28th July

Book your place here: <https://bookwhen.com/accesstennis>

Will's contact details:

accesstennisuk@gmail.com

07989777594

DURGAN REGATTA

Sunday 30 August from 12 noon

Races start at 1pm



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CHARITY
AUCTION

ROWING	Beach games
Kayak racing	LAND & SEA
Swimming	PRIZE RAFFLE
Paddleboarding	SAILING
TEA & CAKES	Family fun!

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CHILDCARE
VOUCHERS
ACCEPTED

PENRYN COLLEGE
EDVENTURE
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

WHAT WILL BE
YOUR EDVENTURE?

RUN BY PENRYN COLLEGE

SUMMER HOLIDAY 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.



The SuperCamps are FREE for children eligible for benefit related Free School Meals.

To book, search for 'Edventure' on www.playwaze.com

2026 DATES



JULY
28TH – 30TH



AUGUST
4TH – 6TH



AUGUST
11TH – 13TH



AUGUST
17TH – 19TH

£35
A DAY

OR

£90
FOR 3 DAYS

FEATURING A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

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

AGES
5-7

&

AGES
8-12

SPECIALIST ACTIVITIES

FOR AGES 8 YEARS+



WATERSPORTS



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Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Mental Health Support Team Wild Wellbeing

This summer please join MHST and other partners for a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.**

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book **EACH** child on to a session

The sessions will last approx. 2 hours and sign up will close one week before the event, or when sessions are full.

Locations and dates

All sessions begin at 10am

Tuesday 28 July - **Trengwainton Gardens**

Tuesday 28 July - **Golitha Falls**

Thursday 30 July - **The Core, St Ives Orchard**

Monday 3 August - **Tehidy Woods**

Tuesday 4 August - **Penrose Estate**

Wednesday 5 August - **Lanhydrock**

Wednesday 12 August - **Kennack Sands**

Thursday 13 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**

Tuesday 18 August - **Lanhydrock**

Wednesday 19 August - **The Grove, Morrab Gardens**

Monday 24 August - **Tehidy Woods**

Tuesday 25 August - **Trengwainton Gardens**

Tuesday 25 August - **Dipping Pond**

To book a place please complete the online form or scan the QR code to sign up



<https://forms.office.com/e/XSQp0XRw5a>

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

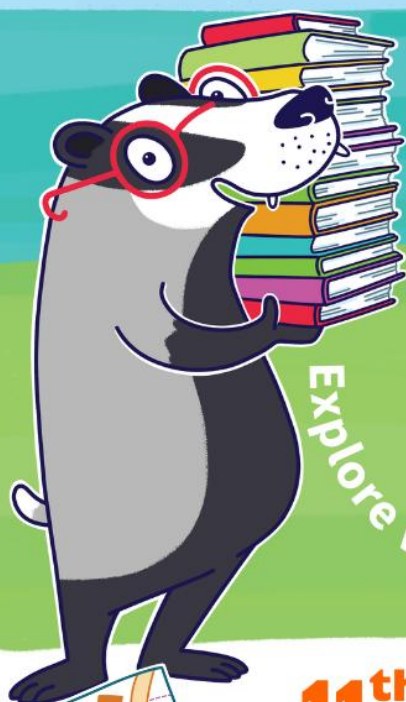
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



**The Cornwall Reading
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Explore with Cornwall Libraries this summer!



11th July - 12th Sept



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