

THE MAWNAN LIGHT

Friday 9th October 2026



COMPASSION • HOPE • PEACE • PERSEVERANCE • RESPECT • TRUST

This week has been full of exciting learning across the school!

As part of their expedition, Fusion Class have been comparing the UK with Antarctica, Pico Class have had a fantastic morning studying the artist Ted Harrison. They explored his use of warm and cool colours before creating some beautiful landscape paintings of their own.

Dart Class have been learning about Darwin's fossil discoveries in Argentina, while Key Stage 1 celebrated Harvest by making their very own vegetable soup – a wonderful way to link learning with the season.

Meanwhile, Topper Class have been developing their geographical knowledge by learning all about the continents and oceans of the world.

Well done to all our children for another fantastic week of curiosity, creativity and learning!

Harvest Service

On Tuesday, the whole school walked to St Michael's Church for our annual Harvest Service with Rev. Johanna and Nigel. It was a lovely occasion, filled with joyful singing, thoughtful prayers and a wonderful sense of community. Dart Class did a brilliant job of leading the service, and it was especially lovely to have so many family members joining us.

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Trussell Trust Food Bank. Your kindness will make a real difference to local families in need.



Secret Santa Gift Collection

Secret Santa is one of our favourite Mawnan Christmas traditions and has brought joy to our children and families for many years. Organised by our wonderful PTA, it gives children the excitement of choosing gifts for their loved ones. Our lovely WI volunteers then wrap and label each present, ready to take home and tuck under the Christmas tree.

To make this much-loved event possible, we need your help! We are asking for donations of unwanted, good-quality gifts suitable for all ages, from children to parents.

Toys, puzzles, games, books and gifts for adults are all welcome. Items can be new or good quality preloved, but please ensure they are clean, complete, undamaged and something you would be happy to receive yourself.

We will start collecting donations next week. Please place your gifts in the donation box in the school entrance.

Thank you for helping us keep this special tradition going and giving our children the chance to experience the joy of choosing something thoughtful for someone they love.

School Immunisations: November 6th 2026

Please see the attached letter and information leaflet about the upcoming school immunisations. **The online form needs to be completed by 10am on 4th November 2026.** <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=EE112002>

We appreciate that some children, particularly those who may have additional needs or feel anxious about vaccinations, may have questions or need a little extra support. The attached leaflet provides helpful information about what to expect, how to prepare your child and the support and reasonable adjustments that may be available.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's vaccination, or if your child has any individual needs that the vaccination team should be aware of, please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team directly Tel: 01872 221105. They can discuss any support or adjustments that may be helpful.

Individual School Photographs: Thursday 12th November

Hatchbox Photography will be visiting Mawnan School on the morning of Thursday 12th November to take individual/sibling photographs of the children. Please ensure your child comes to school looking smart and ready for their photo! Further information about viewing and purchasing photographs will be shared once it is available.

Netball League

Our netball league team played two more matches this week, securing fantastic wins against Stithians (2–1) and Mylor (6–1). Well done to all the players for their teamwork and determination!

We are currently sitting at the top of the league table! There are still more matches to be played next week, although Mawnan have a week off. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed and hoping our position at the top remains unchanged.

Dates for Your Diary: Next Half Term

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Our non-uniform theme is **spots, stripes or sporty—or all three!** We'll be having a collection on the day and would welcome any donation you can give.

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day

Wear your favourite mismatched socks to celebrate what makes us all unique! This marks the start of **Anti-Bullying Week, 16th–20th November**, when we'll focus on kindness, speaking up and looking after one another.

PTA Movie Night – After School

A chance for children to enjoy a film with their friends! **Friday 20th November.**

We'll share more information about these events nearer the time.

Important reminder about term-time holidays

We would like to remind families that holidays during term time **cannot normally be authorised**. Under the national attendance framework, schools must issue a penalty notice when a child reaches **10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school-week period**. Ten sessions is usually equivalent to **five school days**, and the absences do not have to be consecutive. [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

It is particularly important that parents are aware that penalty notices now **escalate over a rolling three-year period**:

- **First penalty notice:** £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to £160 if paid within 28 days.
- **Second penalty notice for the same child within three years:** £160 per parent, per child, with no reduced rate.
- **Third occurrence within three years:** a further penalty notice **cannot be issued**. Other legal action must instead be considered, which may include prosecution. [Legislation UK](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

This means that repeated term-time holidays can have increasingly serious consequences. We appreciate that family holidays are important, and that prices are cheaper during term time, but we ask parents **not to arrange holidays during term time**. Our priority is to protect every child's education and ensure that they miss as little learning as possible.

Term Dates

Information Classification: PUBLIC

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		
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
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	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

April 2027						
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		
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		
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

June 2027						
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		

July 2027						
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		

August 2027						
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	



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.

