



Friday 8th September 2023

Halwin Headlines

Welcome back to school everyone and a special welcome to our newest Halwin reception and pre-school children. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break.

It is a pleasure to write my first newsletter as the Head of School at Halwin. Thank you all for such a warm welcome; I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week and appreciate parents and Carers getting their children in on time.

You may notice some changes to the newsletter—I encourage you to take the time each week to read the newsletter, not only to ensure you are up-to-date on everything that is happening at school and in the community but also to join us in celebrating the Halwin Heroes each week.

There has been some refurbishment work in school over the summer holidays and we are particularly excited that our library has been relocated to the centre of the school. This will ensure ease of access for all children throughout the day to support children's reading development and contribute to a lifelong love of reading. You may also spot new internal fire doors throughout the building and new carpet in Kingfishers.

I have enjoyed popping into classrooms this week to get to know the children. They have all returned from the summer holiday ready to work hard and I have been particularly impressed with their art work and number skills. It has been a delight to talk to such helpful and polite children.

Please note that our breakfast club will continue. Closing our after-school care club has been a difficult decision. We are sorry for any disruption this has caused. We will continue to advertise for this vacancy and provide any updates as soon as possible.

Finally, I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Carr

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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Wrap-Around Care
Booking Link attached.

Breakfast club only
until further notice.

Attendance

We aim for all our children to have at least 96% attendance throughout the year.

We will share overall attendance for each class for the previous week here on the newsletter each week!



Next week's lunch menu **week 1**



Halwin Heroes



This year we will be celebrating our CARE champions every week!

Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

	Robins	Owls	Kingfishers
Confidence	Rupert	Coco	Eli
Aspiration	Florence	Paisley	Amelia B
Resilience	Stanley	Maddie	Amelia FR
Enjoyment	Finn	Marley	Jowan

Team Points

Blue— 86

Red— 140

Green— 180

Yellow— 112

Congratulations to those children who completed the Cornwall Libraries Summer Reading Challenge!

Well done to Connor for receiving Football Player of the Day during the summer holidays.

Notices and Events



Reading books are currently being coded for our new reading programme: Accelerated Reader. More information to follow shortly. Reading books will be sent home from next week.

While the weather is hot and sunny, please apply sun cream before school and ensure your child brings a sun hat to school.

Class Welcome letters are currently being finalised and will be shared shortly.

Message from the Executive Headteacher

My name is Mrs Linda May, and I am thrilled to be the Executive Headteacher of this school. I am responsible for 5 closely located schools in the Helston area; all with a unique identity and yet shared desire to offer our children the best possible start to their educational journey.

I am ably supported by an experienced Senior Teacher who is our Head of School, and a dedicated and talented staff that have the same high expectations as you do for your child. We believe in a close working relationship between teachers and parents is essential to success and we look forward to welcoming you to our many special events.

I firmly believe that every child deserves to have a happy and fulfilling primary education. I also know that children learn best through an interesting and engaging curriculum. Together, we will strive to make learning enjoyable, varied and challenging so that all children achieve well and are motivated to do their very best.

I look forward to our paths crossing and sharing some of the special moments in the life of our school.



Notices and Events



Please ensure children wear their full school uniform each day. Further details of the uniform can be found on our website.

PE days are:

Robins: Tuesday and Friday

Owls: Wednesday and Friday

Kingfishers: Tuesday and Wednesday

Choir Club will run after school on **Thursdays from 3:15pm - 4pm.**

The club will begin on 14th September - 12 October. If your child is in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6) and they would like to join the club, [please email halwinsecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:halwinsecretary@croftymat.org) no later than Monday 10am. There's plenty of room in the club, so if your child is in the eligible year group, they're welcome to come along. Please note, we won't use Google Forms for this club sign up.

Parents and carers should note that the Community Speedwatch team will recommence its patrols in Porkellis and Carnkie from the beginning of next week. While the aim of Community Speedwatch is to encourage drivers to observe speed limits for the safety of themselves and other road users, the Police will issue enforcement proceedings to repeat offenders and those considered to be putting others at risk. For the safety of all concerned, please observe the 30mph speed limits in our Villages.

Mrs Moulding is sorry to advise that she will be on leave until October half term. Mrs MacMillian will be covering Mrs Moulding in the office while she is away. Please continue to email and phone the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Parent Pay should continue to be updated with fees. Please ensure your child's account is in credit for use of any services such as school dinners, pre-school fees and clubs.

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Celebration assemblies are held each Friday from 2:40pm for our children in years reception to year 6. Our first celebration assembly of this term will be held in the school hall next Friday, 15th September. Parents and Carers are encouraged to attend. Please sign in using our sign in book when you arrive.

The FOH AGM which will be held on Tuesday 26th September at 2pm at Halwin School. A new committee will be elected at this time for the forthcoming academic year and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Friends of Halwin have booked Will Keating for a family concert evening on Friday 6th October (inset day) at 6pm Wendron football/cricket club. Please pre book your tickets with Jess Curtis on 07787524452 with payments being taken from 1st September. Adults £10 child £6 we will also be holding an auction of promises on the evening so message me if you have prizes to enter.

You may have seen recent news stories about some schools having structural problems because they were built using reinforced ~~Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)~~. I am happy to say that all Crofty Schools have been thoroughly checked earlier this year and none were built using RAAC. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Occasionally, we may post details of activities and family services on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not necessarily endorse these services.

Diary dates



Friday 22nd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 26th September	FOH AGM at 2pm
Thursday 5th October	School Census Day
Friday 6th October	INSET DAY
Friday 6th October	Will Keating @ Wendron Cricket Club from 6pm
Monday 19th February 2024	INSET DAY
Monday 17th June	INSET DAY
Wednesday 24th July	INSET DAY