



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

## Year 6 Hoodies

Dart Class are really making the most of their Year 6 status and all the special perks that come with it. From having their own benches in assembly, to being a single-year class, the children are embracing their new responsibilities and privileges. But the most exciting highlight so far has to be... the Year 6 Hoodies! There was great excitement as the hoodies arrived, and the class are wearing them with pride, showing everyone that they've reached this important milestone.



## School Dinner Bookings

We would like to thank everyone who booked their child in for school dinners on Census Day. This day is crucial for our school's funding and resources, as the number of children who have a school meal directly affects the level of funding we receive. Your support helps us to secure the best possible opportunities and provisions for our children. Thank you!

## Key Dates to remember 2025/2026

Date	Event
<b>2025</b>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Harvest Service – St Michael's Church</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School Flu Immunisations</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Mawnan PTA AGM</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity 2-3pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity 6-7pm
<b>2026</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Meetings
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 & 5 Camp to BF Adventure
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Camp to Porthpean
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day (reserve day)

## Harvest Service

On **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be holding our Harvest Service with Rev. Johanna Clare at **St Michael's Church**. The service will begin at **9:30am**, and we will be walking from school at approximately **9:15am**. Families are very welcome to attend!



### Currently Needed Items ;

Tinned Potatoes  
 Tinned Carrots  
 Tinned Sweetcorn  
 Tinned Rice Pudding  
 Tinned Meat and Veg Soups  
 Tinned Tuna  
 Tinned Spaghetti  
 Longlife Semi-skimmed milk  
 Shower Gel  
 Toilet Roll  
 Shampoo

We kindly ask that all children bring in a **harvest gift donation** for *The Trussell Trust Food Bank* to take to the church on the day. Below is a list of items they would particularly welcome:

These donations will make a significant difference to local families experiencing hardship, and they provide an excellent opportunity to teach our children about compassion, community support, and social responsibility.

## School Immunisation (Kernow Health CIC)

The School Immunisations team are coming to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October for the Flu vaccinations

Date of Session: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Flu Link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code: EE112002

Deadline to submit: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, noon. If you have already submitted a consent form, then you do not need to do another one. If you are unsure or have any problems, please call the School Immunisation Team on 01872 2211.

## Football League

On Wednesday, we enjoyed another exciting afternoon of Football League matches. Our Year 5 & 6 team once again demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork, while also putting their skills to the test on the pitch.

Mawnan 0 v 1 Mabe

Mawnan 8 v 0 Penryn

We are incredibly proud of their effort, attitude, and determination!

## Term Dates 2025/2026

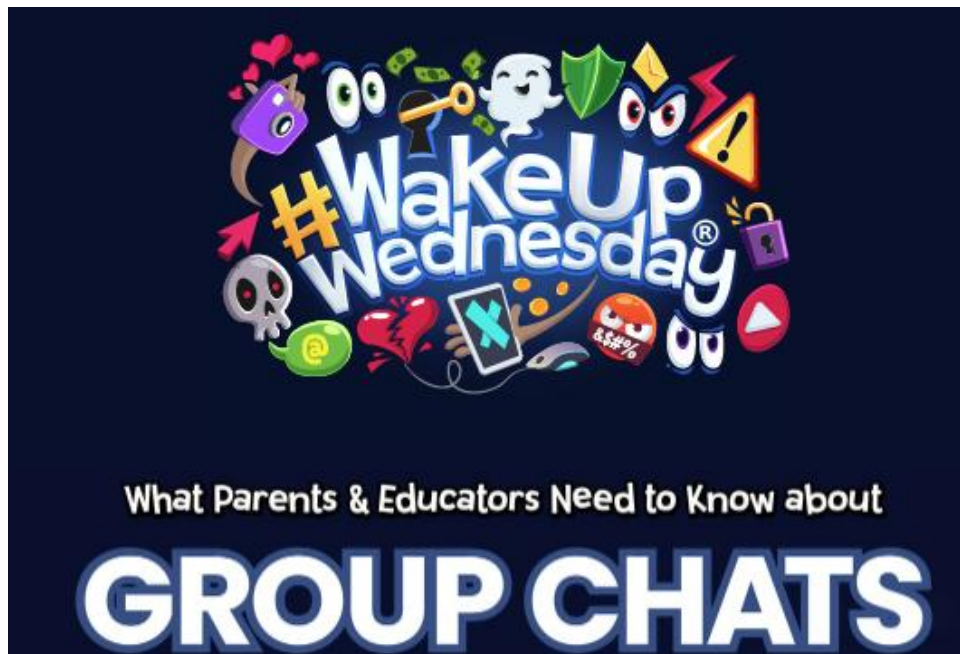
Date	Event
<b>2025</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day 2
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Autumn Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Return to school
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Holidays
<b>2026</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Return to school
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Return to school
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Return to School
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of School
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day 4
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset Day 5




## Term Time Holidays




The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of underachievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education does not allow Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete an absence request form. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence.





Group chats are an increasingly common way for children to stay connected with their friends,   often forming the backbone of their social lives online. While these digital spaces can be fun and inclusive, they can also become sources of stress, confusion or even harm . From being deliberately left out of a chat to witnessing or being targeted by unkind comments, the emotional effects of group dynamics online can mirror – and sometimes magnify – those experienced in the real world.

