



Friday 6th September 2024

# Halwin Headlines

Welcome back to the start of term at Halwin. It has been so lovely to see all of the children settle back into school and have a fantastic first couple of days back. A special mention to our newest Halwin children who have joined reception and also a well done to our Year 2 children who have made the jump into Owls class. We are all so proud of you, well done.

Next week, we would like to welcome parents to our celebration assembly on Friday 13th at 2.45pm. At the end of the day, you are then welcome to visit the classrooms and teachers. The school will be open until 3.45pm on Friday so you can see all the exciting changes we have made. We are still waiting for some display boards and other finishing touches but we hope you will agree that the school is looking great.

Later in the newsletter you will see our poster for our new Halwin Hive sessions. Mrs Tamblin and myself would like to invite parents into school each month for a cake and a chat. I will be available to speak to and over the year we hope to extend the invite to other agencies who can share their expertise and signpost support.

Thank you for your understanding with the parking arrangements for the start of term—we have had some issues with the gate opening which we hope will be fixed early next week.

The children have enjoyed getting straight back into their learning. Kingfishers have started reading Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce for their 'Out of this World' topic. Owls have started learning about Archaeology and have begun programming a sprite in Computing and Robins have been busy in the creative area making paper faces and have talking and writing about themselves. Later in the term, we are looking forward to welcoming parents into our Family Learning Sessions. More details to follow soon!

Have a lovely weekend :-)

## Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

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

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 99%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Owls: 100%

Kingfishers: 97%



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



# Notices and Events

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## Forest School

Robins class (including Fledglings) will need suitable footwear (welly boots) and waterproofs for Forest School on Tuesday afternoons please.

## Spare Clothes

Please can reception and pre-school children ensure they have a spare set of clothes in a plastic bag inside their school bag in case of accidents.

## Lunches

The new food arrangements got the thumbs up from the children this week. All went smoothly with support from the Chartwells team.

## Parent Assemblies

Parents are invited to join us for our Friday assemblies on **Friday 13th September** and **Friday 18th October** this term. On Friday 13th September after the assembly, we would like to invite families in to school to look around the school including the newly refurbished classrooms.

## Visitors

We would love to share personal experiences of careers with our children. If you, or someone you know, has a career or career journey that you/they would be happy to share with the children in class or in an assembly, please do let Mrs Carr or any member of staff know.

## Toothbrushing

Children in Robins class (including Fledglings) will be bringing home a letter about toothbrushing next week as we have partnered with the NHS and the 'Big Brush Club'.

## Outdoor kitchen

We are developing our outdoor provision this year and would appreciate any donations of saucepans and kitchenware e.g. metal colander, wooden spoon, metal bowls, ladle, muffin tins etc. for our mud kitchen. No plastic items thank you.

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## **Leave of absence / exceptional circumstance leave requests**

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. Any absence from school will disrupt your child's learning. You may consider that a holiday will be educational, but your child will miss out on the teaching that their classmates will receive during your holiday. Attendance is vital to academic success and lost education poses a potential risk of underachievement. This is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

The Department for Education no longer allows Headteachers to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

There is now a national threshold of 10 unauthorised session (equivalent to 5 school days) for when a penalty notice must be considered. Under the new rules, taking your child out of school for a one-week holiday will now mean that a penalty notice must be considered.

*If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.*

*If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.*

*Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.*

*Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.*

*Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.*

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

I hope you will support our efforts in raising attendance and attainment at Halwin School.

# Halwin Hive

Autumn 2024

Tues 17th Sept

Tues 22nd Oct

Tues 26th Nov

Join us for our  
new regular  
family session

Chat with other  
parents, play a  
game, borrow a  
book, have a  
drink and cake

Parent Forum  
Have your say –  
talk to Mrs Carr  
about any whole  
school issues



# Cornwall Council

## 2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

October 2024						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

November 2024						
Mon			4	11	18	25
Tue			5	12	19	26
Wed			6	13	20	27
Thurs			7	14	21	28
Fri		1	8	15	22	29
Sat		2	9	16	23	30
Sun	3	10	17	24		

December 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

January 2025						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

February 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22		
Sun	2	9	16	23		

March 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

April 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

May 2025						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

June 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

July 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

August 2025						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

### School holidays

### Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

### AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024  
(HALF TERM 28 October -1 November 2024)

### SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025  
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

### SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025  
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

# Diary dates—Autumn 1



Friday 13th September 2.45pm	Parent Assembly & Open House Event
Monday 16th September 2pm	Friends of Halwin AGM
Tuesday 17th September 3.15pm	Family Hive
Tuesday 24th September 3.15pm	Reading Parent Workshop: Y2—Y6
Thursday 3rd October	Eco-Trust visit to King Edward's Mine
Tuesday 8th October 3.15pm	Phonics Parent Workshop: Reception & Y1
Fri 11th Oct—Fri 18th Oct	TTRS Hub Challenge
Monday 14th October	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tuesday 15th October	Maths Parent Workshop: Y1-Y6
Friday 18th October	Owls Trip—Rustikated Farm
Friday 18th October	Parent Assembly
Tuesday 22nd October	Family Hive
Mon 28th Oct—Fri 1st Nov	HALF TERM
Monday 11th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations

# Diary dates

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## INSET Days 2024-2025

14th October 2024

24th February 2025

8th May 2025

2nd June 2025

23rd July 2025

## Secondary School Open Evenings

18th September

Penryn College

19th September

Falmouth School &

Redruth School

25th September

Helston College

26th September

Camborne Science & International Academy

# + VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AGM 16/09/24



**We are looking for a new chairperson!**

**Our wonderful leader, Jess Curtis, is stepping down this year. Jess has steered the way over the last few years and has raised thousands of pounds in the process. We cannot thank you enough for everything you've done Jess. Holly will also be stepping back as treasurer, she has kept our books looking healthy and well organised. Thank you Holly!**



**We are also looking for more volunteers to join the Friends of Halwin as we say goodbye to the fabulous Julie in the new school year. We raise thousands of pounds to help towards giving the children of Halwin school the best experiences possible. If you think you can help then please contact us now. Thank you!**

**FRIENDSOFHALWIN@GMAIL.COM**



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# ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

School Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children and young people 5-19 years in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly



# 07312 263 499



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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screentime. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

### 1 WORK TOGETHER

Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.

### 2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES

Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.

### 3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY

Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.

### 4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE

To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices – especially smartphones – are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of pointless late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.

### 5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY

Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family; discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key – so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.

### 6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their real friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.

### 7 BE RESPECTFUL

Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online – such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lend themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.

### 8 "NO TECH" ZONES

Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.

### 9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES

As a family, discuss why the rules are important: to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.

### 10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS

To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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