



Friday 10th January 2025

Halwin Headlines

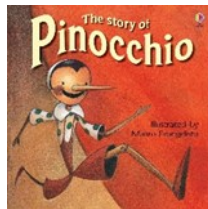
Happy New Year! Welcome back to the first edition of the newsletter for 2025. We hope you have had a restful break and enjoyed family time together.

We've had a busy first week back, re-establishing routines and expectations and starting new topics. Across the school, we move from Geography to History this term and there was a buzz around the school as the new learning was introduced.

We have welcomed Mrs Ellis to the team and it has been a pleasure to see the lovely atmosphere in Kingfishers classrooms as the children have all settled in quickly and shown her how keen they all are to learn. Well done Kingfishers!

Well done to Owls and Kingfishers for a brilliant first swimming session—we were very impressed with their attitude and behaviour, speed of changing and independence. The first lesson always begins with a chance to show off their skills and we look forward to starting to develop swimming technique next week. Don't forget to send your child with swimming goggles to help them develop water confidence and improve their swimming.

Mr Warren joined us for PE sessions on Thursday morning, and he got them all moving to warm up in the icy weather! Owls have been writing poetry inspired by *The Sound Collector* by Roger McGough, Robins have been exploring puppets and materials and Kingfishers have persevered with long division! There has been lots of enthusiasm for the new books in each class, all linked to our learning across the curriculum.



Thank you to the parents who joined us for Halwin Hive on Tuesday, Mrs Ellis enjoyed meeting everyone. This term's dates for Halwin Hive are later in the newsletter. Our aim is to provide a warm space to socialise and play and hope you will join us when you can.

Attendance certificates have been sent out this week. If your child's attendance is below 95% you will have also received an attendance letter and attendance will be carefully monitored. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or would like some support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, there will be no choir next week as Mrs Vivian is on a first aid training course. The Halwin Team hope you 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 97.5%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 95.38%

Owls: 100%

Kingfishers: 96.67%

Congratulations Owls



Next week's lunch menu **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	Stanley
Owls	Benjamin
Kingfishers	Nicholas

