



Friday 7th February 2025

# Halwin Headlines

I have enjoyed popping in and out of classes this week to see the amazing range of learning taking place across the curriculum but the highlight of every day is hearing the children talk about their very important things. This week I've learned about pet hamsters, birthday parties, odd socks, pocket money spending, trains and lots more!

There was a great buzz in school this morning as all classes showcased their science learning—from materials in Robins, to seed dispersal in Owls and setting up a fair test to answer the question 'Can I grow new plants from different parts of the parent plant?' in Kingfishers. I was particularly impressed with the children's scientific vocabulary and knowledge, well done all.

Thank you to all the parents who joined Kingfishers on Tuesday for their DT lesson. The children had fun creating automata toys and demonstrated great team-work and problem solving skills. It was great to see so many parents and we hope you enjoyed it. Please follow the links below to book into next week's parent DT sessions.

Owls—Tuesday 11th Feb—<https://forms.gle/Cd4iJwmfL2MMNPgH9>

Robins—Friday 14th Feb—<https://forms.gle/8WFnzaDGTcDXBkgb6>

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March—please see the poster later in the newsletter. All children will receive a World Book Day voucher. The children are invited to wear non-school uniform—this may be book themed, comfy pyjamas or just a favourite outfit to read it! We will have PE on this day as normal so please dress appropriately. For this year's fun book day home learning activity, if your child wishes to take part, we are asking children to create a book in a box—decorate a small box or shoe box to represent a favourite book or book they have read recently. We will display these in school and provide time for children to talk about their book and we hope that other children may be inspired to read the stories.

Next week, on Tuesday in the hall from 3.15pm, I have arranged an informal parent drop in session with Lauren Ladd, our PINS representative. She is happy to answer any questions and signpost to support. This could include advice for sleep problems, fussy eating, school refusal, anxiety, behaviour at home, neurodiversity, online habits etc. There will be no charge for childcare should you wish to attend.

Next Friday morning, The Sparkle Foundation and The Middleby Group, have kindly sponsored and organised a BEE themed event. Robins and Owls children will all take part in Bee workshops and receive a gift bag to take home containing wildflower seeds, honey and bee-themed gifts. The children are welcome to dress up as bees (or yellow and black outfits!)

Finally, don't forget that the Hub TTRS Challenge starts today! Have a lovely weekend!

## Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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[halwinsecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:halwinsecretary@croftymat.org)

## Wrap-Around Care Link

[https://forms.gle/](https://forms.gle/PgAzNuhhzzmcWJbA7)

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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 89.66%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 88.46%

Owls: 94.08%

Kingfishers: 85%



Next week's lunch menu **week 3**



Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

# Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Skylar
Owls	Paisley
Kingfishers	Ethan

Confidence	Faith
<b>Aspiration</b>	Lloyd
Resilience	Poppy
Enjoyment	Kai

## Team Points

Blue— 130

Red— 70

Green— 74

Yellow— 162



Maths-**Whizz**

## Hall of Fame

**Owls:** Rupert H-W, Rupert B, Lukas, Poppy, Sophie, Marley, Ina, Harry, Benjamin, Amber

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

# Halwin Celebrations




Planning					
Our question is... Can I grow new plants from different parts of parent plants					
We could change			We could measure/observe		
Soil type 1	amount of lighting 2	part parts of plants 3	The amount of water	depth of the root	measure of the plant
amount of oxygen 4	temperature 5	amount of pressure	the amount of soil	the temperature	measure the weight
We will change			We will measure/observe		
The part of the plant			measuring the plant.		
We will keep these the same...					
1	2	3	4	5	Soil amount





# Halwin Celebrations


Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Year 2/3 (4 Plants Lesson 5)  
As a scientist, I am learning how seeds can be dispersed in different ways  
WS: Observing and Measuring  
SE: Evaluating




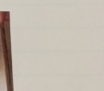


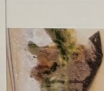
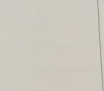




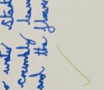
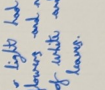
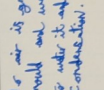
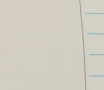
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Wind  
  
Some plants seeds like dandelions fly from the tree and some have seeds sails in the winds.

Animals Animals  
  
A animals some times eat bugs and pop the bugs have seeds in it and the animal can with pop its guts and the body one (I don't know how its called) can be hooked on animals fur and shake its gut or its can be hooked on a clothes and just knock its out.

Explosion  
  
Some plants dry out and the slightest touch (like water) and explode like popcorn.

Water  
  
Some plants grow above the water and the seeds can fall in the water and float in the water like a boat.

