



Friday 4th April 2025

Halwin Headlines

Year 5 started the week with an exciting Lego coding challenge at King Edward Mine Museum. We hope to have inspired some future coders to join the First Lego League team next year! On Wednesday, Owls and Kingfishers enjoyed their final swimming session with a fun play session. A big thank you again to all the parent helpers who have helped with the smooth running of this term's swimming. This morning, we enjoyed another seasonal trip to Trinity Chapel. Thank you to the Open the Book team for the lovely Easter story and the generous treats. And while we were out of school, we must have had a special visit from the Easter bunny as we returned to a delivery of yummy Easter Eggs. A big thank you to the Friends of Halwin.

Well done to Owls class for their lovely ukuleles performance in assembly today. We have enjoyed a term of Ukuleles and it has been great to see the children developing their skills and enjoying making music. We also enjoyed a stunning violin performance by Nicholas, amazing art-work from Kingfishers and excellent writing from Robins. Well done everyone! Halwin Hive will be back again on Tuesday 29th April and the next parent celebration assembly will be Friday 23rd May.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the Halwin Staff who have worked incredibly hard this term (as always) to ensure Halwin children have the best opportunities and learning experiences—this term we have sung with Will Keating in the Hall for Cornwall, visited the Eden Project, celebrated World Book Day, our First Lego League team came second in their first ever competition at Culdrose, the choir sang in the Cathedral, Kingfishers cooked pizzas, we all enjoyed a fun and educational visit from Squashbox Theatre and so much more!

Next term, we are looking forward to using the field for playtimes and PE. On PE days, it would be useful for children to have a spare pair of shoes so that if trainers get wet or muddy on the field, they will be able to change into clean shoes to go back inside the school. We hope the sun will be shining for the summer term—please ensure you apply sun cream before school and if your child needs to bring additional sun cream to apply during the day please make sure it is clearly named. A named sun hat will also be needed for outdoor learning and playtimes. A polite reminder that hair should be tied up and children should not be bringing toys or valuable items from home into school.

Finally, we wish you all a happy Easter and a relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 22nd April. Please see page 8 of the newsletter for the new summer menu for week 1.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/VNtJqwxL6WG9FfCg9>
Or email Mrs Gee to book

Attendance

We aim for all our children to have at least 97% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for this week was 86.91%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 89.23%

Owls: 84.38%

Kingfishers: 86.03%



Next weeks lunch is **week 1 NEW MENU**




Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Freyja
Owls	Sophie
Kingfishers	Eli

Confidence	Mason
Aspiration	Sam
Resilience	Skylar
Enjoyment	Lloyd

Team Points

Blue—109

Red—119

Green—111

Yellow—76



Maths-**Whizz**

Hall of Fame

Owls: Zephyr, Rupert HM, Rupert B,
Mason

Kingfishers: Penny, Amelia

Notices and Events



Class Structure for September

As you will have read in my recent letter, after much consideration and consultation, we have decided to re-structure from three classes to two classes (EYFS/KS1 and KS2) from September 2025. As soon as we have more information about staffing, we will let you know. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Easter Events

Please follow this link to find out more about some lovely events inside a red and yellow big-top circus-style tent next to the play area at Coronation Park, Helston during the Easter holidays: [Books By The Boating Lake – Love Helston | South Kerrier Alliance CIC](#)

Nits

Please check your children's hair carefully at regular intervals over the holiday to help us eliminate nits. Please also ensure if your child's hair is long enough to be tied up, that it is tied up every day for school.

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Ellis for passing her 3 day first aid course.

Next term, we will be welcoming Mrs Ash who will be working predominantly in Kingfishers and also offering nurture provision and outdoor learning opportunities with her dog, Nyx.

Year 5 Parents Invitation

Diary date for Y5 parents—Helston CC roadshow—Mr Lingard will be visiting Halwin School to meet with Y5 parents in preparation for choosing their secondary school. He will be in the school hall from 2.30pm on Monday 9th June. All Y5 parents are welcome.

