



Friday 13th December 2024

# Halwin Headlines

Wow! Wow! Wow! What an amazing Christmas Performance yesterday. The children all worked so hard and should be very proud of themselves! Well done everyone and thank you to all the adults who gave their time and helped bring the event together. Keep your eyes peeled for our Christmas Performance photo in the Packet Newspaper next week!

It's been a lovely Christmasy week, with Christmas Jumpers, Christmas music and a special Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Thank you for the generous tombola donations for the Friends of Halwin Christmas Fair—we can't wait to see you all next Thursday. This week, Owls have also enjoyed creating sculptures inspired by Sir Anthony Caro, Robins have been busy writing about the seasons and recording the weather each day and in PSHE, Kingfishers have been looking at the importance of failing and how we can use it as a learning tool. We also had a special visitor this afternoon—Huw Lewis Jones—a local author and explorer who came to talk to the children about penguins! We had an amazing fun afternoon with him and are now all experts on the 18 different species of penguins!

Thank you to the parents who joined Owls class for their Geography lesson on Monday. They have really enjoyed learning about rocks, volcanoes and earthquakes this term. Kingfishers parents are invited to join a DT lesson next Tuesday afternoon at 2.15pm. Dates for next term's family learning sessions are already being discussed and we will share them with you early in January.

This week, Owls and Kingfishers classes have received letters regarding swimming lessons which start next term. Please ensure letters are returned before the end of term so that we can make arrangements for swimming to start straight after the Christmas holiday. Last year, we noticed the children were more confident if they had swimming goggles—maybe Father Christmas will pop some in their stockings!

Mrs Tamblin would like to invite all reception parents to a phonics workshop next Tuesday afternoon to learn how you can support your child at home to develop their oral blending skills. Although this is aimed at reception parents, pre-school parents are most welcome and if Year 1 parents would like support with helping your child blend you are also welcome to attend.

Finally, Mrs Gee has updated Parent Pay. Please do check your accounts and let us know if you spot any errors. We appreciate your support in clearing your balance at your earliest convenience. 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 93.23%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 95.38%

Owls: 95.21%

Kingfishers: 89.44%



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

	<b>Star of the Week</b>
Robins	Faith
Owls	Marley
Kingfishers	Lloyd

<b>Confidence</b>	Hudson Talia-Rose
<b>Aspiration</b>	Alex Maddison
<b>Resilience</b>	Lukas Ina
<b>Enjoyment</b>	Sam Penny

### Team Points

Blue— 181

Red—143

Green— 193

Yellow—105

### Maths Whizz

### Hall of Fame

**Kingfishers:** Amelia, Eli, Luna, Nicholas, Penny

**Owls:** Rupert B, Harry, Amber, Marley, Rupert H-M, Poppy, Benjamin



All Halwin Pupils—for a super Christmas Performance!

# Notices and Events



Today we said thank you and good luck to Mrs Rossiter. We will miss her lots and wish her all the best for her new job.



**CROFTY HUB SCHOOLS**

*Top of the Rocks*

**AUTUMN 2 CHALLENGE**

**13 DECEMBER - 20 DECEMBER 2024**

\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \*  
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE  
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL \*  
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES \*

**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**

The Autumn 2 Times Tables Rockstars challenge has now started. Log on to TTRS this week and earn points for Halwin School in our hub competition!

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EYFS Blending Workshop  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
2:50pm

Come along and learn how  
to help your child blend.

Free phonics pack when  
you come along



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## 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%	
	<b>Good</b> -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		<b>Some Concern</b> -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		<b>Worrying</b> -Your child is now classified as a 'persistent absentee' - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely		<b>Serious Concern</b> -Having a significant impact on your child's education and well-being -Legal Action may be taken

# Diary dates

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Friday 13th December	TTRS Hub Challenge starts
Tuesday 17th December	Kingfishers Family Learning — DT
Thursday 19th December	Kingfishers Trip—Pantomime @Helston CC Friends of Halwin Christmas Fair
Friday 20th December	Parent Assembly End of Autumn Term
Monday 6th January	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday 7th January	Halwin Hive Family session—hall
Wednesday 8th January	Swimming begins—Owls and Kingfishers
Tuesday 14th January	MTC Parent Workshop for Y3 and Y4 parents
Tuesday 21st January	Internet Safety Parent Workshop
Thursday 30th January	Will Keating workshops TBC
Thursday 31st January	Eco-Council visit to Paradise Park
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 14th February	Parent Assembly & FoH Bake Sale

# CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

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# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for **health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

