



Friday 20th December 2024

Halwin Headlines

I can't believe this is the final newsletter of 2024! This festive week has been filled with excitement, creativity and plenty of holiday cheer as we celebrated the end of term together. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Christmas Fair yesterday—it was a wonderful event, and your support makes such a difference to our school. The Friends of Halwin raised over £285 at the fair and a grand total of over £1100 this term! Amazing! Thank you for all your hard work! A special thank you to the FoH for arranging the special guest to deliver gifts to the children at the fair and thank you to Lukas's family for donating the lovely school Christmas tree again this year.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of joining Kingfishers for a special end of term treat. We were invited to watch the Helston Community College Year 9 Christmas show: Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes—Little Red Riding Hood. The children loved the twist on the traditional tale as well as the sweets thrown to the audience! The children behaved beautifully and were excellent representatives of Halwin, well done. Several commented that they can't wait to join the drama club when they are at secondary school! Thank you to our parent helpers for your continued support.

On Tuesday, we had a special visit from Ali Carr, who works for Bluefruit, a local embedded software company. Ali gave an informative assembly about the hidden computers inside everyday items and he was very impressed with the children's knowledge. Our First Lego League (FLL) team, The Hammerheads, also had the opportunity to take part in a hands-on workshop with Ali to help develop their programming skills in preparation for the competition at Culdrose in March.

Owls have been learning about human rights and the Convention of the Rights of the Child in PSHE this week. Robins have enjoyed reading Sam and Dave dig a hole by Mac Barnett and imagining new endings (with a Christmas theme!) Kingfishers managed to find a break in the weather to launch their rockets today. Lloyd and Mia's creation was the clear winner, propelling itself higher than the school building to an estimated height of 7.5 metres!

Today, we all wished Mr Barnard good bye and good luck for his new job! Over the last 6 years, Halwin children and families have all benefited from his expertise and support and we wish him all the best for the future.

As we approach the holidays, we are so proud of everything our children have achieved this term. Congratulations to Connor, Amelia, Kai, Rupert B, Sophie, Lukas, Benjamin, Harry, Rupert H-M, Amber, Marley and Poppy who have reached their Autumn 2 Accelerated Reader target. Don't forget to keep reading over the holidays! Congratulations to our Most Valuable Players: Lloyd, Connor and Amelia in this term's Times Tables Rockstars challenge between the 5 small schools in our Crofty hub! Keep your eye out for next term's challenge.

Finally, we would like to say thank you for the lovely cards and kind gifts and your ongoing support. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 6th January.

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 95.21%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 95.38%

Owls: 97.65%

Kingfishers: 92.78%

Congratulations Owls



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






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	Ella
Owls	Rupert B
Kingfishers	Mia

Confidence	Sophie
Aspiration	Fox
Resilience	Sam
Enjoyment	Kai

Team Points

Blue— 199

Red—100

Green— 187

Yellow—112

Maths Whizz

Hall of Fame

Kingfishers: Eli, Amelia, Luna

Owls: Benjamin, Amber, Alfie B, Zephyr, Marley,
Rupert B, Henry

Paisley —for being an
all-round amazing
Halwin Citizen



Notices and Events



Attendance

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

Attendance letters will be sent out at the beginning of next term and attendance meetings arranged in January if needed where attendance is below 95%. We appreciate your ongoing support.

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



Monday 6th January	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday 7th January	Halwin Hive Family session—hall
Wednesday 8th January	Swimming begins—Owls and Kingfishers
Thursday 16th January	Census Day Special Menu — Pizza
Tuesday 21st January	MTC Parent Workshop for Y3 and Y4 parents
Thursday 30th January	Will Keating workshops TBC
Thursday 31st January	Eco-Council visit to Paradise Park
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day Internet Safety Parent Workshop
Friday 14th February	Parent Assembly & FoH Bake Sale
w/c Monday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 14th March	Parent Assembly
Thursday 20th March 7pm	Choir—Songfest 2025

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


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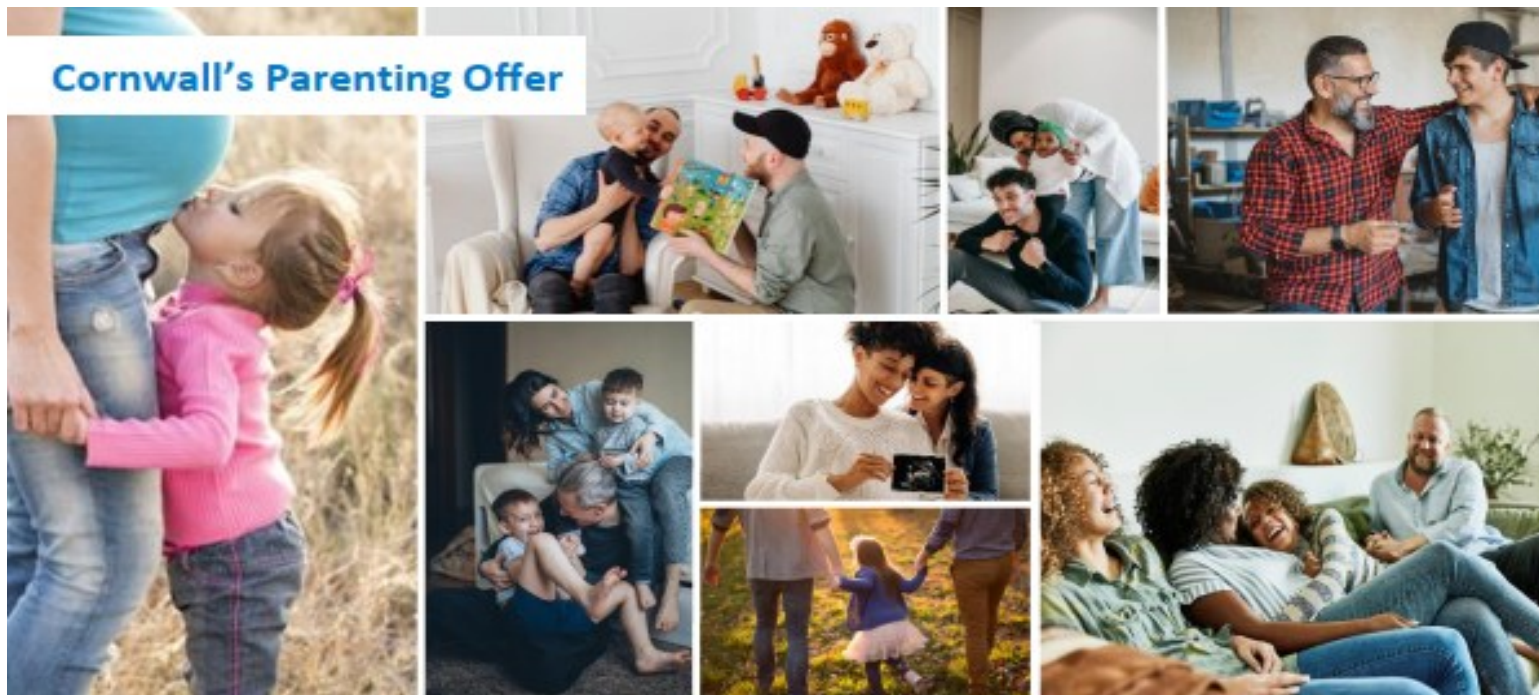
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on sustainability in
music education

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

Contact us

Email: 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 25th 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

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