Wraparound Club News

It's been a busy and exciting start to the term at Wraparound Club! The children have enjoyed a fantastic variety of activities over the first few weeks back, including slime making, creating with clay, experimenting with watercolours and having lots of fun on our games day.

It's been lovely to see the children getting creative, trying new activities and enjoying time together after the school day.

A reminder that all Wraparound Club bookings must be made in advance via ParentPay. We look forward to lots more fun and creativity over the coming weeks!



Important Dates

MONTH	KEY DATES
October 2026	Mon 26–Fri 30 – Half-term holiday
November 2026	Fri 6 – School Immunisations Thurs 12 – School individual photos Week beginning Mon 16 – Parent–teacher meetings
December 2026	Thu 3 – Christingle Service at St Michael's Church Tue 15 – Candlelit Carols for KS2 at St Mawnan Church Fri 18 – Last day of autumn term
January 2027	Mon 4 – Children return
February 2027	Mon 15–Fri 19 – Half-term holiday
March 2027	Week beginning Mon 15 – Parent–teacher meetings Tue 23 School Eucharist at St Michael's Church Thu 25 – Last day of spring term
April 2027	Mon 12 – Children return
May 2027	Mon 3 – Bank holiday; school closed Mon 10–Thu 13 – KS2 SATs Mon 31 May–Fri 4 Jun – Half-term holiday
June 2027	Mon 7–Wed 9 – INSET days Thu 10 – Children return Mon 7–Fri 18 – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check window Week beginning Mon 14 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
July 2027	Fri 9 – Sports Day Fri 23 – Last day of academic year & Y6 leaver's service

School Admissions for September 2027

Although the new academic year has only just begun, applications are now open for children starting primary school and for Year 6 pupils transferring to secondary school in September 2027.

- The deadline for **secondary school applications is 31 October 2026.**
- The deadline for **primary school applications is 15 January 2027.**

Applications should be made online through [Cornwall School Admissions](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions).

We know that choosing and applying for a school can feel like a significant decision. If you have any questions or would like support with the application process, please come and speak to us. We are always happy to help.



Together  for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2027**

Do you have a
child born **between
1 September 2022
and 31 August 2023?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2027 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2027.**



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. 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.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



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RECEPTION 2027 SCHOOL TOURS

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2027?
We'd love to meet you and show you around our lovely school.



Tuesday 22 September 2026
9:30–10:30am

Monday 5 October 2026
1:30–2:30pm

Tuesday 20 October 2026
9:30–10:30am

Monday 9 November 2026
1:30–2:30pm

Tuesday 24 November 2026
11:00am–12:00pm

Monday 7 December 2026
1:30–2:30pm

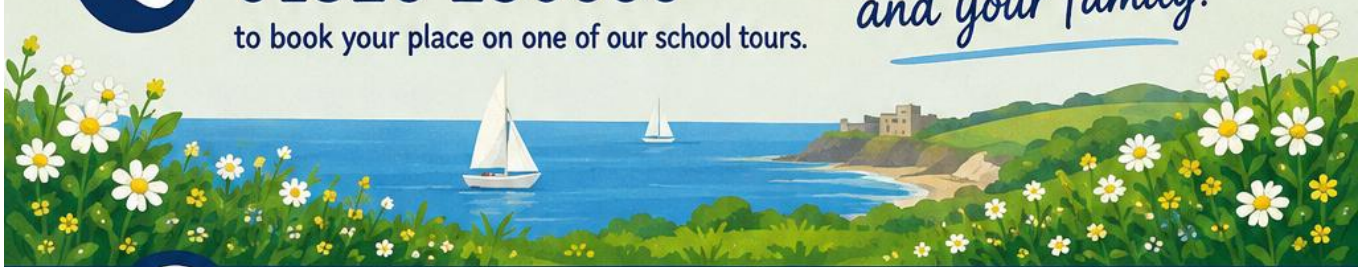


Please phone

01326 250660

to book your place on one of our school tours.

*We'd love to meet you
and your family!*



Mawnan CE VA Primary School

In this guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as damage to health and wellbeing, app addiction and a lack of sleep.

Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine | mawnanschool.com

COMING SOON

BOOKING WILL BE AVAILABLE
ON THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER

SANTA'S GROTTO

RAISING MONEY FOR
YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER

In aid of **Louis Clowes**

Jodie and Vickie
Louis Nanas
Owen
Louis's dad
Aiden
Louis uncle
are running the
LONDON MARATHON

LOCATION
Penwarne Farm
Campsite

DECEMBER
12TH AND 13TH

10 - 4PM

£5
PER CHILD

A MAGICAL GROTTO EXPERIENCE FOR A GREAT CAUSE