



Friday 13th October 2023

Halwin Headlines

Well done to Robins, Owls and Kingfishers for their excellent poetry performances in assembly this afternoon. National Poetry Day occurs every October and is a great opportunity to enjoy poetry together. All the poems you heard today are part of our writing curriculum, chosen to introduce children to a wide range of vocabulary and word play and encourage creativity and imagination.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Ian from the Mustard Seed Charity in Helston, who help run the Helston Food Bank. Ian talked to the children about how a food bank works, why people might need them and how our donations help those in need. Some of the children joined in a role play about how the food bank works and there were some excellent questions. Next week, as part of our Harvest celebrations, we are inviting donations of food that will be distributed by the Helston Food bank to help the local community. Please can all donations be brought into school from Monday 16th October but before Friday 20th October.

The children have been working hard this week and earning team points and golden tickets. Owls have learned about Neil Armstrong and the moon landing in History and completed their sketch drawing of a moving aeroplane using contour hatching in Art. Kingfishers have been polishing their addition and subtraction skills in Maths, deciding on the most efficient method to use when solving different problems. Robins have been creating metaphors in their writing this week and talking about feelings and emotions. Fledglings have been exploring their new maths area and doing lots of counting.

Congratulations to Marley (Owls) and Bryn (Kingfishers) for reaching his Autumn Term 1 Accelerated Reader target and well done to everyone who has completed 3 blue and 3 red gems this week to make it into the Maths Whizz Hall of Fame:

Owls—Maddie

Kingfishers— Penny, Amelia B, Nicholas, Eli, Catori, Connor + Gabriel

Have a lovely weekend!

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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Wrap-Around Care
Booking Link attached.

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for last week was 96.5%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Owls: 96%

Kingfishers: 96%

Congratulations

Robins!



Next week's lunch menu **week 3**



Halwin Heroes



This year we will be celebrating our Star of the Week and CARE champions every week!

Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week	Confidence	Alfie M
Robins	Zephyr	Aspiration	Rupert B
Owls	Amber	Resilience	Amelia B
Kingfishers	Jax	Enjoyment	Skylar

Team Points

Blue— 219

Red— 448

Green— 352

Yellow— 271

Wellbeing Ambassadors have been chosen from each class to represent and advocate for their classmates.

Robins—Henry

Owls—Maddie

Kingfishers—Rebekah

Swimming Awards:

Lerryn & Kerra

Notices and Events



School Lunches

Please see the posters attached from Chartwells, our meal provider.

All children can enjoy a free school meal in reception, Year 1 and Year 2—saving you up to £457 a year. Children in Years 3—6 may also be able to enjoy free school meals. Please check your eligibility for free school meals here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Taking Holiday in Term Time

Last year's attendance for the whole school was just 93%. The national average is 97% which is also the expectation for Halwin School. You have a legal duty to make sure your child attends school regularly and punctually. The school and the Local Authority monitor your child's attendance and will take action if it is poor. The Government recommends that family holidays are taken outside of school terms. Headteachers will sometimes give permission for a pupil to go on holiday during term time. They will consider the reasons for the holiday, the pupil's past attendance, and the effects the absence will have on the pupil's learning. But will not normally give permission simply because holidays cost less during term time. Headteachers have the discretion to grant leave, but they should only do so in exceptional circumstances. If a headteacher grants a leave request, it will be for them to determine the length of time that the child can be away from school. It is, however, unlikely to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday. Parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday during term time without consent from the school. If you take your child out of school without permission you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to the Education Welfare Service who may decide to prosecute. A conviction may result in a fine of up to £2500, a prison sentence of up to 3 months or both. Alternatively, a penalty notice may be issued, this carries a fine of £60 per child if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.

Educational Visits consent form

Yesterday, an annual trips and visits form went home with each child. Please ensure that these are filled out and returned to school as soon as possible to ensure that all children can partake in the educational visits taking place after half term.

Notices and Events



2023/24 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

For parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 6, please find below links to information about the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) and how you can opt out if preferred.

Reception: <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-reception-year/>

Year 6: <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-year-6/>

Applying for a Place in Secondary School

The deadline to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school is 31st October 2023. Please go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions and follow the instructions.

