



Friday 16th May 2025

# Halwin Headlines

A huge well done to Year 6 for their SATs success this week. The whole year group were nominated for Headteacher Awards, and rightly so; they've worked so hard this week, showing resilient and hardworking attitudes. 7 years work of growing, developing and learning at school can't be measured by just one week of assessments, but for the snippets that these SATs do glean, we are immensely proud of them all. Thank you to the rest of the school as well as they showed consideration and support for the Year 6 children during their SATs assessments.

Year 5 completed their 'Passion Projects' this week—they could write about one of their passions in any style they wanted to—from letters to themselves about their dreams for the future to a Nyx adventure story!

Robins learned all about the moon landing in 1969 and had a go at making their own rockets this week.

Owls have been learning to tell the time (very tricky!) in Maths and exploring economic wellbeing in PSHE. They also continued creating structures in DT—photos later in the newsletter.

We enjoyed a lovely sunny non-uniform day today. Thank you for all the summer fair tombola donations—more information about the Summer Fair to follow soon!

Letters for a day of watersports with Elemental for Owls and Kingfishers have gone out this week. Thank you to the Friends of Halwin for their generous donation towards the cost of this activity. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible so that we can make final arrangements. Please also complete the online medical form by following these links:

Y2, 3 and 4 <https://forms.office.com/e/PPx9nTmDF5>

Y5 and Y6 <https://forms.office.com/e/buUtxoEHtt>

We are still collecting any fancy dress costumes for playtimes please and if you have any good condition gardening equipment e.g. trowels, gardening gloves, any donations would be very much appreciated.

Lace up your trainers! For our next family learning session, we would like to invite parents to join in with a PE lesson with our excellent PE Coach, Mr Warran, after half term on Thursday 5th June—sign up links will be sent out next week.

Finally, don't forget parents are invited to our celebration assembly next week where our Year 6 children will be receiving their Leavers hoodies. 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/6yhCAxkqsWH5AiXT9>  
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 93.45%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 94.17%

Owls: 96.3%

Kingfishers: 90%

**Congratulations Owls!**



Next weeks lunch is **week 2 NEW MENU**



# Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Finn
Owls	Lukas
Kingfishers	Bryn

Confidence	Marley
<b>Aspiration</b>	Benjamin
Resilience	Amelia
Enjoyment	Carter

## Team Points

Blue—117

Red—89

Green—127

Yellow—95



Maths-**Whizz**®

## Hall of Fame

**Owls:** Zephyr, Rupert H-M, Rupert B, Poppy, Marley, Harry, Amber

**Kingfishers:** Penny, Kai, Eli, Amelia

# Nyx's Words of the Week



This term we are focusing on developing vocabulary and with the help of Nyx, we are introducing Words of the Week. The children are introduced to 4 words each week and are encouraged to spot them in texts, use them in their speech and also in their writing. It would be great if you can celebrate when they use them at home as well!

