



Friday 14th February 2025



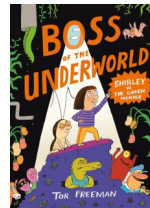
Halwin Headlines

Owls and Robins were buzzing with excitement this morning as we spent time learning all about the hive-ly important role bees play in our environment. The children got creative with some bee-autiful artwork, discovered fascinating bee facts, and even dressed up as bees. We said thank you to The Sparkle Foundation and The Middlesby group for the sweet-as-honey bee-themed goody bag to take home. We are now looking forward to the next event they have sponsored—a pizza making morning for Kingfishers in March.

Thank you to all the parents for attending our DT themed parent sessions this term. It's been great to see so many parents and grandparents. We hope you enjoyed making, cooking and creating! We will let you know plans for future parent sessions as soon as possible.

We have continued our work this term with the PINS project (Partnership in Neurodiversity in Schools). Thank you to those parents who completed the survey and have joined us for parent sessions. We have actioned your feedback, including offering parent support sessions (like Tuesdays drop in meeting), we are working hard behind the scenes to organise a KS1 sports after school club (watch this space...) and have added photos to the weekly newsletter.

Calling all Graphic Novel fans in KS2. We have been chosen to review a newly published book by Tor Freeman: Boss of the Underworld—Shirley vs The Green Menace. Reading Rocks have gifted Halwin School some copies of the book in return for your book reviews. If your child would be interested in being one of our reviewers and can read the book and write a review within a short timeframe, please ask them to let myself or Mrs Ellis know after half term.



Next term, we have lots of trips and fun events planned. Please ensure you check your children's bags each day for letters to ensure we get all permission slips returned for each event. We thank you for prompt payment on Parent Pay otherwise trips may not be able to go ahead. Don't forget we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. The children are invited to dress up in a book themed outfit, comfy pyjamas or their favourite clothes to read in. We will have PE on that day, so please ensure your child is dressed suitably. If you are looking for a fun half term activity you may wish to have a go at the World Book Day Challenge to create a book in a box! Choose a favourite book or one you have read recently and decorate a shoe box or other small box to celebrate the book.

Finally, a polite reminder for the end of term to please clear your ParentPay balance. The first payment for the upcoming Isles of Scilly trip for Kingfishers is now overdue. Thank you.

Have a lovely half term! Don't forget we have an INSET day on Monday 24th so will see you back at school on Tuesday 25th February.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/MeDun8647YL4swy2A>
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 85.09%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 78.46%

Owls: 91.18%

Kingfishers: 82.22%



Next week's lunch menu **week 2**




Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Faith
Owls	Rupert B
Kingfishers	Eli

Confidence	Lukas
Aspiration	Ella Amber
Resilience	Sam
Enjoyment	Fox

Team Points

Blue— 90

Red— 62

Green—55

Yellow— 112





Maths-**Whizz**

Hall of Fame

Owls: Zephyr, Rupert, Marley, Henry,
Benjamin

Kingfishers: Penny, Nicholas, Eli,
Amelia

Halwin Celebrations



**AcceleratedTM
Reader**

**Congratulations for reaching your
Spring 1 reading target:**

Poppy, Marley Amber, Rupert H-M,
Benjamin, Lukas, Sophie, Ina, Henry,
Amelia, Connor

RENAISSANCE LEARNING



Extra special congratulations to Amelia for becoming our first ever MILLIONNAIRE reader! Amelia set herself the target to read (and AR quiz) 1 million words this year and she has smashed it! What a superstar! We hope she enjoys her book voucher prize!

Halwin Celebrations



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%
	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.