Applying for a Place in a Primary School

The deadline to apply for a Reception place in a primary school is 15th January 2024. Please go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions and follow the instructions.

Car Parking

The playground gates will be opened for parking for afternoon collection at 2.50pm. Please avoid arriving before then to avoid congestion.

Harvest Food Collection

Please bring in food bank donations between Monday 16th October and Friday 20th October.

Items urgently needed by the Helston and Lizard Food bank include:

- Sponge puddings, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, long life fruit juice, custard, rice pudding

Other items of need:

- Cereals, baked beans, soups, instant coffee, teabags, long life milk

Other items such as biscuits, tinned vegetables, meat or fish, pasta and rice are in less urgent need, however can still be donated and will also be appreciated.

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Homework

The partnership between home and school is very important to us. We recognize that children have spent a busy structured day at school and need time to relax and play. We are also mindful of children's out-of-school activities e.g. swimming, gymnastics, football etc. and we believe that homework activities should not cause conflict or resentment. Our homework approach has therefore been designed to focus on the benefits of reading with your child and developing a love of reading. Reading is our focus, and we ask that parents and carers prioritise and support this essential skill. You can help your child by becoming actively involved in their reading journey, listening to them read, talking about their book, giving them lots of encouragement and praise, and providing a quiet area and time to read together.

Pupils in EYFS and KS1 who are part of the Read Write Inc (RWI) phonics programme will be given a phonics book each week, matched to their ability, to read at home. Occasionally, pupils will also have specific sounds to practice at home. To ensure high quality reading we use a programme called Accelerated Reader from Year 2 onwards which supports children taking responsibility for their own reading progress through engaging reading quizzes.

Alongside reading, we will provide your child with a copy of their weekly spellings for Owls and Kingfishers. We allocate time in school to learn these spellings, but children would also benefit from practicing them at home.

At Halwin School, we subscribe to two excellent maths learning platforms. Pupils from Y2 upwards will be provided with a log in to Maths Whizz (<https://whizz.com>), an online programme which adapts topics and questions to each child's specific level in a fun game style approach. We recommend children complete 3 'gems' per week. As learning multiplication tables is crucial to children's mathematics progress and Y4 pupils are required to complete a statutory multiplication check, children in Owls and Kingfishers will also be provided with a log in to Times Tables Rock Stars (<https://ttrockstars.com>) where they can practice their times tables in an engaging game to increase their fluency and recall.

A breakdown of suggested homework is provided below:

Robins: 10-15 minutes of reading a day, record in reading diary

Owls & Kingfishers: 10-15 minutes of reading at least 5 times a week

3 blue gems per week on Maths Whizz

Times Tables Rockstars 15 minutes x2 a week

Spellings

Additional information such as knowledge organisers for topics will be sent out throughout the year. Please check your emails regularly. You are valuable partners in your children's education and we thank you for your continued support.

Diary dates



Tuesday 17th October	Reading café 3:15-4pm
Friday 20th October	Harvest celebration during assembly
Friday 20th October	FoH cake sale.
Monday 30th October	Back to school - Autumn 2 starts
Tuesday 31st October	Parents phonics workshop
Wednesday 1st November	Robins class trip to Cornhill farm
Friday 3rd November	FoH Halloween disco
Wednesday 8th November	Owls class trip to Tehidy woods
Monday 20th November	Kingfishers class trip to Hall for Cornwall (Proms 2023)
Thursday 30th November	Evening wreath making (FOH)
Friday 8th December	Christmas fair (FOH)
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas lunch
Tuesday 19th December	End of term

*Join the Friends of Halwin on 30th November at 7pm
for an evening of*

Wreath Making



£15

*per person
at Halwin School*

Remember to bring secateurs if you have them!

*Contact Jess to book your space: 07787524452
or email friendsofhalwin@gmail.com*



HALLOWEEN PARTY

03.11.2023

COSTUMES, GAMES
& LOTS OF FUN

£2 PER CHILD, CARD OR CASH,
FRIENDSOFHALWIN@GMAIL.COM

HALWIN SCHOOL
5.30PM - 6.45PM
DRINKS & SNACKS

Parentkind
Member Association

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MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES**



**Save up
to £457**

with FREE
school meals

AT CHARTWELLS, WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT ENCOURAGING AND ENABLING MORE CHILDREN TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES AND ENJOY A NUTRITIOUS SCHOOL MEAL TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THEIR DAY.