Plant	After 1 week	After 2 weeks	After 3 weeks	After 4 weeks
Plant 1 (Day 1)				
Plant 2 (Day 1)				
Plant 3 (Day 1)				
Plant 4 (Day 1)				

Final evaluation

Plant 1: No water, started to have some leaves like chips and the flower died.  
Plant 2: No light, had dark pot flowers and was still have of white and got yellow leaves.  
Plant 3: No air, is growing with small and was still have to water it up its making combinations.  
Plant 4: No water, started to have some leaves like chips and the flower died.

As a Scientist I can compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple properties

The best material for the space rocket curtains was <sup>card</sup>garb because it is opaque. The worst material was wrap paper because it is transparent.

# 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	10 days absence	19 days absence	28 days absence	47 days absence
	190 days for your child's education	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
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	

# Attendance

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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.



# Diary Dates



Tuesday 11th February	PINS—Parent drop in session with Lauren Ladd
Friday 14th February	Bee workshops—Robins & Owls Parent Assembly & FoH Bake Sale
w/c Monday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	INSET Day—school closed to pupils
Tuesday 25th February	Robins & Owls—Islam RE workshops Halwin Hive
Monday 3rd March	Hall for Cornwall Singing Event—Reception to Year 6. Please contribute £3 on ParentPay.
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day—non-school uniform
Wednesday 12th March	First Lego League Competition @ Culdrose (Lego club) No Swimming
Friday 14th March	Y6 & Reception NHS Height & Weight Checks Parent Assembly
Monday 17th March	Kingfishers Pizza Making
Tuesday 18th March	Halwin Hive
Thursday 20th March 7pm	Choir—Songfest 2025
Friday 21st March	Eden Project Trip



# Diary dates—continued



Monday 24th March	Kingfishers—Air Ambulance Assembly
Monday 24th March & Thursday 27th March	Parents Evenings
Thursday 27th March	Trust Parliament Election Day
Friday 28th March	Squashbox Theatre visit & workshops
Friday 4th April	Trinity Church Easter visit Parent Assembly End of Term
Thursday 8th May	INSET day—school closed to pupils
w/c 9th May	Sustainability Week
w/c 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
w/c 26th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	INSET day—school closed to pupils
w/c 16th June	Y5/6 Isles of Scilly Residential
Wednesday 25th June	ASONE Music Workshop TBC
Wednesday 2nd July	Elemental WaterSports — Owls & Kingfishers



# WEEK 3

**AUTUMN/WINTER 2024**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	BBQ Quorn Fillet 🌱 🍷 🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta 🌱 🍷 🍷	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette 🌱 Served with Chips
	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🍷				
	All main meals are served with two vegetables				
DESSERT	Chocolate Beet Brownie with Orange Slices 🌱	Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard	Sicilian Lemon Cookie with Fruit 🌱	Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard	Vanilla Ice Cream

**PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE**

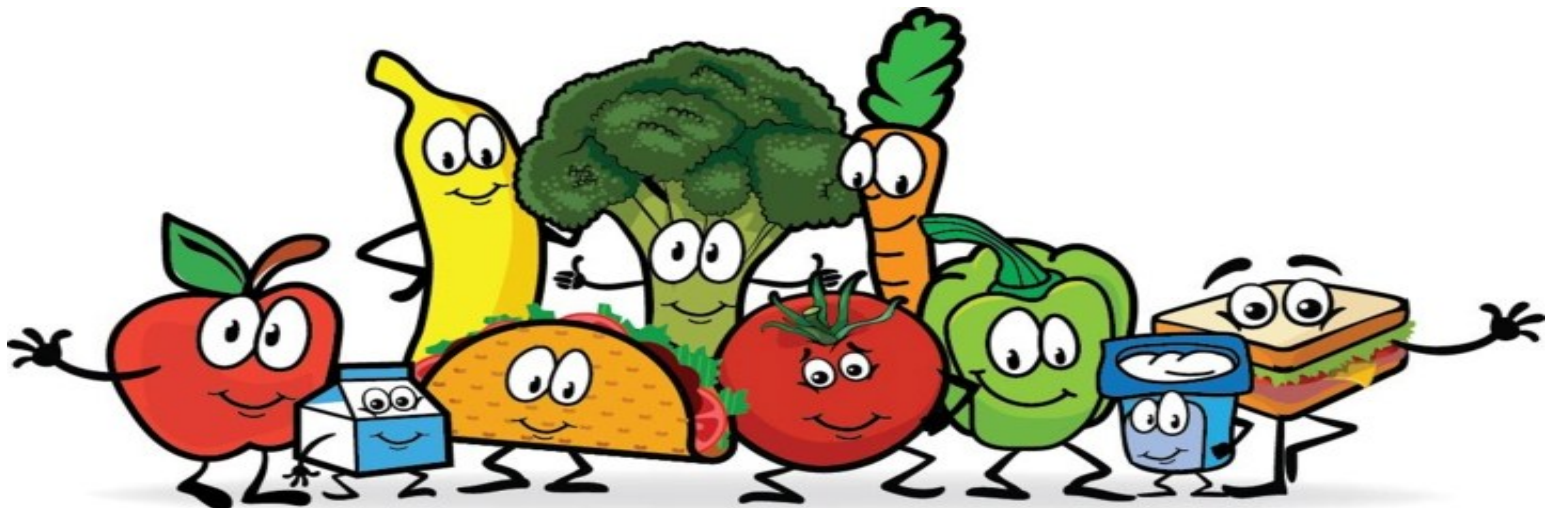
Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

