



Friday 8th November 2024

Halwin Headlines

Congratulations to everyone who has been working hard on their weekly homework. You will see later in the newsletter our top scorers on Spelling Shed, children who have achieved the Maths Whizz Hall of Fame this week and children who reached their Accelerated Reader Autumn 1 target. Superstars!

This is my favourite time of the year in school and I can't wait for all the lovely events, trips and visitors we have arranged. Today, we enjoyed a visit from Julia Berry, our PCSO, to talk about road safety and the children were reminded that if they are under 135cm in height, by law they require a booster seat in the car. When we measured them this was all of Robins and lots of Owls!

There has been plenty of reading and writing happening this week as well! Kingfishers Class have enjoyed the start of their new book for this term (The Girl of Ink and Stars) and have been getting to know the feisty protagonist, Isabella. Owls class have begun reading the Firework Maker's Daughter and started their new Geography unit about volcanoes. Robins class have been reading The Rainbow Fish and colour mixing in Art to create scales for a giant rainbow fish!

Attendance letters have been sent out to everyone today. We understand that there has been illness this term but we do have a statutory responsibility to inform you of your child's attendance and monitor closely if it falls below 95%. Letters have also been sent out this week for booking parents evening appointments, please return as soon as possible. Please can parents also check they have paid via Parent Pay for trips this term and last term (including Robins Library trip, Owls Farm trip and Kingfishers Spaceport trip) otherwise we will be unable to use the Crofty shared minibuses for future trips.

We will soon begin preparing for our Christmas performance and invite families to join us on Thursday 12th December at either 2.15pm or 6pm. We would like to invite pupils to design a poster to advertise the event—please see details of what to include and deadline later in the newsletter.

Both our new Crofty Coastal Crew and Eco-Trust representatives met online this week with other pupils from Crofty schools to discuss their roles this year—please see their reports later in the newsletter.

Finally, have a lovely weekend. We will be having a Remembrance assembly and silence on Monday and we still have poppies and other items in the school office. Please send your child in with money in a named envelope or purse if you would like them to purchase any items and donate to the charity. Please see suggested price list later in the newsletter.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

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 92.07%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 93.85%

Owls: 91.41%

Kingfishers: 91.11%



Next week's lunch menu **NEW week 2**



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
Robins	Harrison
Owls	Henry
Kingfishers	Penny

Confidence	Hudson
Aspiration	Freyja
Resilience	Mason
Enjoyment	Jacob

Team Points

Blue— 189

Red—191

Green— 103

Yellow— 203

Maths Whizz Hall of Fame

Owls: Poppy, Rupert B, Harry, Henry, Marley, Rupert H-M, Lukas

Kingfishers: Amelia, Connor, Eli, Ethan, Luna, Maddison, Mia, Penny

Spelling Shed

Hall of Fame

1. Penny
2. Marley
3. Sam
4. Lloyd
5. Rupert H-M
6. Connor
7. Harry
8. Eli
9. Mia
10. Lukas
11. Luna
12. Carter





Autumn 1 Reading Target Achieved

Owls: Henry, Lukas, Benjamin, Harry,
Rupert H-M, Amber, Marley

Kingfishers: Penny, Connor, Amelia,
Kai, Bryn



Notices and Events



Safer Inside—Lockdown practice

During the week beginning Monday 18th November, we will perform a lockdown drill so children know what to do in the unlikely event that we need to lockdown the school and remain inside. Class teachers will talk to the children about what to do and emphasize that it is a drill and there is nothing to be worried about. We will let you know after it has taken place in case your children talk about it when they get home. Please do contact us if you have any questions.

Christmas Celebration competition

We would like to invite Halwin children to create a poster for our upcoming Christmas Celebration. Please hand your posters into the school office by **Thursday 14th November**. The winning entry will be used to advertise the event.

Your poster **must** be on A4 paper **and** include the following information:

Halwin Christmas Celebration

Date: Thursday 12th December 2024

Location: Halwin School Hall

Time: 2.15pm and 6pm

Refreshments available

(Avoid drawing too close to the edge of the paper as it makes it difficult to scan the image)

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have a selection of poppies and other items in the school office. Please send money in with your child in a named purse or envelope.