# Halwin Hive

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

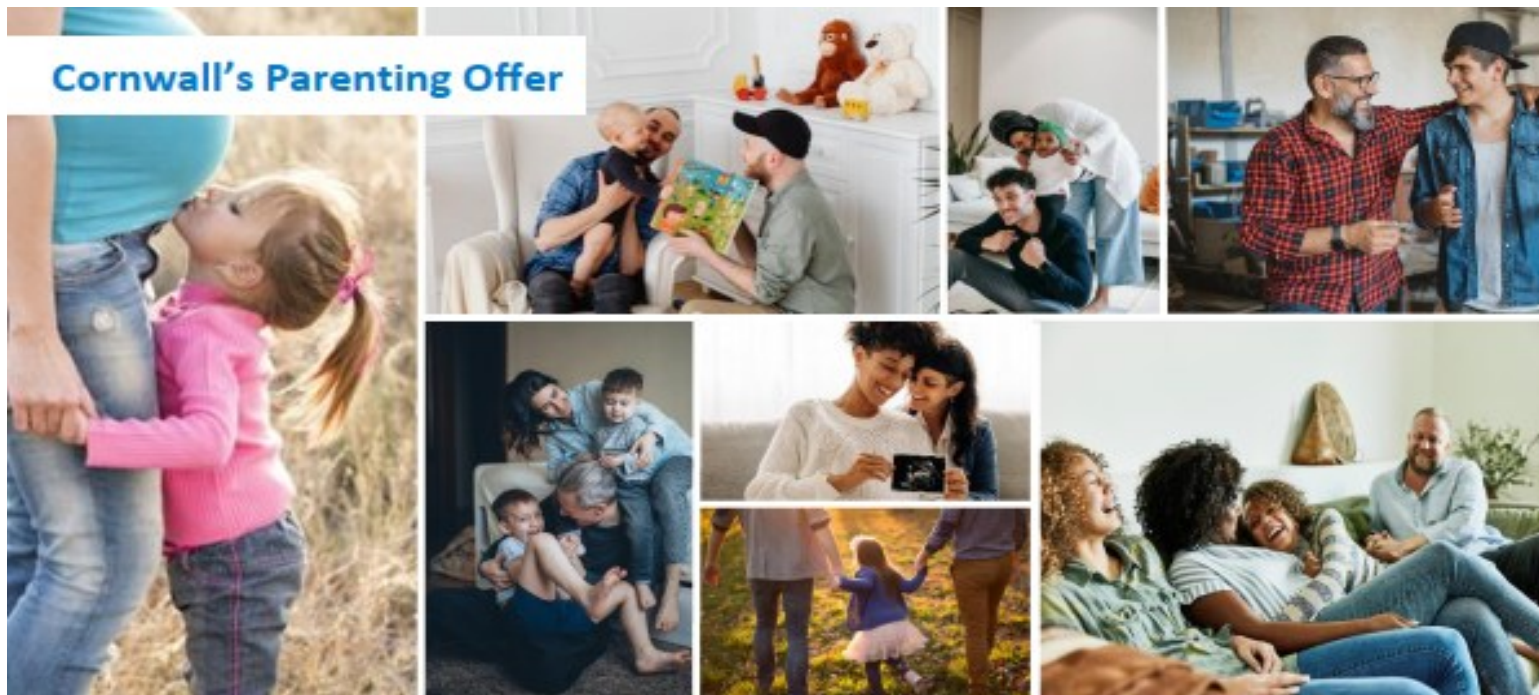
Join us for our  
new regular  
family session  
3.15pm  
School Hall

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



## Cornwall's Parenting Offer



## For every age and stage, help with parenting is there for everyone!

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face.

Programmes currently available are:

- **Solihull: Understanding your Child** – Supporting parents/carers of children aged 1 to 11 (10 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Parents Plus Adolescents Programme** – Supporting parents/carers of teenagers aged 12 to 19 (10 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- **Supporting Healthy Relationships** – (3 x 2-hour sessions)
  - **Me, You and Baby Too** (for parents pre-birth – 12 months)
  - **Arguing Better** (for parents of children aged 1 – 19)
  - **Getting it Right for Children** (for separated/separating parents with children aged 0 – 19)



### To book visit

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

### Contact us

Email: [parenting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@cornwall.gov.uk)

## Parenting a child aged 4-11



### Solihull - Understanding your child

A 10-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length. This hybrid programme gives you the option to attend in-person or virtually on Microsoft Teams

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Responding to how your child is feeling
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

#### When?

Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30,  
Starting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### Where?

Redruth Family Hub, TR15 1NA  
or on Microsoft Teams



To book scan the QR code or click:

[Parenting children aged 0 to 11](#)

and select your preference for in-person or virtual attendance

#### Contact us

Email: [parenting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@cornwall.gov.uk)

Website: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)



Scan here to book!



## Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the school Christmas holidays

- Multi sports, dancing, forest schools, reindeer feeding, horse riding and lots more!
- For children aged 5 to 16.
- A hot, healthy meal available for all children.
- Funded places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.



For more information:

W: [www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/)

E: [Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk)

T: 01872 324287

**FIND AN ACTIVITY NEAR YOU!**





# Time2Move Holiday Programme Goes Swimming!

This Christmas the Time2Move Holiday Programme, in partnership with pool providers in Cornwall, is offering fully funded swimming sessions.

This is for children eligible for benefits related free school meals along with their parent/guardian and siblings!



Scan here for more information and to find out which centres are included!



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# 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) <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPfc> 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

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# 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) <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwTEF> or scan the QR code

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# 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/TE2UmBZrHK) <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK> 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

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# 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/1PwGDXSQ4Q) <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ4Q> or scan the QR code

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