**AVAILABLE EVERY DAY**

Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🌾 Wholegrain  
🍏 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice 🌱 Halal Available

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



**CROFTY HUB SCHOOLS**



**SPRING 1 CHALLENGE**

**07 FEBRUARY - 14 FEBRUARY 2025**

\* 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 \*







## Hall of Fame Competition



### **Class Challenge**



**Each week, when 90% of your class enter the  
Hall of Fame,  
your class will enter into the prize draw**

**Week 1 - 3rd Feb  
Week 2 - 10th Feb  
Week 3 - 24th Feb  
Week 4 - 3rd March**



**5 Classes will win a  
Maths-Whizz Party**

**Packed full of Maths-Whizz goodies**





# CAMBORNE GIRLS U12 LOVE RUGBY FESTIVAL



Special guests, Red Roses:  
Maddie Feaunati  
and  
Claudia Macdonald

All U12 (Year 6 and 7) girls welcome. No experience required. Learn new skills and make new friends. Find a club for you wherever you're from in Cornwall.



♥ your team  
♥ rugby

Get involved at  
[findrugby.com](http://findrugby.com)

**CAMBORNE RFC  
CRANBERRY ROAD  
TR14 7PJ**

**SUNDAY 9TH FEB.  
12 - 3**

*Register here!*





# GOOL PERAN LOWEN!

## ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Wednesday 5th March 2025

### Menu

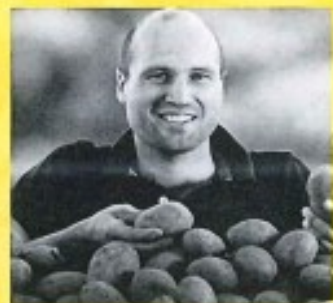
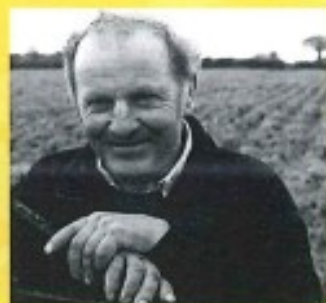
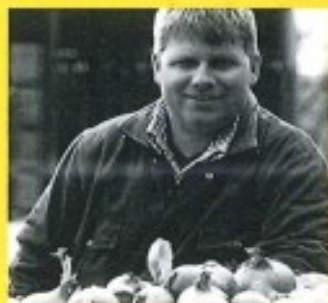
**Traditional Steak Pasty  
or Cheese and Onion Pasty**

**Hevva Cake**

**Jacket Potato available on request**



*Pasties were taken down the mines by the adults and children who worked there; the shape and size made them ideal for carrying. It's distinctive D shape with the crust acting as a handle, which was discarded to prevent contaminating the food with grubby, possibly arsenic-ridden hands*



At Proper Cornish we are passionate about quality pastry, filled with great tasting ingredients, made properly in Cornwall for people who love food.

We are passionate and honest about where our ingredients come from. At Proper Cornish, we believe in supporting our local farmers. Our swede comes from Hayle, courtesy of Trevor Goldsworthy's family run farm, our potatoes come from third generation farmer Chris Dustow from Par and our onions are grown by Anthony West of Torpoint. Cornwall grows some of the highest quality produce in the world, so why go anywhere else?

  
**Chartwells**

# WORLD BOOK DAY



**THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025**

Wear a book inspired outfit, comfy pyjamas or your favourite clothes to read in!

**Challenge: Create a book in a box!**







# 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





## **FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS**

Come and take part in our EdVenture half term provision, offering children a fantastic opportunity to build friendships through team sports and outdoor adventures, and explore their creativity with themed group games and arts & crafts.

**TUE 18TH - THUR 20TH FEB**  
**3 DAY SUPER CAMPS**  
**5-7 YEARS | 8+ YEARS**

**FEATURING A RANGE OF  
ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:**

**DODGEBALL, FREE PLAY, GYM,  
ARTS & CRAFTS, DANCE OFF,  
FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS,  
MULTI SPORTS, BOARD GAMES,  
CINEMA, TEAM CHALLENGES  
JEWELLERY MAKING  
& LOTS MORE!**

**JUST £80 FOR 3 DAYS  
OR £30 A DAY**



**MON 17TH & FRI 21ST FEB**  
**FULL/HALF DAY CAMPS:**  
**NETBALL  
FOOTBALL  
PICKLEBALL  
AND MORE...**



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