**modify**

*Definition: make small or minor changes*

*Synonym: alter*

**detect**

*Definition: discover or identify the presence of*

*Synonym: find*

**assist**

*Definition: help someone, (by doing a share of the work)*

*Synonym: help*

**distribute**

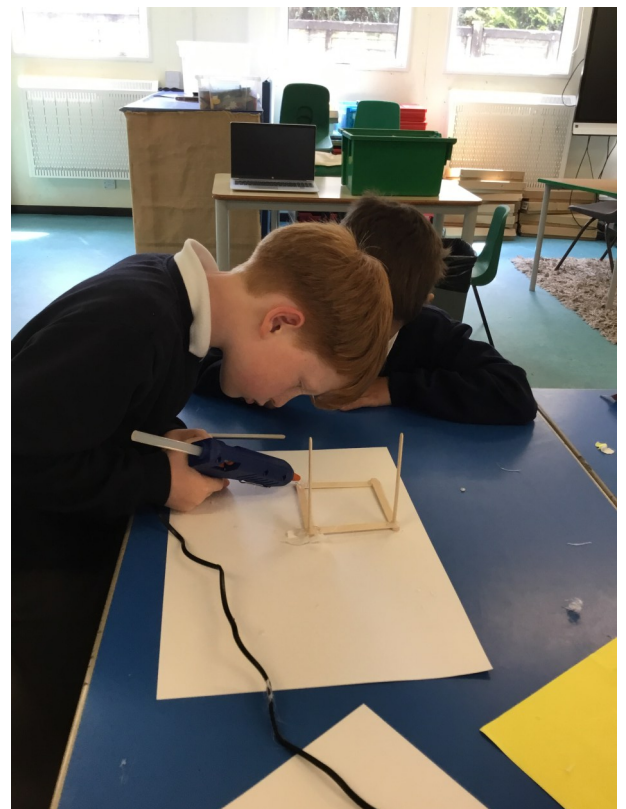
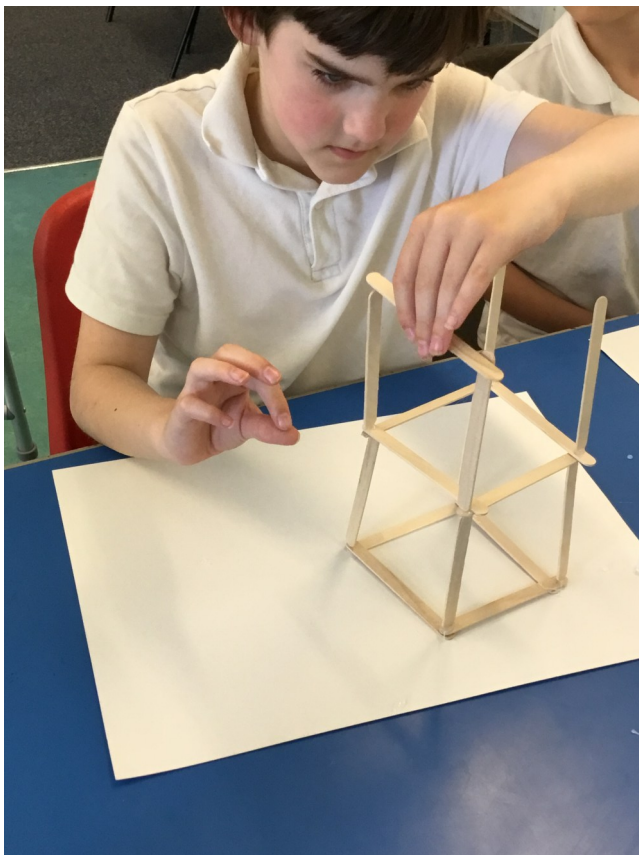
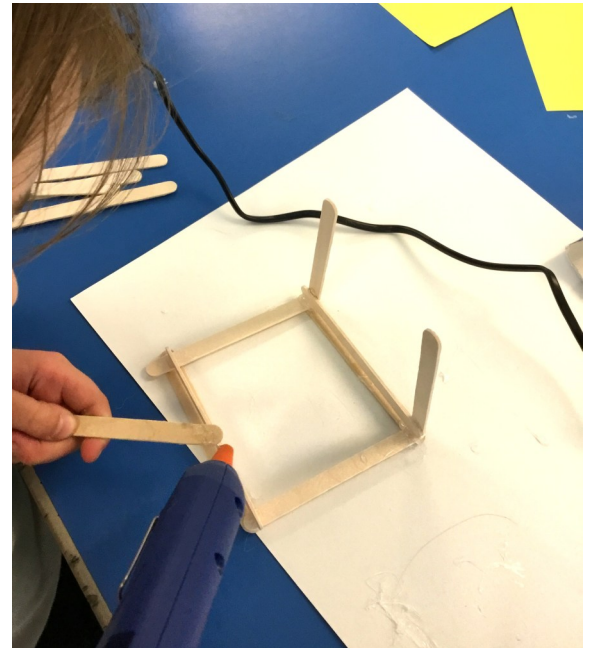
*Definition: give a share of something to others*

*Synonym: give out*



# Halwin Celebrations

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Owls—Design Technology—Structures

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# Diary Dates



Friday 23rd May	Parent Assembly
w/c 26th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	INSET day—school closed to pupils
Thursday 5th June	Family Learning Sessions—PE
w/c 9th June	Sustainability Week
Tuesday 10th June	Family Hive 3.15-4pm
Thursday 12th June	Robins Beach Visit
w/c 16th June	Y5/6 Isles of Scilly Residential
Monday 23rd June & Friday 27th June	Bikeability
Wednesday 25th June	Elemental—Owls and Kingfishers
Thursday 26th June	Class Photos
Friday 27th June	Parent Assembly

# Diary Dates



Tuesday 1st July & Wednesday 2nd July	Helston Transition Days
Tuesday 1st July	Eco Council Summit @ Treloweth NEW DATE
Thursday 3rd July	Sports Day (am) RNLI water safety talk (pm)
Tuesday 8th July	Coastal Crew Summit @ Porthleven NEW DATE Family Hive
Thursday 10th July	Open Morning
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

