



Friday 17th November 2023

Halwin Headlines

Thank you for your donations for BBC Children in Need today—the school was very bright and colourful! You can still add your donation to ParentPay if you haven't already done so and wish to.

Both the children and teachers have been working hard this week. As part of Crofty MAT, our staff are engaging in a range of professional development opportunities which this week has included phonics, mastery maths, science and even balance bike training.

Kingfishers class have enjoyed the grand finale of their class novel: Holes. Like detectives, they managed to link the various strands of the story and 'fill in the holes' at the end of this brilliant book.

Owls class have started to look at their new story: Meercat Christmas in English and have looked at postcards and when they might use them. In Art, they have learned wet on dry and wet on wet skills for watercolours.

Robins class have been learning all about animals as their new book is called 'If sharks disappeared'. They have been discussing extinction, what animals eat and have sorted animals. In maths they have been sharing equal amounts in Reception and Year One have been learning about shapes.

Congratulations to the following pupils for completing their Autumn 2 Accelerated Reader target: Kai, Bryn, Dennis, Penny, Connor, Sam (Kingfishers), Lerryn and Marley (Owls). Well done superstars!

Wow—we have a record number of children who have made it into the Maths Whizz Hall of Fame this week. Well done: Penny, Amelia B, Sam, Nicholas, Eli, Catori, Torron, Gabriel, Amelia F-R (Kingfishers) and Benjamin (Owls).

Finally, don't forget Parents Meetings are next week on Monday and Thursday evenings. Please check with your class teacher if you have not received your appointment time.

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 97% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for this week was 97.7%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Owls: 97.6%

Kingfishers: 97.3%

Congratulations

Robins!



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



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	Harrison
Robins	Henry	Aspiration	Kai
Owls	Paisley	Resilience	Hudson
Kingfishers	Jazmine	Enjoyment	Kerra

Team Points

Blue— 148

Red— 92

Green— 181

Yellow— 114

Picture News Assembly Leaders

- Amelia F-R
- Gabriel
- Lloyd
- Penny



Halwin Christmas Celebration

2:30pm
and
6pm!

Thursday 14th
December
2023!

Refreshments
available!

at
Halwin
School
hall!



Notices and Events



Cross Country Date for Diaries:

The next Cross Country Race is Tuesday 27th February at Helston (north or south TBC) for the Peninsula final.

Harvest Donations Thank you

We received a thank you letter this week from Ian Fromow, the Project Lead at the Helston and The Lizard Foodbank. They asked me to pass on their thanks to all the children, families and staff at Halwin School for their very kind harvest gifts to Helston & the Lizard foodbank, which amounted to 59.24 kilograms. Your kind donations will ensure that the food gets to those people in our community who are in need during these difficult times and I know they will receive this food with much appreciation.

Fred Frog's Phonics

Here are some links to videos to help you practise at home. Just click on the link or copy and paste into your browser

Set 1 Group:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qblk15q5/fGpwFCcV>

Ditties Group:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rRfXxPRx/2Sy5Eyxl>

Purple Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/y1HjpEdb/HrM3ENC0>

Orange Group:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gNfIzE01/8ZwTgJRS>

Blue Group:

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5yd1vrEH/4qA6zuG8>



Parent Governor Opportunity



Halwin School is seeking to recruit two governors to join the local governing committee.

As an academy, we rely on a local governing committee to ensure the school remains accountable for the decisions it makes for children's education. Governors play a role in both supporting and challenging the school as it shapes education for our local community. We look to recruit people with a variety of skills to bring a diverse range of opinions to decision making.

The ideal candidate will have the ability to consider matters objectively and make informed judgments. Having an enquiring mind, the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school are also key attributes of an effective school governor.

What do school governors do?

Governors tend to meet 6 times throughout the year, once every half term; these meetings are usually on a Tuesday at 5.30pm and last for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours.

In order to perform this role well, a governor is expected to:

Get to know the school, including visiting the school occasionally during school hours, and gain a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses;

Challenge and ask questions of senior leaders to ensure progress towards school goals;

Monitor the school's development in achieving set priorities;

Act in the best interest of the pupils and staff of the school;

Behave in a professional manner, as set down in the Governing Committee's code of conduct, including acting in strict confidence.

If you are interested in applying, or would like further information, please email the chair of governors (Ross Durkin: ross.durkin@croftymat.org) with an expression of interest. This should include your contact details and a short explanation about why you wish to become a governor at Halwin. If we have more than two candidates, we will ask you to take part in an election. The closing date for applications is Friday 8th December 2023.

Crofty:

Halwin school is part of Crofty Multi Academy Trust. If you would like to find out more about the school or trust please follow the link: croftymat.org

Diary dates



Monday 20th November	Kingfishers Class trip to Hall for Cornwall (Proms 2023)
Thursday 30th November	Evening wreath making (FOH)
Tuesday 5th December	Elfridges (FOH) Non Uniform Day Christmas Fair donations
Thursday 7th December	Community Christmas Event (FOH)
Friday 8th December	Christmas Fair (FOH)
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Celebration 2.30pm and 6pm
Tuesday 19th December	End of term
Thursday 4th January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 19th February	INSET day—school closed to pupils