



MARAZION SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Why be a star when you can make a constellation? Mariam Kaba

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday this week it was our summer Marazion Book Day (MBD). Inspired by World Book Day (WBD), we plan a MBD every autumn and summer term and celebrate WBD in the spring term. This time, we had a Cornish theme. MBD activities included children studying Cornish authors and stories, spreading joy and love with a wonderful heart activity; mapping journeys from and back to Cornwall and creating their own 'Where's Wally' based in Cornwall. These days give us an opportunity to celebrate authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading.

Suncream Policy

Please can we remind you that children need to bring a sunhat, sun cream and water bottle to school now that the weather is getting warmer. Also, if children can come to school with a sun cream already applied that will be really beneficial as we are often outdoors from the start of the school day. Thanks. If children don't have access to their own sun cream, staff will apply the school's own sun cream (at least 30 SPF and UVA protection - 4 stars or above) to children. Please note, as per our Sun Protection Policy, in any case whereby a parent does not wish a member of staff to apply sunscreen to their child, a declaration note must be signed by the parent to confirm this.

The Netflix Series 'Adolescence'

'Adolescence' has sparked lots of conversations amongst parents and staff about the management of social media and this is brilliant. Understandably, some parents are concerned about children's responsible use of smart phones. We do not allow children to bring phones into school and as a school we would like to promote limiting children's use of phones, instead encouraging face-face interactions. *Smartphone Free Childhood* are encouraging parents to sign a pact to choose to wait to give their child a smartphone until at least Year 9. If this is something you would like to sign, here is the link: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk> If you have concerns about your child's online safety, in particular the language of social media including emojis, please speak to your child's teacher or to Miss Rainbow, our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Bank Account Changes - Cash Only

Please note that you are still unable to pay into our bank account due to our conversion to Crofty Education Trust. Parent Pay should be up and running in the very near future! In the meantime, school lunch, residential and breakfast club payments still need to be paid by cash to the office in advance. Many thanks.

2025 Residential Visits

A reminder that the **Year 4/5 Residential Visit** is at Camp Kernow from Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th June; the **Year 6 Oxford Residential Visit** is from Tuesday 20th May to Friday 23rd May and the **Year 2 sleepover** is on Thursday 3rd July.

Summer 2025 Marazion Clubs

Marazion Clubs started on Monday 28th April. Please note that there is no Coding Club next week, due to staff training.

Marazion VE Day (VED) Celebrations

Next Thursday 8th May celebrates 80 years since VED. Some KS2 children are attending a service of celebration in Marazion Town and there are VED tea party style celebrations in school on Friday.

Inset Days 2025-26

Marazion School inset days for next year are: Monday 1st September; Monday 20th - Friday 24th October; Wednesday 11th March and Monday 1st June. Next year, Marazion School is having a 2 week break over the October half term. This has been achieved by taking an inset day for staff training in the school holidays (on 1st September); children returning to school in September a day early (on 2nd September) and adding an additional day to the end of the summer term (Friday 24th July). We are also using 2 training days, which staff will work as 'twilight' training, which is after 5pm. Overall, the number of days the school is open to children has not changed. This pattern of term dates has been used really successfully by a number of primary and secondary schools in Cornwall and other local authorities. We plan to review this pattern during the 2025-26 school year before deciding on our dates for the following year.

Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers

Children Dealing with Loneliness - NSPCC. Loneliness is a difficult feeling for anyone, so it's not surprising that children can really struggle when they feel lonely. By learning more about loneliness, we can work with children to combat it. While loneliness can be caused by being physically alone, being alone doesn't necessarily lead to feeling lonely. Sometimes children can feel lonely even if they're often with other people. They might be feeling this way if they don't feel properly seen or understood. Loneliness can look and feel different for everyone, and it's good to talk how we might be feeling and what we might be experiencing. The NSPCC's new guidance on this is well worth a read, and you can find it by following the link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/how-help-child-feels-lonely>

In/Out of School

Marazion School Reading Room (RR): Marazion School's RR is open. Children can choose to come into school and read for pleasure from 8.30-8.45am every day. **Mercury** are hosting the RR next week. **School Visits/Events:** Next week we have VE Day celebrations and online safety training for adults and children. More detailed information about school visits/events is sent out by class teachers.

PE and School Sport/Clubs

PE days for this term. PE Days: Moana (Year R/1): Thursday (look out for Miss Hall's emails about other days to bring PE kit); **Franklin:** Year 2 is Monday and Thursday / Year 3 is Monday and Wednesday; **Mercury** (Year 4/5): Wednesday and Thursday; **Mitchell** (Year 5/6): Wednesday and Thursday. **Fixtures and Events:** There are no fixtures or events next week. **Swimming Sessions:** KS2 Continuing Swimmers are swimming every Wednesday. A text goes out on Mondays to parents/carers as a reminder. **There is a LATER pick up after swimming, which is 4pm. Please note that children need to be picked up from the main playground gate @ 4pm. Thanks.** Children need swimming kit (black costume or rash vest/trunks - not board shorts) and goggles (if you have them) as well as a £1 contribution towards the cost of the sessions. School provides swimming caps. Thanks. **Gym Sessions:** Children in Moana are going to Penzance Gym this half term on some Monday and some Friday afternoons - check the Dates for the Diary below. Children need to wear a t-shirt that has no buttons to the gym. Thanks. **Optional PE Homework:** For May, as the weather gets warmer, remember to put sunscreen on - even when it is cloudy!

Say Thank You to Someone Somehow

We want to say THANK YOU to different people/organisations every week. One class (or the whole school) will choose who/what they want to say thank you to/for. **This week, Mitchell want to say thank you to the RNLI for letting us know how to stay safe at the beach.** We clapped together in Celebration Assembly this morning to support this.

Certificate Awards

Children are awarded merits for demonstrating a fantastic attitude to their work, friends, adults and the environment. Children who have earned 40 merit certificates: **Chloe, Destiny and Esme.** Children who have earned 60 merit certificates: **Ethan, Jonboy and Locryn.**

Stars of the Week

In Class: Moana: **Eve** for fabulous enthusiasm and giving 100%; Franklin: **Harrison** for a brilliant residential and trying new things; Mercury: **Hugh** for wonderful reflection on literacy work; Mitchell: **Simi** for being a brilliant role model. **Sporting:** YR/KS1: **Piran** for excellent gymnastic skills. KS2: **Lyra M** for outstanding goalkeeping skills. **Music:** YR/KS1: **Eve** for beautiful singing. KS2: **Noah** for rocking the drums in Rock Band.

Good Manners @ Breakfast Club and Lunch Time

We celebrate with children who have displayed fantastic manners at Lunchtime and during Breakfast Club as part of our Monday morning assembly. This week congratulations to **Hugo** (Breakfast Club) **Ella H, Winter, Hugh** and **Roman** (Lunchtime).

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to **Alex, Lyra G** and **Lilly-May WM** who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Many Happy Returns to you all 😊

Dates for the Diary w/c Monday 5th May

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7th May: KS2 swimming session, pm - **LATER pick up @ 4pm from the main playground gate;** No Coding Club

Thursday 8th May: No Cornish Pirates KS2 rugby sessions; online safety training

Friday 9th May: Moana @ Penzance gym