Chartwells' school meals have been lovingly created by a team of talented chefs and dedicated nutritionists making sure menus are packed with all the ingredients children need to grow strong and healthy.

Making a home-packed lunch for your child each day can be time-consuming and expensive. School meals can relieve some of this pressure by providing a hot, nutritious lunch for your child, every school day.



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THE BENEFITS OF SCHOOL MEALS



MAKING CHILDREN HEALTHIER

Children having school meals are more likely to eat fruit and vegetables and drink water throughout the day.

BEHAVIOUR & CONCENTRATION

A healthy school meal helps children get the best from their learning.

THEY ARE FREE IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Speak to your school about signing your child up today!

TASTY THEME DAYS

Throughout the term, your child will get to experience delicious theme days where we bring excitement to the dining hall with new and inspiring choices such as our Space Adventure or Mid-Summer Mashup.

MAKING FOOD FUN

We want your children to have fun and the dining hall is a great place for them to enjoy themselves with friends whilst they learn about different types of food.

WE EDUCATE AND INSPIRE CHILDREN WITH OUR BEYOND THE CHARTWELLS' KITCHEN WORKSHOPS

Our menus are packed with familiar favourites such as cheese & tomato pizza, roast dinners and homely pies

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN A SCHOOL MEAL?

Every day, you can be assured that a school meal will offer:

- At least two portions of fruit and vegetables
- Dairy food items rich in calcium for strong bones and teeth
- Starchy carbohydrates to provide energy
- A protein source to support the body's growth and repair.

HOW DO I ORDER AND PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS?

All children in the UK in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are entitled to a delicious hot meal or packed lunch for FREE.

From Year 3 (KS2), your child may still be eligible for free school meals, simply visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals to check.

Schools may have an online facility that allows you to order your children's meals. If your child is in KS2 and above, then the portal will allow you to order and pay for meals.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY OR SPECIAL DIET?

Our primary objective is to keep our pupils - your children - safe every day when enjoying their school meals.

We take allergies very seriously and, supported by our robust Medical Diet Policy, we've taken every step to ensure that as many children as possible living with food allergies and intolerance can eat safely at school with their friends.

To find out more please email: chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk

CAN A PACKED LUNCH BE PROVIDED INSTEAD OF A HOT MEAL?

Absolutely! Our packed lunches are made fresh each day and are designed to be both tasty and nutritious, ensuring that children enjoy a balanced and satisfying meal.



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**NEW SCHOOL YEAR. NEW TERM.
NEW CLASS - SO MANY EXCITING,
NEW ADVENTURES TO LOOK
FORWARD TO...**

including our NEW autumn menu coming at the end of October; full of hearty, flavoursome recipes that will delight their tastebuds and ensure little tummies are full of nutritional goodness.

On top of that, our Theme Days are guaranteed to bring that extra little foodie fun throughout the term too.

[See Theme Day menus](#)



**IT'S THE END OF
THE SUMMER AND TIME
TO 'BEE THANKFUL'.**

Working with our friends, the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, our 'Bee Thankful' campaign celebrates the humble bumblebee, highlighting their hard work in pollinating many ingredients on our plates.

With educational posters and a special September menu created by Junior Bake Off judge and CBBC presenter Allegra McEvedy, the children will be buzzing with excitement.



**IS YOUR CHILD
ENTITLED TO A
FREE SCHOOL
MEAL?**

**ALL CHILDREN CAN ENJOY
A FREE SCHOOL MEAL IN
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND
YEAR 2 - SAVING YOU
UP TO £457 A YEAR!**

Make sure you sign up with your school. Children in Years 3 - 6 may also be able to enjoy free school meals.

[Check if you're eligible here](#)



SCIENCE AND ARTS ACTIVITY DAY

For girls in Year 6

Dark Room Photography | Forensic Science Mystery | Explosive Science Experiments



TRURO HIGH SCHOOL
Where Girls Thrive

Sat 25 November 9.30 - 3.30
Sign up in advance. Spaces limited.

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