



Friday 10th November 2023

Halwin Headlines

It's been a busy week. I had lots of fun with Owls Class in Tehidy Woods on Wednesday as part of their Geography and Art learning. We walked the lakes circular walk, investigated the natural woodland habitat and sketched the bridge over the river. Thank you to Mrs Blewitt for organising and to the parent volunteers for making the trip possible.

Year 5 and 6 started the week with Sports Leader Training. They were put through their paces on Monday afternoon when Mr Studd (our local sports co-ordinator) coached them through the first phase of their accreditation. Phase 2 will be completed later this term when they will then be equipped to lead fun sessions on the playground with our younger pupils.

Our classes have been learning about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy. The whole school held a minute's silence in the playground at 11am today. Our Assembly Monitors from Y6 led a Picture News session with Kingfishers, well done!

Congratulations to the following children who have worked hard to reach the Maths Whizz Hall of Fame last week (sorry their names were missed off the newsletter): Benjamin, Penny, Amelia B, Nicholas, Eli, Lillian, Torron, Rebekah, Amelia F-R and Gabriel. And congratulations to the children who are in this week's Maths Whizz Hall of Fame: Marley, Amelia B, Nicholas, Sam, Catori, Lillian and Gabriel.

You will see on the diary dates page, we will be holding our Christmas Celebration on Thursday 14th December. Last week, I shared details on the newsletter of a competition to design a poster for this Christmas Concert and the winner is Amelia B—well done! You will see her beautiful poster later in the newsletter and around the school advertising our Christmas event.

Finally, our Eco-Trust council representatives joined the other Crofty schools for their termly meeting this week and have been sharing news with us.

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 this week was 97%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 96%

Owls: 96%

Kingfishers: 98%

Congratulations
Kingfishers!



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	Florence
Robins	Carter	Aspiration	Lukas
Owls	Lerryn	Resilience	Talia-Rose
Kingfishers	Lincoln	Enjoyment	Dennis

Team Points

Blue— 149

Red— 123

Green— 161

Yellow— 138

BARVEMBER
2023

Last week, I shared details of Barvember—a fun maths challenge that families can join in with at home. Amelia B worked hard and shared her answers to the bar model questions with White Rose and has won a prize! Congratulations.

Halwin Christmas Celebration

2:30pm
and
6pm!

Thursday 14th
December
2023!

Refreshments
available!

at
Halwin
School
hall!



Notices and Events



Year 4 Parents—MTC

Year 4 children participate in a multiplication tables check in June. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12×12 , which is essential for future success in mathematics. The MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Throughout the year, we will ensure children get opportunities to learn and practice their times tables in school. However, your support at home is also very much appreciated. All Year 4 children have a log in to Times Tables Rockstars—an online learning platform to support children learning their times tables and also practicing for the MTC. Mr Barnard will be running a parent and child workshop early in January to share more information and answer any questions you may have about the MTC.

More useful information about Times Tables can be found here: [Parents & Carers – Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://ttrockstars.com)

Barvember

At Halwin, we use White Rose Maths resources in our daily Maths lessons. Every year, White Rose create special problem solving activities for KS1, KS2 and all the family every day for the month of November. Each problem can be solved using a bar model, a useful tool for helping children visualise and then solve maths problems. Barvember is designed to show children the usefulness of a bar model! They post the challenges on their social media each day, including Twitter and Facebook where White Rose Prizes can be won. We would love to hear about our families taking part!

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/Fdt25S3Z/DgoCsGjt>

Ditties Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/00F5tOgo/NVEorCbD>

Purple Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/6HYVthiv/R9yXnKxr>

Orange Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/uzSbipUj/RoPQCLFl>

Blue Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/itgDbNis/OSXQt7Kq>

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



Tuesday 14th November	Reading café
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

*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*

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