Diary Dates



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 2

AUTUMN/WINTER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Veggie Supreme Pizza 🌱 🍷 Served with Pesto Pasta	Beef Bolognese 🍷 🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Crispy Chicken Burger Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Vegetable Fajita 🌱 🍷 🍷 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles 🌱	Winter Vegetable Hotpot 🌱 Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Quorn Dippers 🌱 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	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard 🌱	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Cookie

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE

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

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

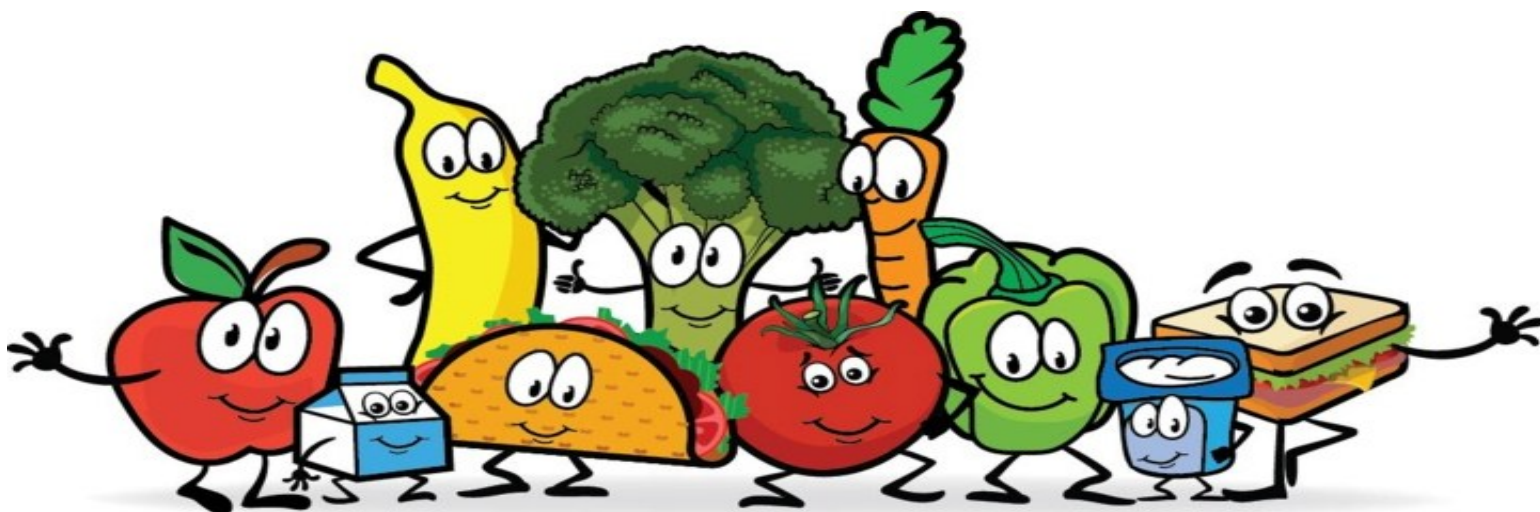
Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🍷 Wholegrain

🍏 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice 🍷 Halal Available

CHARTWELLS ABBEYCLIFF, K12 8TN

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





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



GOOL PERAN LOWEN!



ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Menu

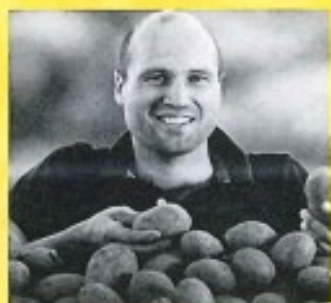
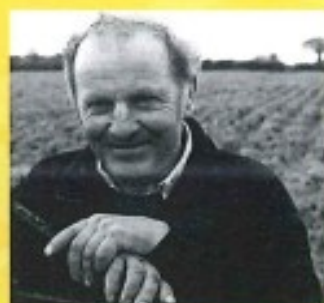
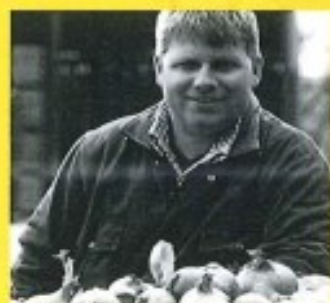
**Traditional Steak Pasty
or Cheese and Onion Pasty**

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



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Winston's Wordsmiths

A new short story competition for young writers in Cornwall. We're inviting aspiring wordsmiths to unleash their creativity and let Cornwall's fascinating history inspire their tales!

First prize is Waterstones vouchers for the individual, a trip to the museum for the winner's class, and VIP behind the scenes access for the lucky winner themselves.

All entries must be submitted by Friday 4th April.

To find out more visit cornwallmuseum.org/news

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