Suggested donations:

- Snap bands £2
- Material bracelet £1
- Wrist band £1
- 2024 Pin badge £4
- Poppy 50p
- Reflective keyring £1



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Crofty Coastal Crew—Maddison & Nicholas

In our meeting on Tuesday, we met with our fellow coastal crew from across the trust to discuss the tasks for the year ahead such as litter picking, learning about sustainable fishing and how to look after the coastline. We are looking forward to meeting everyone in person soon.

Eco-Trust Council—Lexilee & Bryn

During our online meeting this afternoon, we talked about what we are going to be doing this year and found out that there will be a forest theme. We also found out about the different trips and meet-ups planned for this year and everyone got excited about a barbeque!

Autumn 2 Family learning sessions—diary dates

After the success of our first sessions, we are excited to invite you to join your child in class again this term. One parent per child due to space. Sorry we are unable to accommodate siblings.

We will send out booking links next week but wanted to share the dates with you for your diaries.

Robins – Computing – Wednesday 27th Nov 2.15pm

Owls – Geography – Mon 9th Dec 2.15pm

Kingfishers – DT – Tuesday 17th Dec 2.15pm

Staffing News

It will be Miss Richards last day at Halwin on Friday 15th November as she is joining the RAF. We wish her lots of luck for this exciting new adventure. We are pleased to share that we have employed a new administrator, who will be starting the following week.

Mr Barnard will be leaving Halwin at Christmas. Mr Barnard has been with the school for many years, and he will be missed by all. Please be reassured that Mr Barnard will support with a smooth transition and we wish him all the best for his next endeavours. We are already working hard on the recruitment process and we will let you know staffing arrangements for January as soon as possible.

Upcoming online Parent/Carer workshops with our Mental Health Practitioner —sign up links:

Behaviour Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ4o>

Sleep Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc>

Worry Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF>

Resilience Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK>

Notices and Events



Attendance

The updated attendance policy is available on the school website: <https://halwin.croftymat.org/>

There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.

Absence in terms of days	190 school days in each year	7 days absence 183 days in school	10 days absence 180 days in school	19 days absence 171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	28 days absence 162 days in school If it 85% each year, your child is missing the equivalent of a year of education over their time at primary school	47 days absence 143 days in school	
	190 days for your child's education						
percentage	100%	96%	95%	90%	85%	75%	
	Good -Best chance of success -Gets your child off to a flying start -Helps their confidence, social development as well as their academic progress -Over 97% is considered excellent attendance		Some Concern -Harder for your child to make progress -School starts tracking your child's attendance closely, <u>Medical</u> evidence may be required to authorise further absences linked to illness		Worrying -Your child is now classified as a 'persistent absentee' - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely		Serious Concern -Having a significant impact on your child's education and well-being -Legal Action may be taken

Diary dates—Autumn 2



Monday 11th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 14th November	Kingfishers Trip—Spaceport, Newquay
Friday 15th November	Parent Assembly & FoH Bake Sale
Mon 18th Nov & Thurs 21st Nov	Parent's Evenings—please return slip
Wednesday 20th November	Y5/6 Crofty Small School Hub Sports Event
Monday 25th November	Dance Workshops—all classes
Wednesday 27th November	School Council - Food Bank visit
Thursday 28th November 7pm	FoH Wreath Making Workshop 7pm
Friday 6th December	Assembly visit—David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation
Wednesday 11th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Performance 2.15pm & 6pm
Thursday 19th December	Kingfishers Trip—Pantomime @Helston CC
Friday 20th December	Parent Assembly End of Autumn Term
Monday 6th January	Start of Spring Term

WEEK 3

W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 20/01, 10/02, 03/03, 24/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	BBO Quorn Fillet Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette Served with Chips
DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
	Chocolate Beet Brownie with Orange Slices	Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard	Sicilian Lemon Cookie with Fruit	Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard	Vanilla Ice Cream

PACKED LUNCH
Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

THREE WEEK MENU

AUTUMN/WINTER 2024



Our new menu chosen by parents and children – Your favourites available every day



WEEK 1



W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 06/01, 27/01, 10/03, 31/03

MONDAY

Macaroni Cheese



Cheesy Bean Burrito



Quorn Burger



Classic Beef Burger

Served with Potato Wedges

Roast Gammon

Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Served with Pesto Pasta

Fish Fingers

Served with Chips

THURSDAY

TUESDAY

MONDAY

FRIDAY

HOT MAINS

JACKET POTATO

Jacket Potatoes

with a choice of hot and cold fillings

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with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise

