



Mawgan-in-Pydar Primary School

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July Newsletter 2025

The weather certainly seems to be changing as we move into the Summer holidays – typical! Despite this we have had an extremely busy term with lots to celebrate. Whenever our children are out and about we consistently receive positive praise from members of the public – a real credit to our pupils and families.

Year 6 Leavers

Last week we celebrated our Year 6 leavers with a special farewell event with Under the Canopy in the woods. This was a time to reflect on their achievements, memories, and friendships before they move on to secondary school.

Our leavers' ceremony on Monday saw speeches, and celebrations of each child's successes to mark this important milestone. Our pupils enjoyed a cream tea with parents afterwards.

The children showed great determination and resilience during the SATs assessment week, and we are proud of their efforts.

We wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best as they finish their primary education and prepare for the new challenges ahead!

Year 3/4 Residential Trip to Plymouth

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils had an exciting residential trip to Plymouth, full of fun learning and new experiences.

First they visited the Tamar Bridge museum for a workshop and tour of the bridge itself. The children learnt about the different types of bridges and then braved the rumbling traffic and trains whilst walking across the 'swaying' bridge. It was intriguing!

Next they went to The Box museum in Plymouth city centre. The children explored fascinating exhibitions about local history, archaeology, and art. They enjoyed handling historical artefacts.

After a walk down to the Hoe, dinner at an Italian Restaurant on The Barbican, they started their adventure at the National Marine Aquarium, where they discovered amazing sea creatures from local waters and around the world. The children loved

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watching the colourful fish, sharks, and giant octopus. They learned about marine habitats and the importance of protecting our oceans.

Later, once beds were made, they settled down to a movie with the fish! Breakfast the next morning, with a view of the Harbour was followed by another visit to the Box Museum where they took part in a creative art workshop, making their own museum-inspired clothing for a fashion show.

Our final activity was full of outdoor fun at Tinside Lido. The children splashed around in the outdoor pool, enjoyed games on the side of the pool, and relaxed with ice creams with a view of the sea. It was a perfect way to end the trip with laughter and smiles – even if we were all a bit chilly by this point!

Throughout the trip, the children showed great enthusiasm, independence, and teamwork. The residential was a fantastic opportunity for them to learn beyond the classroom and create wonderful memories together.

Year 1 and 2 Movie Night and Sleepover

Last week, our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils stayed in school for a movie night and for the Year 2s it was their very first time staying overnight away from home, and they were all very excited!

On the Thursday night Year 1 had fun on the field and then splashed around with the water in the playground to help keep them cool – it was SOOOO hot! After that they helped themselves to yummy party food and then snuggled up to watch a movie. Great fun was had by all despite the sweltering heat!

On Friday night Year 2 played games and made dens on the field, then sprayed themselves with water and played in the water-filled tuff trays to cool themselves down. After putting on their PJs they enjoyed a delicious spread of food, played a few games in the playground and then made their beds up in the classroom.

Once snuggled up, they watched a movie, listened to a bedtime story and then slept soundly until 6am when everyone woke up ready for breakfast before heading home 😊. We were so proud of them, many sleeping away from home for the first time.

RSC

This term saw 7 of our pupils head to the Hall for Cornwall alongside many other schools and colleges to perform on stage with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Their performance was absolutely outstanding due to their dedication and hardwork!

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It is with great pleasure that we inform you that we have been nominated for a Spotlight because of our groups exceptional work as part of the Associate Schools Programme this year with the RSC.

The Spotlight nominations are made by Lead Schools and Associate Regional Theatres to recognise the work of Associate Schools in a number of areas.

We were nominated for the Playmaking Spotlight by Sam Colborne at Treviglas Academy. His reasons were 'Mawgan in Pydar is a small school with big aspirations and huge creativity! Their performances at our regional playmaking festivals are always a standout for their creativity, demonstration of RSC approaches and sheer enthusiasm of the young people involved'.

We are SO proud of this little group of playmakers and they thoroughly deserve this national recognition. Thank you Mrs Burt for all your guidance and support that you gave to these children.

PTA News - Summer Fair and Duck Race

On Friday 27th June we hosted our annual Summer Fair filled with fun, laughter, and great performances. Families and friends came together to enjoy the sunny evening packed with exciting activities.

The highlight was the pupil performance with the amazing Steve Panter and Steve Mildenhall and their band. Our pupils wowed the crowd with their singing and dancing, confidently taking to the stage alongside the professionals. Steve and Steve's energy and encouragement made the performance even more special, and the band's lively music afterwards had everyone tapping their feet.

