



Friday 21st March 2025

# Halwin Headlines

What an amazing week creating memories for our children! It has been a pleasure to see Halwin children making the most of these opportunities. Well done everyone and a huge shout out to all the staff, governor and parent volunteers and Friends of Halwin for making these amazing events happen. Congratulations to the choir for their incredible performance in Truro Cathedral. They should all be very proud of themselves! They joined other local school choirs on stage to perform some very complex songs! Choir will now resume after the Easter holiday. During the rehearsals, a teacher from another school sought me out to share how polite and helpful our Halwin children were! Super Stars! We've had a brilliant day today at Eden Project. We explored both biomes and enjoyed chasing smoke rings in the Education building. It was a delight to see the children all showing Confidence, Aspiration, Resilience and Enjoyment throughout the day! Two members of the public separately stopped me to comment on how well-behaved and enthusiastic the children were. A real pleasure!

Kingfishers started the week with a pizza making workshop — their creations certainly looked and smelled delicious! Thank you to the Sparkle Foundation and The Middleby Group for sponsoring this event including the lovely goody bags that the children took home so they can continue to develop their cookery skills at home. Owls have been busy learning about deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest, writing letters to the President of Brazil and creating botanical drawings. Robins have been using the chrome books to draw pictures and type captions. The children have also all completed Spring Term Maths assessments and reading/phonics assessments this week.

The children will notice some new books in the library this week—thank you to Amelia for gifting 'The Invisible String' to the school and thank you to Mia and family for donating a huge bag of books in 'like new' condition to the library—all now labelled for Accelerated Reader including some very popular graphic novels!

Congratulations to the following children who have completed their Maths Whizz homework this week (3 blue gems and 3 red gems) and gained Hall of Fame status: Rupert HM, Rupert B, Poppy, Marley, Amber (Owls), Penny, Nicholas, Lexilee, Eli and Amelia (Kingfishers).

Thank you to those parents who have kindly completed our annual parent survey to help us reflect on the 2024/25 academic year. Please follow this link if you haven't already done so or collect a paper copy from the office: <https://tinyurl.com/halwinparentsurvey>

Finally, we look forward to seeing you all at Parent's Evenings next week. Books will be available for your perusal before or after your appointment.

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 Link

<https://forms.gle/ixExUptYG1XbmZ52A>

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 95.5%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 93.85%

Owls: 98.13%

Kingfishers: 93.89%



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



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment



# Halwin Celebrations



## Kingfisher Pizza Making



# Halwin Celebrations



**Choir—SongFest Truro Cathedral**



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Eden Project



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# 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.

## 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](mailto:educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk)

01872 324298

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

Cornwall Council, County Hall,  
Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: [customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk)

t: 0300 1234 100



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Together  
for Families

## Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services  
for parents and carers



[www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies](http://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](mailto:educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk)



# Diary Dates



Monday 24th March	Kingfishers—Air Ambulance Assembly
Mon 24th & Thurs 27th March	Parents Evenings
Thursday 27th March	Trust Parliament Election Day
Friday 28th March	Squashbox Theatre visit & workshops
Monday 31st March	Y5 Lego Challenge - King Edward Mine TBC
Friday 4th April	Trinity Church Easter visit & Parent Assembly
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
Thursday 12th June	Robins Beach Visit TBC
w/c 16th June	Y5/6 Isles of Scilly Residential
Wednesday 25th June	ASONE Music Workshop TBC
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
Monday 21st July	Y6 Leavers Evening 6pm
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of Term
Wednesday 23rd July	INSET day—school closed to pupils

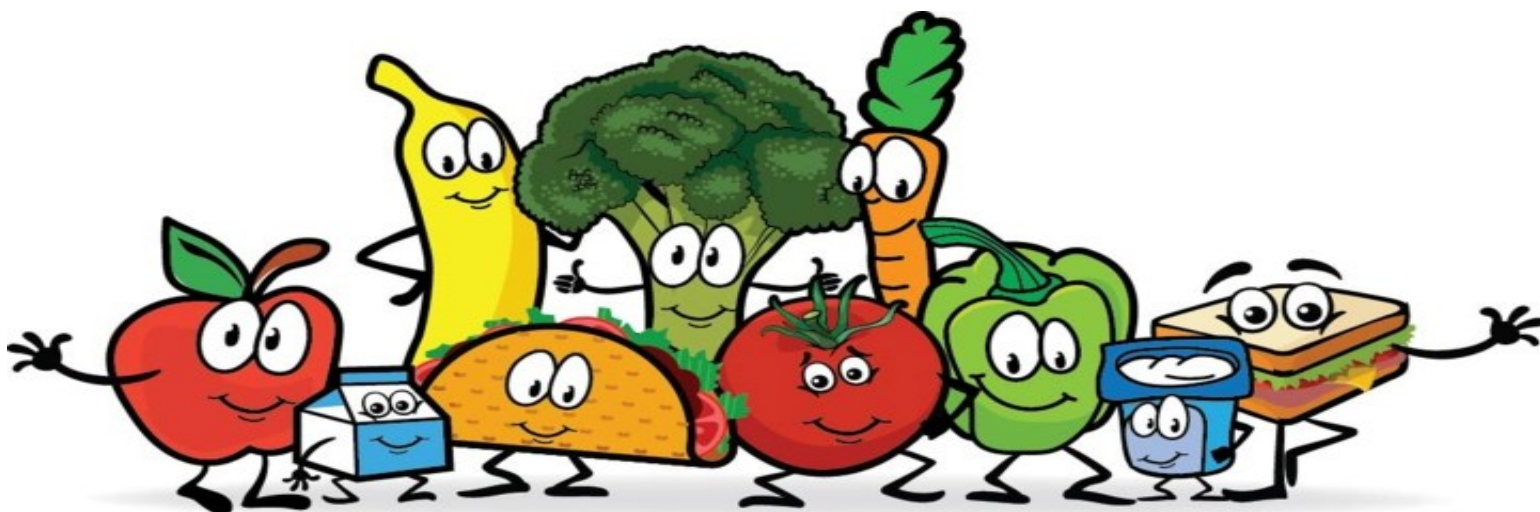


# WEEK 3

**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
<b>PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE</b> Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day		<b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> 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.







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





SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Coast**  
ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

**THIS  
EASTER HOLIDAY**

EGG  
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**Ofsted**

**Registered**  
See website for  
details



**Free Half Day Places  
and a**

**Hot Meal for FSM Children**

**Hayle Academy**

**St Ives Secondary School**

**Helston Community College**

**St Mary's Catholic Penzance**

## ACTIVITIES

Silent Disco  
Dodgeball  
Tennis  
Football  
Cricket  
Rugby  
Bike Riding  
Arts and Crafts  
and so much more

**£20 for Non Free School  
Meal places**

**AGES 5-16**

**SCAN TO BOOK**

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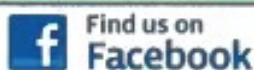
# Mothering Sunday



**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

11am – 12.00noon

@ Trinity Methodist Church  
Porkellis



Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity [brf.org.uk](http://brf.org.uk)





# Forest School Holiday Club

FOR AGES 5-11

CAMBORNE AREA

WED 16TH APRIL & THURS 17TH APRIL

9:30-3:30

£35 PER CHILD (MORNING AND AFTERNOON SNACK  
INCLUDED)



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