Jacket Potatoes

with a choice of hot and cold fillings

Jacket Potatoes

with a choice of hot and cold fillings

Jacket Potatoes

with a choice of hot and cold fillings

Cheesy Bean Burrito



Quorn Burger



Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza

Served with Pesto Pasta

Veggie Fingers

Served with Chips

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK 2



W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 13/01, 03/02, 24/02, 17/03

MONDAY

Veggie Supreme Pizza

Served with Pesto Pasta

Beef Bolognese

Served with Wholewheat Pasta

Roast Chicken

Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Chicken and Vegetable Pie

Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

HOT MAINS

JACKET POTATO

Jacket Potatoes

with a choice of hot and cold fillings

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Veggie Fajita

Served with Wholegrain Rice

Chinese Vegetable Noodles

Served with Gravy

Winter Vegetable Hotpot

Served with Gravy

Macaroni Cheese

Served with Gravy

Jacket Potatoes

with a choice of hot and cold fillings

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Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta

All main meals are served with two vegetables

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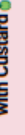
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DESSERT

Flapjack with Fruit



Apple Crumble with Custard



Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread

Raspberry Jelly

Chocolate Brownie

DESSERT

Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard



Crunchy Chocolate Mousse

Fruits of the Forest Jelly

DESSERT

Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding with Custard



PACKED LUNCH

Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit



Vegetarian



Oily Fish



Wholegrain



Fruity!



Nutritionist's Choice



£15
per person

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Join Ruth, Everett & the
Friends of Halwin for an
evening of Wreath
Making.

Thursday November 28th 2024,
starting at 7pm

To book your space
contact Char on
07581191453

Everyone
is welcome!

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





ELFRIDGES

DEAR PARENTS,
WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
ELFRIDGES IS MAKING A RETURN
FOR CHRISTMAS 2024!
YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A
GOOGLE FORM TODAY. PLEASE
FILL THIS IN ASAP. THE ORDERS
WILL CLOSE ON 15TH NOVEMBER
SO THE ELVES CAN SHOP!



LOVE,
Your favorite elves

Bake Sale

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024



AFTER SCHOOL - 3.15PM

friendsofhalwin@gmail.com

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm



This workshop provides parents with
practical strategies to foster positive
behaviour and communication at
home.

To book a place please complete
the online form **HERE**
[https://forms.office.com/e/1Pw
GDXSQ40](https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40) or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of
primary aged children enrolled in Reception
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Resilience Workshop

Monday 20th January - 9.30am & 4pm
Tuesday 21st January - 11am & 2pm
Wednesday 22nd January - 11.30am &
4pm
Thursday 23rd January - 9.30am & 1.30pm



This workshop aims to talk about the
meaning of resilience, explore
building resilience and look at how
and when a young person should ask
for help.

To book a place please complete
the online form **HERE**
[https://forms.office.com/e/TE2U
mBZrHK](https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK) or scan the QR code



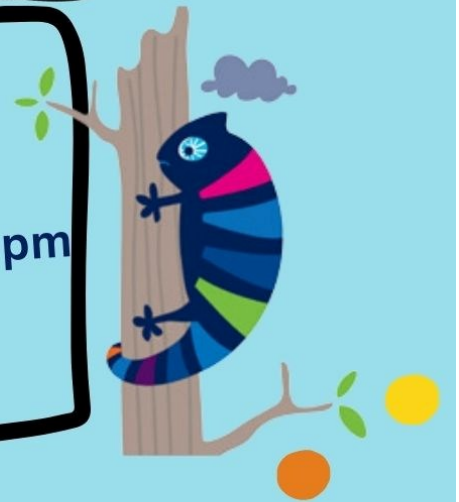
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to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Worry Workshop

Monday 13th January - 9:30am & 2pm
Tuesday 14th January - 11am & 4pm
Wednesday 15th January - 09:30am & 1:30pm
Thursday 16th January - 11am & 4pm



This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.



To book a place please complete the online form HERE

<https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am &
1.30pm
Thursday 6th February - 11am &
1.30pm



This workshop aims to provide
psychoeducation on sleep hygiene
and sleep routines. Also includes
practical strategies for helping
children

To book a place please complete
the online form [HERE](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPfc>
or scan the QR code



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to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

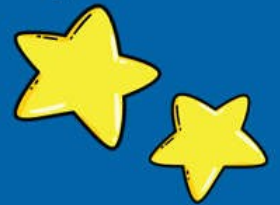
Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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