Confidence	Henry
Aspiration	Amelia
Resilience	Maddison
Enjoyment	Freyja

Team Points

Blue— 148

Red—131

Green— 78

Yellow—195

Maths Whizz

Hall of Fame

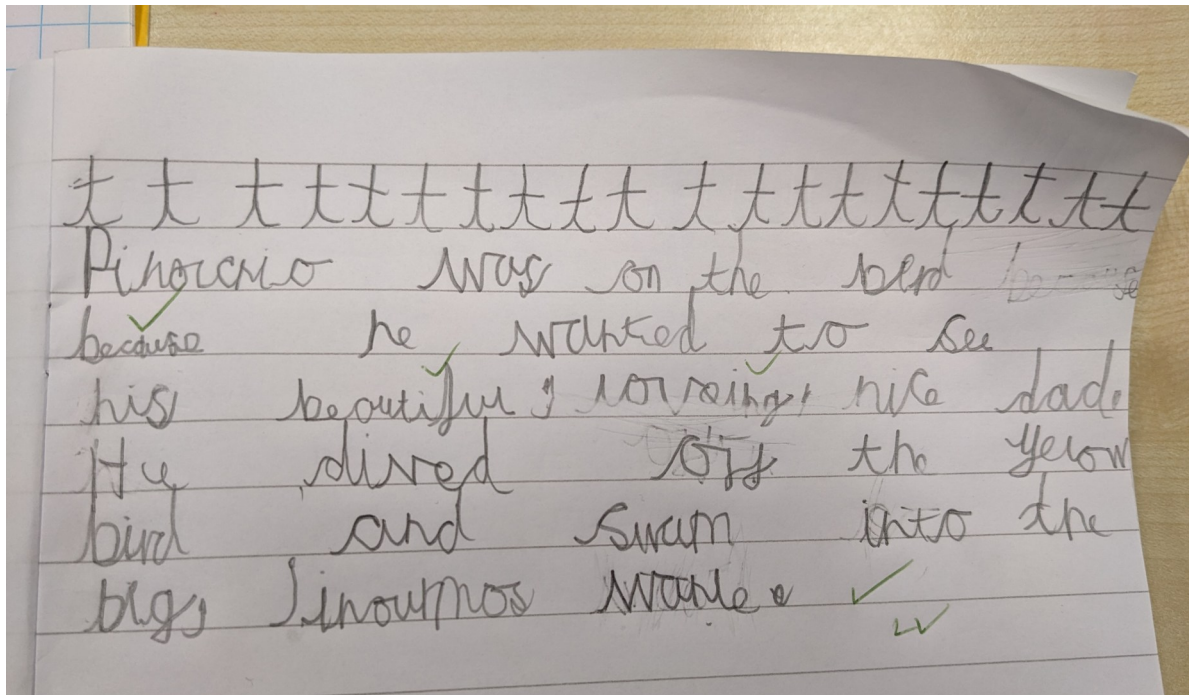
Kingfishers: Amelia & Penny

Owls: Amber, Benjamin, Harry, Henry, Ina, Marley, Mason, Poppy, Rupert B

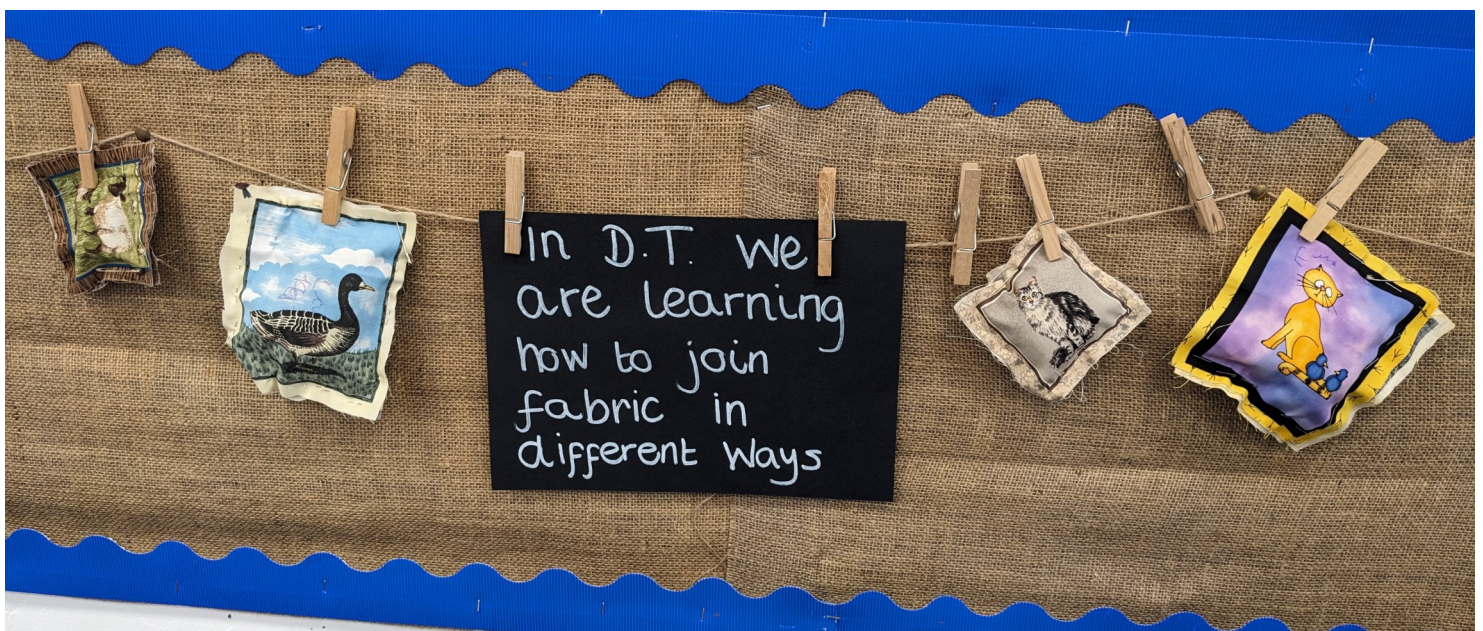
Halwin Celebrations



I enjoyed popping into Robins this week and wanted to share some highlights....