Message to Y6 pupils from HCC regarding transition

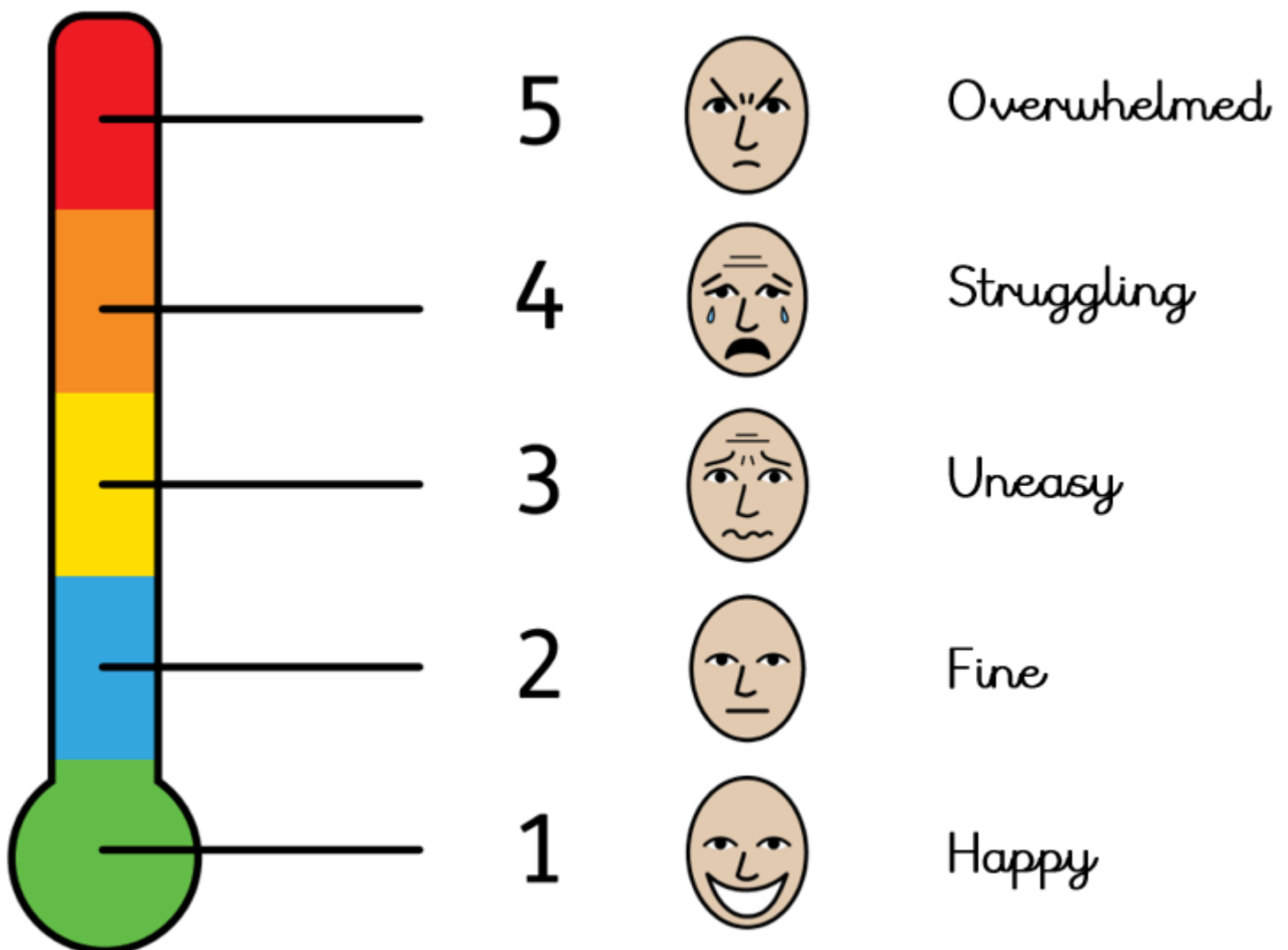
Information can be found here: [Helston Community College - Year 6 Transition](#) including virtual tour, initial letter, forms, links to order school uniform and PE kit and latest news updates.

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We have recently introduced The Incredible 5 Point Scale across the school. You may hear your children talking about it and you can even use it at home as well. The Incredible 5 point scale can help children learn how to identify and manage their own emotions and responses. At each level your child will identify what each rating may look like, feel like, and possible solutions to help them self-regulate. We used this video to introduce it: [Size of Feelings - SEL Sketches](#) which you may want to watch together at home.

How do you feel?



