



Friday 27th September 2024

# Halwin Headlines

I have had the pleasure of showing lots of visitors around the school this week and it has been a delight to see the children all working hard, enjoying the newly refurbished classrooms and talking so positively about their learning. Kingfishers have investigated different materials in Science to see if they are soluble or insoluble. Owls have explored sources in History to learn about The Great Fire of London and Robins have enjoyed talking about their own personal history and making timelines. Thank you to Robins parents for emailing in photos!

We are excited to open our doors for our Open Day soon and would appreciate your help to share our poster in the local community and on social media! We have lots of posters in the office—if you know somewhere you could put up a poster for us, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Accelerated Reader parent workshop on Tuesday. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask any member of staff. Mrs Tamblin will be running an EYFS and Y1 parents workshop about RWI phonics on Tuesday 8th October and Mr Barnard will lead a 'Helping your child with maths at home' workshop on Tuesday 15th October.

Well done to Owls and Kingfishers who have been using our new online spelling platform 'Spelling Shed' to practice their spellings this week. Please ask if you need a reminder of the log in details. There were lots of full marks in today's spelling tests, well done!

Autumn term clubs will commence next week. We are excited to have signed up for Songfest 2025 and will look forward to hearing the choir prepare for and perform in the event next year.

Earlier this week we sent out, via email, information about the Nasal Flu Immunisation—please note that parents/carers have to OPT IN. Please follow the instructions in the email attachment if you wish for your child to receive the Nasal Flu Immunisation.

Finally please ensure your child has a coat in school as we do try to go out at break and lunchtimes if we can. Please can children also bring a bag so they can safely bring home their reading book each day and a bottle of water to keep hydrated.

Please check bags for your school photo information slip. 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 97.7%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 98.5%

Owls: 100%

Kingfishers: 95%

**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**

	<b>Star of the Week</b>
Robins	Faith
Owls	Poppy
Kingfishers	Bryn

<b>Confidence</b>	Benjamin
<b>Aspiration</b>	Ethan
<b>Resilience</b>	Finn
<b>Enjoyment</b>	Talia-Rose

## Team Points

Blue— 133

Red—188

Green— 124

Yellow— 164

## Maths Whizz Hall of Fame

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

Kingfishers: Amelia, Eli, Kai, Torron, Penny, Nicholas, Charlotte, Mia

# 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.

190 school days in each year  190 days for your child's education	7 days absence	10 days absence	19 days absence	28 days absence	47 days absence
	183 days in school	180 days in school	171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	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	143 days in school
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. - Medical evidence may be required to authorised further absences linked to illness		<b>Worrying</b> -Your child is now classified as 'persistently absent' - 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 -At 50% your child is classified as 'severely absent'					

# Notices and Events



## Message from Chartwells:

The Food Standards Agency issued guidance last Friday stipulating that certain mustard products had been contaminated with peanuts. This guidance is still in place and work is ongoing to establish the extent of the contamination.

Upon receiving the warning, we took immediate steps to ensure the safety of your pupils. This included introducing a strict menu of safe whole foods for pupils with a peanut allergy; while our Vendor Assurance team carried out a full review of our supply chain to ascertain if any products were on the recall list and at risk.

Given that mustard, mustard powder and mustard flour are common ingredients, this remains a fast-moving situation and the Food Standards Agency's investigation is still ongoing.

While this work continues, to provide choice and variety for your pupils with a peanut allergy, our specialist medical diet and culinary teams have amended our menu so that it is entirely free from mustard and safe for children with a peanut allergy to eat. This menu will be available from Monday 30 September 2024.

We take the management of allergens and the safety of every child we serve extremely seriously. We understand the disruption the Food Standards Agency warning has caused you, your pupils, and their parents, and we are very sorry for this. We will always do everything in our power to ensure that every child receives a safe, nutritious meal.

For further information, please visit the FSA website [here](#). If you would like to be made aware of future allergen alerts from the FSA, you can subscribe [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Priestley, Managing Director, Chartwells Schools

Chartwells will be starting their new SPIN TO WIN competition on Tuesday 1st October.

Every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime, children having school lunches will have the opportunity to win prizes.

Pupils who find a sticker on their plate will get to come to the counter and play on the new Spin to Win Board.

There are a number of different prizes available for pupils including wildflower seeds, free meals or milkshakes.

We can't wait to see all of the children playing the new exciting game!



# Notices and Events



SAT OCT 5TH  
11AM-1PM



# OPEN DAY

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AROUND OUR SCHOOL

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Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience **Enjoyment**

# Diary dates—Autumn 1



Thursday 3rd October	Census Day Menu Change—Harvest Feast
Saturday 5th October	Open Day
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
Monday 21st October	Robins Trip—Helston Library
Tuesday 22nd October	Family Hive
Wednesday 23rd October	Biffa Waste Assembly—Owls & Kingfishers
Mon 28th Oct—Fri 1st Nov	HALF TERM
Monday 11th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Mon 18th Nov & Thurs 21st Nov	Parent's Evening

# 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.

# 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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The menu card is set against a green background with illustrations of various vegetables: a yellow bell pepper in the top left, a red bell pepper in the top right, a green pea pod on the left, and slices of orange pumpkin in the bottom left and right. The title 'Harvest' is written in a white, cursive font, and 'FEASTIVAL' is in a colorful, blocky font with patterns.

# Harvest FEASTIVAL

## **MAINS**

BBQ Chicken Burger  
Crispy Vegetable Burger

## **SIDES**

Chips  
Sweet corn and peas

## **DESSERT**

Jelly and Ice Cream

*\*Menus may be subject to change*

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