



Friday 13th September 2024

Halwin Headlines

What a brilliant week! It's been great to walk around the school and see the children all settling back into learning with confidence and enthusiasm. Owls class have been busy writing a persuasive letter to an author, Kingfishers class have been writing a transmission from Mars and Robins class have been reading 'Where the Wild Things are'. I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the children's summer holidays and it's been great to see some of the activities they have taken part in. Well done to the following children who have taken part in the summer challenges we set at the end of term: Benjamin, Rupert B, Harrison, Alfie M, Ethan, Kai and Faith.

Children in Owls and Kingfishers have completed their Accelerated Reader STAR test this week and will be coming home with a reading book that is an appropriate level for them. Please support your child to read at home and when they have finished the book they can complete an AR comprehension quiz at school. Children who are on the RWI phonics programme will have received a phonics book to read and a sharing book for you to enjoy together at home. The Owls and Kingfishers children have also all logged into Maths Whizz and taken a baseline assessment. They have all been given their log in details to bring home. Please support your child to complete the tasks to get 3 blue gems and 3 red gems each week—the children who reach the Hall of Fame will be celebrated in the newsletter each week. Please check your children's bags for letters and passwords.

It was lovely to see so many families touring the school this afternoon to see our newly refurbished classrooms. Most of our new furniture has arrived and we are enjoying creating exciting learning spaces. We hope you love it as much as we do. We will be opening our doors on Saturday 5th October 11am-1pm to show people around—we would like to welcome parents of children starting school in September 2025 and also any members of the community and extended families who would like to have a look around. Please spread the word!

Congratulations to our Prefects and Team Captains who are taking on leadership responsibilities this year. The children have also been busy voting for representatives for other roles. We will be counting votes and sharing with the children in assembly early next week.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming families to our first monthly social event 'Halwin Hive' on Tuesday next week from 3.15-4pm. 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 94.6%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 94.6%

Owls: 95.6%

Kingfishers: 93.7%



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	Ruby
Owls	Alfie M
Kingfishers	Lexilee

Confidence	Paisley
Aspiration	Harper
Resilience	Torron
Enjoyment	Ella

Team Points

Blue— 167

Red—136

Green— 202

Yellow— 117

Maths Whizz Hall of Fame

Owls: Alfie R, Amber, Lukas, Benjamin, Harry, Henry, Rupert H-M, Poppy, Paisley

Kingfishers: Amelia, Eli, Torron, Penny

Notices and Events



Autumn Term Clubs will be starting w/c 23rd September:

Tuesdays—Football (KS2) with Mr Barnard—3.15-4.15pm

Thursdays—Choir (Y2 upwards) with Mrs Vivian—3.15-4pm

Sign up links will be sent out via email early next week.

We are also exploring the possibility of running a recorder club—12.45-1.15pm Wednesdays—with Lowenna Thrusell from the Cornwall Music Service Trust. There would be a charge of about £2 which would be paid termly. If your child would be interested, please can you let Miss Richards at the front office know and we will confirm as soon as possible whether we have enough interest to go ahead.

Milk

Milk is provided free of charge to all children under the age of 5. Lots of children across the school often request milk. If you would like your child to have milk for their mid-morning snack you can register and pay on the Cool Milk website here: <https://coolmilk.com/parents/>

PE

A reminder of the change to PE lessons this year. Children should wear their PE kit (navy school logo t-shirt, navy school logo hoodie, black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts, trainers) to school on their PE days. No jewellery please.

Robins – Tuesday (outdoor learning) & Wednesday

Owls – Monday & Wednesday

Kingfishers – Wednesday & Friday

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for applications for transfer to secondary school in September 2025 is 31st October 2024: [School admissions - Cornwall Council](#)

Attendance

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

Diary dates—Autumn 1



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
Friday 27th September	Class Photos
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



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

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.

+ 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

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



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