



Friday 20th October 2023

# Halwin Headlines

It's been another busy week at Halwin and I can't believe I'm finishing my first term here already! I had fun teaching Kingfishers this week as well as Owls and enjoyed talking to families during our first reading café of the year. The next reading café will be on 14th November—do come along for a chat, refreshments and to choose books to borrow from our lovely book boxes!

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for a Harvest themed celebration assembly this afternoon and for your generous tinned food donations. Mrs Blewitt will kindly be delivering them to the Helston Food bank.

Next term we have arranged class trips for each class to support their learning and give them a memorable experience.

The weather has now turned colder so please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school and any gloves/hats/scarves are named.

Congratulations to the following children who have worked hard to reach the Maths Whizz Hall of Fame this week:

Kingfishers: Penny, Amelia B, Sam, Nicholas Eli, Catori, Gabriel

Owls: Lukas, Marley, Maddie, Rupert

This week Robins have been learning about how people celebrated birthdays in the past, written beautiful poems and made biomes in boxes. Owls have started their new writing unit based on George and the Dragon and have been creating suspense for a story opener and using adjectives to describe the dragon. As historians, Kingfishers have been looking at the prevalence of illness and disease in Tudor times and the advances in medicine that managed to eradicate these. Wow! After all that hard work, you certainly deserved a week off! Have a lovely half term :-)

Finally, don't forget to send in your trip letters. And if you are Year 6 parent ensure that you have applied for secondary school places before October 31st.

## Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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[halwinsecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:halwinsecretary@croftymat.org)

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 93%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Owls: 97%

Kingfishers: 90%

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**

|             |                         |                   |            |
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|             | <b>Star of the Week</b> | <b>Confidence</b> | Talia-Rose |
| Robins      | Faith                   | <b>Aspiration</b> | Carter     |
| Owls        | Paisley                 | <b>Resilience</b> | Poppy      |
| Kingfishers | Jowan                   | <b>Enjoyment</b>  | Ruben      |

## Team Points

Blue— 107

Red— 116

Green— 131

Yellow—112



# Notices and Events

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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

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| 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                          |
| Tuesday 14th November   | Reading café   |
| 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](mailto:friendsofhalwin@gmail.com)*



# HALLOWEEN PARTY

03.11.2023

COSTUMES, GAMES  
& LOTS OF FUN

£2 PER CHILD, CARD OR CASH,  
[FRIENDSOFHALWIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FRIENDSOFHALWIN@GMAIL.COM)

HALWIN SCHOOL  
5.30PM - 6.45PM  
DRINKS & SNACKS

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

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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](http://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](mailto: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.

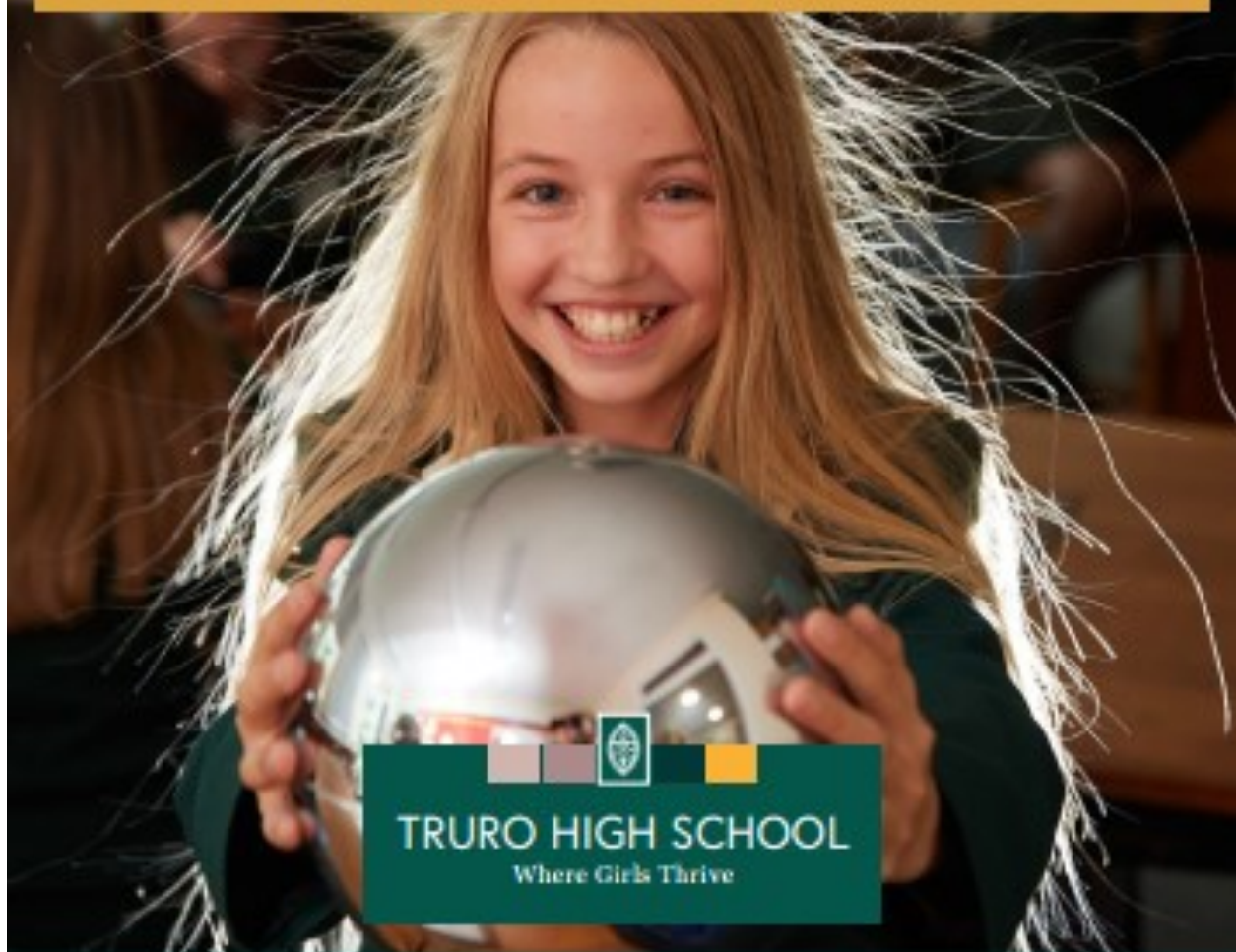
[Check if you're eligible here](#)



# 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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