Halwin Celebrations

Easter visit to Trinity Chapel



Halwin Celebrations

Year 5 visit to King Edward Mine Museum— Lego Coding Challenge



Diary Dates



Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school after Easter break
Thursday 8th May	INSET day—school closed to pupils
w/c 9th May	Sustainability Week
w/c 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 23rd May	Parent Assembly
w/c 26th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Thursday 12th June	Robins Beach Visit
w/c 16th June	Y5/6 Isles of Scilly Residential
Wednesday 25th June	ASONE Music Workshop TBC
Friday 27th June	Parent Assembly
w/c 30th June	Sports Week including Sports Day
Wednesday 2nd July	Elemental Water Sports — Owls & Kingfishers
Friday 4th July	Eco Council Summit
Friday 11th July	Coastal Crew Summit
Wednesday 16th July	Fairview Farm visit—EYFS (am) and Year 6 (pm)
Friday 18th July	End of Year Celebration Assembly—Parents welcome
Monday 21st July	Y6 Leavers Evening 6pm
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of Term
Wednesday 23rd July	INSET day—school closed to pupils

**SPRING/SUMMER
2025 MENU**



Week 1

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Garlic and Herb Bread V	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice OR	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy OR	Classic Beef Burger with Potato Wedges OR	Battered Pollock with Chips OR
	OPTION 2	Broccoli, White Bean and Leek Tart V	Macaroni Cheese V	Roasted Cauliflower and Chickpea Masala with Wholegrain Rice VE	Quorn Burger with Potato Wedges V	Veggie Fingers with Chips VE
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese Panini V	Tuna and Cheese Panini Melt OR	Roast Chicken Pitta Pocket OR	Cheese and Tomato Panini V	Cheese Panini V
	OPTION 5	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Pitta Pocket V	Egg Mayonnaise Roll V	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap OR	Cheese Baguette V	Ham Sandwich OR
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Fruits of the Forest Jelly VE	Chocolate Brownie V	Banoffee Pie OR	Ginger Biscuit with Fruit VE	Strawberry Ice Cream OR



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings V



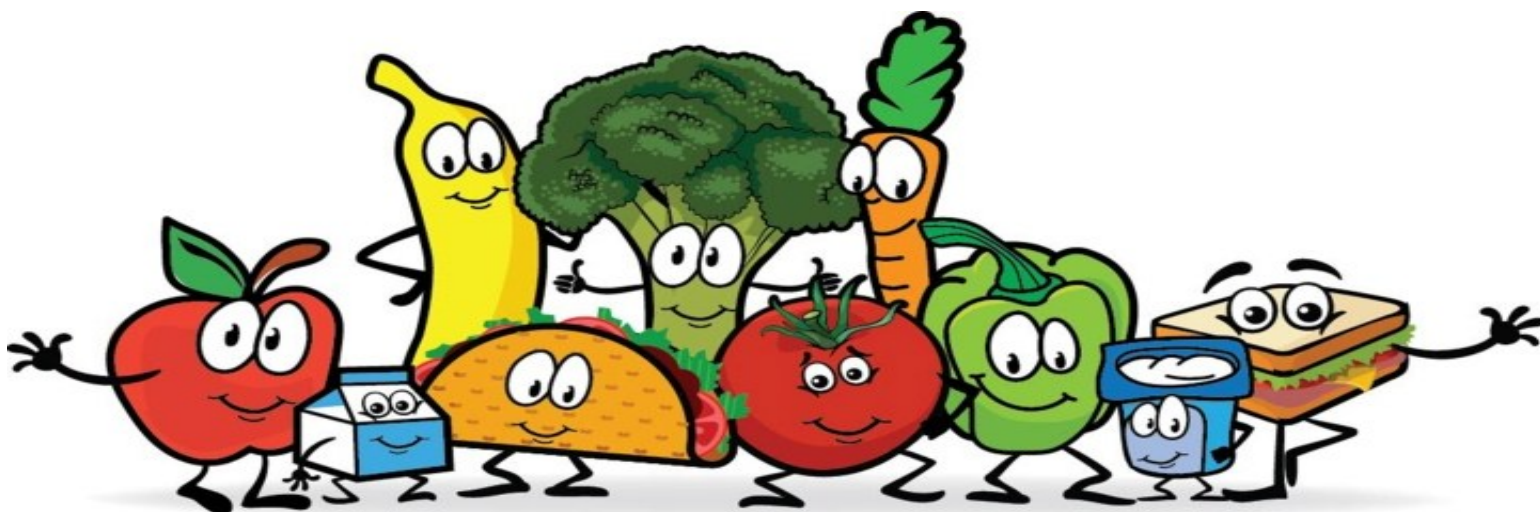
AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



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Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.