The fair also featured games, a delicious food stall run by Ed Stein, cake stand and fun stalls, keeping everyone entertained throughout the evening. Children enjoyed winning prizes, playing games, and having fun.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and a real sense of community spirit. A big thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and to all the families who came to support. We raised £2,450! We can't wait for next year's Summer Fair!

Yesterday, despite the pouring rain, we had great fun racing ducks down the river – what a quacking good time was had by all! Excitement filled the air as pupils cheered their ducks down the river as they raced towards the finish line with plenty of splashes! There were 5 joyful winners who received a well-stocked goody bag! Thank you to our PTA members and parents who helped. We raised approx. £100!

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All monies raised from our PTA events go towards ensuring our pupils receive enriched learning opportunities throughout the year.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday, 29th September at 2:15pm in school. Please come and join us if you can!

Year 5 Visit the Life Skills Centre in Newquay

This term, our Year 5 pupils had a brilliant day out at the Life Skills Centre in Newquay, where they took part in hands-on activities designed to teach them vital skills for staying safe and making smart choices in everyday life.

The centre is set up like a mini town, complete with roads, shops, a beach scene, and even a mock train station! Pupils moved through different real-life scenarios where they learned about:

- Road and bike safety
- Beach and water safety
- Online safety and stranger awareness
- Basic first aid skills
- Fire safety and emergency procedures

The children particularly enjoyed role-playing how to make a 999 call and learned what to say in an emergency as well as issuing parking-fines. They also worked together to spot hazards in different everyday settings and thought carefully about how to stay calm and safe.

Staff at the centre were incredibly impressed with the maturity and enthusiasm shown by our pupils, and we are so proud of how they represented the school.

A huge thank you to the Life Skills team, our staff, and volunteers who helped make the trip such a valuable and memorable experience. We look forward to welcoming the Life Skills team into school in the Autumn term to lead workshops across school.

Well done, Year 5 – life skills mastered!

Sports Day Success!

On 7th July our school field came alive with energy, excitement, and lots of cheering for our annual Sports Day! It was a brilliant day full of sunshine, smiles, and superb sportsmanship.

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All year groups took part in a variety of fun and challenging events, including, sprints, egg and spoon races, obstacle courses, relay races and ball skills.

Children gave it their all and showed fantastic team spirit. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging and supporting each other and trying their best. The parents fun race had everyone laughing and clapping!

Congratulations to Lanherne House who were crowned overall winners of the day!

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped organise the day, and to the families who came to support and cheer on the children—it always makes the day special.

Girls' Football Day

On 18th June our school celebrated an amazing Girls' Football Day with Aspire, and what a fantastic day it was! Every girl in the school took part in a full day of football fun, skills, and teamwork—all in the name of sport, confidence, and girl power!

All of our girls attended Bodmin Dragon Centre from Reception to Year 6 along with many other Aspire schools. The girls got stuck into:

- Dribbling and passing drills
- Shooting practice
- Mini matches and team games
- Footwork skills and fun football challenges

With smiles on their faces, the girls showed fantastic determination, team spirit, and enthusiasm. Whether it was someone's first kick of the ball or they were already budding Lionesses, every pupil gave it their all!

The day wasn't just about football—it was about confidence, friendship, and fun, and we couldn't be prouder of everyone who took part.

A huge thank you to the staff and coaches who helped organise such an inspiring day. We hope this is just the beginning of even more girls getting involved in the sport at school and beyond!

Well done, girls—you smashed it!

KS2 Surfing

Last week, some of our KS2 pupils had their last of 3 surfing experiences for this year. With wetsuits on and boards at the ready, the children listened carefully to Pete and

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his team before heading into the waves with huge smiles and even bigger enthusiasm.

The sessions began with a safety talk and some dry-land practice, where pupils learned how to paddle, pop up, and balance on their boards. Then it was time to apply what they had learnt in the surf.

Despite a few wobbles (and lots of splashes!), the children showed amazing determination and resilience. Many managed to stand up on their boards for the first time—and even rode a few waves all the way to shore!

The instructors were so impressed with the group's enthusiasm, respect for the ocean, and positive attitudes throughout the day. We're incredibly proud of everyone who took part!

A big thank you to King Surf, our staff, and parent helpers for making these brilliant days possible.

KS2 Triathlon Challenge

This term, a selected group of KS2 pupils took part in an exciting and energetic triathlon-style fitness challenge, and what a brilliant day it was! Instead of swimming and cycling, they tackled three fun and physically demanding activities: running, rowing, and burpees.

The children did incredibly well and the triathlon taught them the importance of perseverance, teamwork, and keeping fit. Our Year 4 team came 2nd overall – superb teamwork Harrington, Iona and Harriet. Our Year 6 team came 7th in their category. A huge well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to the staff who organised such a fantastic event!