Carter—Year 1



Robins DT—textiles

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 190 days for your child's education	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
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



Thursday 16th January	Census Day Special Menu — Pizza
Tuesday 21st January	MTC Parent Workshop for Y3 and Y4 parents
Friday 24th January	Parent Assembly
Thursday 30th January	Will Keating workshops
Thursday 31st January	Eco-Council visit to Paradise Park
Tuesday 4th February	Halwin Hive
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	Parent Assembly & FoH Bake Sale
w/c Monday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tuesday 25th February	Halwin Hive
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 12th March	First Lego League Competition @ Culdrose (Lego club)
Friday 14th March	Parent Assembly

Diary dates—continued



Tuesday 18th March	Halwin Hive
Thursday 20th March 7pm	Choir—Songfest 2025
Monday 24th March & Thursday 27th March	Parents Evenings
Friday 28th March	Squashbox Theatre visit & workshops
Friday 4th April	Trinity Church Easter visit Parent Assembly End of Term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

W/C 13.1.25

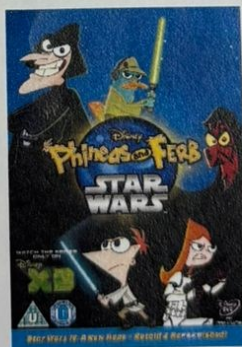
MONDAY – HOMEWORK HELP

TUESDAY – CREATIVE CRAFTS

WEDNESDAY – CHALLENGE NIGHT (MOVIE)

THURSDAY – PROGRAMMING NIGHT – SCRATCH

FRIDAY – PHINEASE AND FERB STAR WARS



EVERY NIGHT ALSO HAS A CHOICE OF COLOURING, DRINKS
AND CHILD LED ACTIVITIES.

Halwin Hive

Spring 2025
Tues 7th Jan
Tues 4th Feb
Tues 25th Feb
Tues 18th Mar

Join us for our
new regular
family session
3.15pm
School Hall

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



GRAB YOURSELF A

PIZZA



THE ACTION

Thursday 16th
January 2025

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PIZZA



THE ACTION

MAINS

pick a slice of your favourite

Cheese and Tomato

“Big Foot” Veggie Supreme

BBQ Chicken

Chicken and Sweetcorn

SIDES

Potato Wedges

Cucumber and Tomato Salad

DESSERT

Vanilla or Chocolate Ice Cream

Menus may be subject to change

Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment



- **Sinusitis**

(adults and children aged 12 years and over)

- **Sore throat**

(adults and children aged 5 years and over)

- **Earache**

(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)

- **Infected insect bite**

(adults and children aged 1 year and over)

- **Impetigo**

(adults and children aged 1 year and over)

- **Shingles**

(adults aged 18 years and over)

- **Urinary tract infection**

(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



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*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction, introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

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



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/justalk-kids>



CORNWALL DANCE SCHOOL

Weekly Classes at Penryn College Dance & Activity Studios



MONDAY

5.30-6.15pm - Novice Contemporary (9-12yrs)
6.15-7pm - Junior Musical Theatre (9-12yrs)

TUESDAY

5.30-6.30pm - Senior Lyrical Dance (13yr+)
5.30-6.30pm - Intermediate Jazz Dance (11-14yrs)
6.30-7.30pm - Intermediate Lyrical (11-14yrs)
6.30-7.30pm - Senior Commercial Dance (13yrs+)
7.30-8.30pm - Senior Jazz Dance (13yrs+)
7.30-8.30pm - Intermediate Commercial (11-14yrs)

WEDNESDAY

5.45-6.30pm - Junior Lyrical Dance (8-11yrs)
6.30-7.15pm - Junior Commercial Dance (8-11yrs)

SATURDAY

9-9.45am - Primary Ballet (IDTA) (5-8yrs)
9.45-10.30am - Kids Contemporary Dance (5-8yrs)
10.30-11.15am - Kids Streetdance (5-8yrs)

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COLLEGE

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MATHS FOUNDATIONS

Wednesday 19 February 2025
10:30-12:30 or 1:30-3:30
Roarsome Play, Redruth



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ENTRY**

and lunch provided

Topics:

- Number recognition
- Number bonds
- Place value
- Time - digital and analogue
- 2D & 3D shapes
- $+$ $-$ \div \times

Learn to:

- Make maths fun
- Reduce / prevent maths anxiety for you (and your children)
- Talk about maths

Work with us while your children play and gain number confidence to help your children develop a positive relationship with maths.



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