This week's WakeUpWednesday guide focuses on the potential pitfalls children might encounter in group chats,  such as peer pressure, inappropriate content and privacy concerns . With practical suggestions for setting healthy boundaries, managing notifications and encouraging safe sharing habits, this free guide is a useful tool for parents and educators who want to empower children to navigate online chats with kindness, confidence and caution .



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are one of the most popular ways that children connect. Group chats allow messages, images and videos to be shared in one place and help friendships flourish; however, they also come with a number of risks.

### TEASING AND BULLYING

Children of all ages are keen to fit in socially, and group chats can sometimes complicate that process. While group chats can foster connection, they can also give way to mean comments or jokes at someone's expense, especially when others join in for laughs. When bullying happens publicly, in front of friends and classmates, it can intensify the emotional impact – adding to embarrassment, anxiety and feelings of isolation for the child being targeted.

### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Children often can't control who is added to a group, which can lead to privacy concerns. Sharing personal details in group chats can be dangerous, and children have no control over what others do with the material they send. Some members of the chat might even decide to use such information maliciously.

### PEER PRESSURE

Children may feel they have to constantly stay engaged just to be included and keep up with the conversation. In some cases, they might partake in inappropriate behaviours – like sharing explicit photos, jokes or teasing – just to fit in. Group settings can also encourage children to act in ways they normally wouldn't, or stay silent when they know something is wrong, out of fear of being excluded. Some children may find it difficult to leave toxic group chats.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some group chats may include inappropriate language or imagery. Even if a child isn't actively participating in the conversation, they may still be exposed to this content simply by being part of the group. Some apps have disappearing messaging features, where content is only available once or for a few seconds, which makes it harder for children to report something they've seen.

### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

Exclusion in group chats is common and can take several forms. Sometimes a new group is created specifically to leave one child out on purpose. In other cases, the chat may happen on an app that a child doesn't have access to, making it impossible for them to join in. This can cause feelings of being left out – even unintentionally.

### VIDEO AND LIVE CHATS

Many popular apps allow children to engage in live streaming with interactive chats or have group video chats. Anyone can be added to these streams, and often children tag peers in the comments and have conversations which are unmoderated. There's a risk of being exposed to inappropriate or violent content and offensive language, either in the group videos or via the group chats.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats can become an arena for children to compete for social status. Help children consider how people might feel if they behave unkindly. If a child does upset someone, encourage them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

### SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Group chats are an excellent way for children to connect and feel like they belong. However, remind them that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their feelings and empower them by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. You can also encourage children to speak up if they witness others being bullied.

### SET SOME GROUP CHAT RULES

Discuss safe group chat practices, such as asking a peer for consent before adding them to a group chat, or leaving a group chat if a stranger is added. Tell children that if they're added to a group they didn't agree to beforehand, it's OK for them to leave immediately.

### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

It's vital for children to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Ensure they understand the importance of not revealing personal details – like their address, their school, or photos they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they can't be certain where it might end up or how it might be used.

### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If a child encounters inappropriate content or feels uncomfortable in a group chat, encourage them to block and report the sender and leave the group. Make sure children know it's OK to leave a group chat if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Being harassed with notifications from a group chat can be an irritating distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to children that they can still be part of a group chat while disabling notifications. In fact, it would be healthier for them to do so, helping them avoid the pressure to respond immediately.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at 80ybackers, who has developed anti-bullying and cyber-safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing the internet use and online behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



## PTA AGM

Our PTA do fantastic work fundraising for our school with lots of exciting events. It currently needs new helpers. If you would like to join the PTA please come along to the AGM to find out more about what they do and see if it's something you'd like to be involved in. Everyone is welcome!



A colorful poster for the PTA AGM Meeting. The poster features the text 'JOIN US FOR OUR PTA AGM MEETING' in large, colorful letters. The word 'PTA' is in orange, purple, and red, and 'MEETING' is in green. There are several handprints in purple, pink, blue, and orange around the text. Two red apples are also present, one with the word 'AGM' on it. Below the main title, a yellow pencil graphic contains the text 'TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE'. The date 'October 8, 2025' is written in large blue letters, followed by '4.15PM IN OLD SCHOOL LIBRARY' in yellow. A table with two columns lists the attendees: 'EVERYONE IS WELCOME!' followed by 'PARENTS, TEACHERS', 'FRIENDS, FAMILY', and 'COMMUNITY MEMBERS'. The second column says 'We need HELPERS!'. Below the table, it says 'COME LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF JOINING AND HOW YOU CAN MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE!'. At the bottom, there are two red hearts and the text 'We ❤️ Mawnan School!!'.

JOIN US FOR OUR

**PTA** AGM

**MEETING**

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

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# Admissions for Primary September 2026



Together  for Families

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022**?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2026 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2026**.



**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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system.



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CORNWALL COUNCIL

Together  for Families

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2026**

## Starting school September 2026

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022



### 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.

### Information and guidance

Application form and information: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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# Admissions for Secondary September 2026



Together   
for Families

The  
deadline for  
applications is  
**31 October  
2025**

## Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place  
in year seven at a  
secondary school



### Information and guidance

Application form and information: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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## Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2026**

### Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: **01872 324242** Email: [statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk)

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### Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport) for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

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### Submit your application by **31 October 2025**

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

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### Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 2 March 2026. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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