# WEEK 2

W/C: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 09/06/2025, 30/06/2025, 21/07/2025, 01/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 13/10/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese 🌱 🍷	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷 🍷	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 2	Sweet and Sour Vegetables Served with Wholegrain Rice 🍷 🍷	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges 🌱 🍷	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Gravy 🌱	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap 🌱 🍷 🍷	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips 🌱 🌱 🍷
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🌱 🍷

HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD

DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Ham Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Ham Baguette	Ham Wrap
	OPTION 5	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap	Egg Mayo Baguette 🌱	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap 🌱	Cheese Baguette 🌱

DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD

DESSERT	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Flapjack Served with Fruit or Apple Wedges 🌱	Lemon Emerald Cake	Chocolate Ice Cream
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**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY**

With a choice of toppings 🌱 🍷



**AVAILABLE DAILY**

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian 🌱🍷 Vegan 🐟 Oily Fish 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

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	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.



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BUT LOOK AT  
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**HM Government**

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

**NHS**





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# Halwin Hive

**Summer 2025**

**Tues 29th Apr**

**Tues 10th June**

**Tues 8th July**

**Join us for our  
regular fun  
family session  
3.15pm  
School Hall**

**Chat with other  
parents, play a  
game, borrow a  
book, have a  
drink and cake**

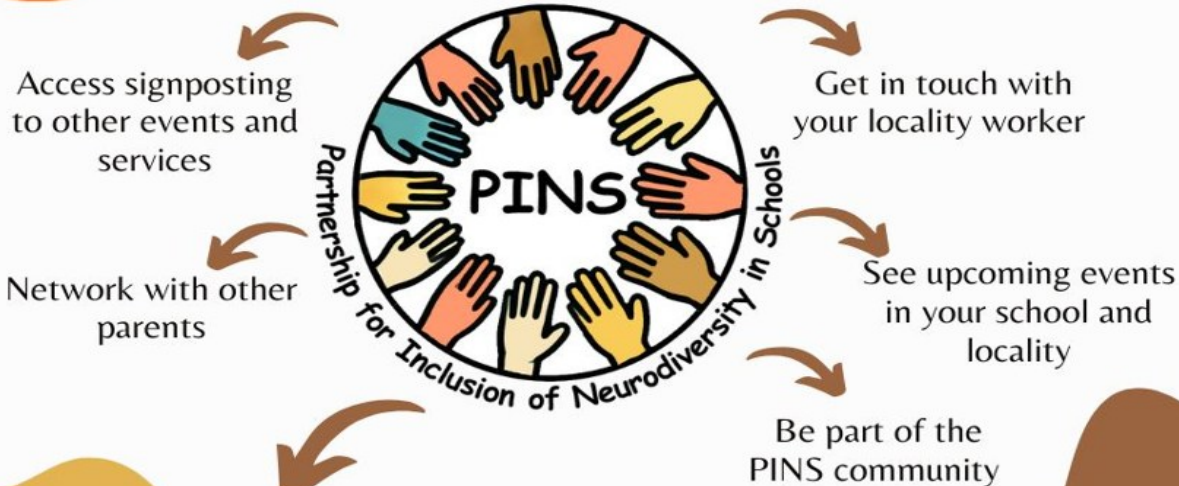
**Parent Forum  
Have your say –  
talk to Mrs Carr  
about any whole  
school issues**







## PINS CORNWALL PARTICIPATION GROUP ON FACEBOOK



## PINS Coffee Morning



### Hayle Family Hub

MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2025  
10.30AM - 12PM

A chance for all the parents/families of  
PINS schools to come together, talk and  
enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

Hosted by locality worker Lauren Ladd - you book  
your place please email: [laurenlpcc@outlook.com](mailto:laurenlpcc@outlook.com)



# Helston Happenings for May Half Term!



✦ FREE FAMILY EVENT! ✦

Skillywidden by Squashbox Theatre

Tuesday 27th May, 2:30pm at Coronation Park

Meet mischievous Cornish faeries, watch the magical Book of Nature come alive, and be amazed by Brian the mind-reading pig!

The Wind in the Willows by Illyria 🐸

Saturday 24th May, 6:30pm at Coronation Park

Award-winning outdoor Cornish theatre with Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger!

Flexible ticket prices from £8 (15 and under) with FREE ticket draw available for families who need it. Bring chairs/blankets.

🚩 🎭 Sam O'Shanty by Angel Heart Theatre

Saturday 1st June, 2:30pm at Helston Old Chapel (Trevow Helston)

Nautical adventures, puppetry and sea shanties for ages 4+