Class 5's Trip to the Eden Project

On Friday 13th, Class 5 had an exciting day out at the Eden Project, where pupils took part in a special Ancient Greek workshop.

The workshop began with an introduction to Greek life and myths. They consolidated their learning about the Greek gods and goddesses, ancient traditions, and even got the chance to act out some famous myths like the story of Persephone and the Underworld.

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After the workshop, they explored the Mediterranean biome, imagining what it would have been like to live in a hot Greek climate. The Mediterranean biome was especially interesting because many of the plants there are the same kinds that would have been grown and used in Ancient Greece – like olives, grapes, and herbs.

It was a brilliant day – full of learning, laughter, and new experiences.

Forest School Adventures

This term, pupils in Classes 1 and 2 have been embracing the outdoors with our wonderful Forest School sessions delivered by Under the Canopy. As always they have explored, learned, and had lots of fun in nature.

From building dens, learning how to safely light fires, making mud pies to hunting for minibeasts and learning how to safely use tools, the children have shown curiosity, creativity, and brilliant teamwork. Some highlights included:

- Creating natural art using leaves, twigs and stones
- Learning how to light a fire safely and toasting marshmallows
- Playing woodland games and practicing quiet listening to hear birdsong and rustling wildlife
- Built waterproof shelters for pine cone people

Forest School has not only helps the children develop new skills, but also supports their confidence, independence, and love for the natural world.

A big thank you to Steve and the Under the Canopy staff who make these sessions so magical every week! We can't wait for more outdoor adventures next year!

Cross Country League Results 2024/25

We are really proud of our Cross Country runners this year and have lots to celebrate!

Harriet was 3rd in the Y4 individual girls winners.

Harriet, Iona and Iris came second in the Y4 girls team winners.

Winnie came 3rd in the Y5 individual girls winners.

A huge well done to everyone who competed and a big congratulations to the above girls.

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Ukeleles

This term, pupils in years 3 and 4 have been learning to play the ukelele with Tom from the Music Hub, what a musical journey it has been! We were treated to a performance at the Summer Fair which showcased their exploration of chords, rhythm and melody. The children showed brilliant focus and determination and even started composing their own tunes. We're so proud of their progress and hope their musical talents take them further in future years to come!

Nexus Maths Olympiad

Four of our pupils attended the above event this half term with Mrs Snook. Bonita commented, 'Our maths ambassadors represented Mawgan-in-Pydar fantastically at this event. I'm very proud of their hard work, manners and behaviour - they did us proud! It was a very enjoyable day, we learned lots and the venue and atmosphere were very impressive. An excellent event and a wonderful experience!'

Well done to our pupils, it's a great opportunity to have and they represented MIP excellently.

Schools Showjumping

We sent a team of Show Jumpers to the Primary School Show Jumping Competition at Pendarves Equestrian Centre, just outside Camborne.

The team kicked things off with two riders in the 40cm class – Oliver and Felix. They both jumped incredible rounds, and Felix came in a very close third, with less than a second separating the top three!

Next up, we had Evelyn in the 50cm class. She completed a speedy double clear and took our first win!

Our final rider, Harriet, was the first to go in the 60cm class. She started with a great double clear that couldn't be beaten for another win.

After the show jumping, they had some fun gymkhana games that the team really enjoyed. We even brought along our youngest rider, Austin, from Year R.

Overall, Mawgan-in-Pydar took home the Team WIN and a second place for the gymkhana team points. It was a great day for everyone!

Well done team – we are incredibly proud of your amazing achievements!

Smartphone Free Childhood

Many of you will be aware of the **Newquay Covenant for Smartphone-Free Schools.**

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This is a group of schools, leaders and parents who have a shared commitment to Childhood, Learning and Wellbeing.

Schools, parents, carers, and community members in Newquay, are committed to creating calm, focused, and nurturing environments for our children by supporting smartphone-free school communities.

Why This Matters

Smartphones, while powerful tools, can have unintended and harmful consequences when placed in the hands of children. These include:

- Disruption to learning, focus and attention
- Increased levels of anxiety, disrupted sleep, and screen overuse
- Exposure to harmful online content and risks of bullying or exploitation
- Erosion of real-world social skills, emotional development, and childhood experiences

We believe that schools should serve as safe and inspiring places where children can learn, grow, and connect without digital distractions.

If you are interested in getting involved, follow this link: [Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

Wishing You a Happy & Safe Summer!

As we come to the end of a fantastic school year, we want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement throughout the year.

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and are excited for all that lies ahead.

We wish you all a happy, restful, and safe summer holiday. Enjoy the sunshine, make special memories, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning!

Have a wonderful summer!

From all of us at Mawgan-in-Pydar Primary Academy 🌞🎨📖

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