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	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	

Attendance



School doors open at 8.40am and registration is taken at 8.45am. Children who arrive after the registration period has closed (9.05am) may be recorded with an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session.

The Government does not support parents taking children out of school, unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. The DfE does not consider a need/desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure/recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. If you consider that your request for absence is exceptional you will need to complete the 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form. Letters will not be accepted. This form should be returned to the school office at least 15 school days before the start of the absence. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If leave is not authorised and you nevertheless withdraw your child from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised absence. There is now a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered. Under the new rules, taking your child out of school for a one-week holiday will now mean that a penalty notice must be considered. Please note the legal information below:

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 324201. If the 21st/ 28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

If a Penalty Notice is not paid within the 28 days of issue (as per the dates listed on the Penalty Notice), Cornwall Council will progress the matter to the Magistrates' Court, for the offence of failing to ensure regular attendance, NOT for failure to pay the fine.

If found guilty:

- under section 444(1), it can result in the parent being fined up to £1000
- under section 444(1A), it can result in the parent being fined up to £2,500 and/or receiving a custodial sentence of up to 3 months

Cornwall Council may also apply for costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Contact us

Education Welfare Service, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

01872 324298

If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

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Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk

t: 0300 1234 100



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Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services
for parents and carers



www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies

What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is a fine that can be issued under section 444A and section 444B of the Education Act 1996. The fine is issued per parent, per child for:

- Leave of absence of 10 school sessions/5 days or more within any rolling 10 school week* period during term time, without authorisation from the school. This can include unauthorised absence for a holiday.
- Unauthorised absence of 10 or more sessions/5 days within any rolling 10 school week* period where a parent fails to provide an explanation for the absence, or where an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise the absence.
- Unauthorised lateness of 10 school sessions within any rolling 10 school week* period, whereby a child arrives at school after the registers have closed.

NB a penalty notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons where there are 10 sessions/5 school days or more of unauthorised absence within any rolling 10 school week period. The unauthorised absence can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

Or when

- A pupil is observed in a public place during school hours in the first five school days of a period of exclusion from school, without reasonable justification.

* a school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

Parents and carers of a child can be issued with a Penalty Notice. The definition of a 'parent' as set out in section 576 of the Education Act 1996: By virtue of this section 'parent' includes: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person who lives with and looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

How much is a Penalty Notice fine?

As of the 19th of August 2024, a penalty notice is £80 if paid within 21 days. If the fine is not paid in 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a three-year rolling period, Cornwall Council will need to consider other enforcement options available. This could include prosecution under section 444(1) or section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996. If found guilty a parent would receive a criminal record and substantial fine.

Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £320 if paid within 21 days or £640 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days (or for a second offence).

Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

No. Penalty Notices must be paid in full, within the designated dates. However, if a parent has more than one child and is therefore issued with more than one fine, they can pay the fines separately if they wish.

Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

It is a Headteacher's decision whether or not to authorise an absence and, if their decision is not to authorise, they have the right to request a Penalty Notice in line with their attendance policy process. Cornwall Council's role is to check that the evidence submitted is compliant with Cornwall Council's Code of Conduct for Education Related Penalty Notices and, if so, to issue as appropriate.

Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on **01872 324298**, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

Early Help Drop in with CAMHS

You are invited to our Kerrier Coffee and cake drop in on 24th April 2025 at 1pm. This will take place at Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, TR15 1NA.

Guests include;

The CAMHS Team- The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has a range of teams for children and young people and covers the spectrum of ages 0 to 18 years old.

Kooth- A free, safe and anonymous place young people to access counselling online.

SEN Navigators Team- for advice on how to find SEN support in Cornwall

ALL WELCOME
Coffee, Tea and Cake provided.

This event is free of charge with refreshments provided.

**For any further information
please contact:**

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000





During the Easter holidays MHST, in collaboration with the National Trust would like you to join us on a FREE wellbeing session at various locations in Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Please book EACH child on to a session below:



Morning and afternoon sessions available:

Wednesday 9 April 2025 - Penrose Estate

10.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.00

or



Wednesday 16 April 2025 - Kennack Sands either

10.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.00



To request a place,
complete the online form
or scan the QR code
provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Epj7iLqgEc>

Come prepared for all weathers and
feel free to bring a picnic (please do
not bring any foods that may
contain nuts)



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)

Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else



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