



Friday 28th February 2025

Halwin Headlines

The return to school after half term has been filled with sunshine and lots of amazing learning! Halwin staff joined the whole of the Crofty team at Treloweth School on Monday's INSET for a day of training with a keynote and workshops about relational practice. Owls and Robins classes enjoyed Islam workshops with Daya on Tuesday in the Discovery Den. They even tried on traditional clothes and learned a traditional folk dance! Kingfisher's class started their new PSHE topic focussing on online safety this week. They had a great discussion about acquaintances and how we keep ourselves safe online. In writing, Kingfishers have delved into their next text 'Varmints' considering their language choices carefully for their own writing. Owls class have begun reading The Explorer by Katherine Rundell which is set in the Amazon Rainforest. In Geography, Owls learned about the different biomes around the world, how rainforests are located near the equator and explored the Amazon Rainforest in more detail. We can't wait to visit the Rainforest Biome at the Eden Project soon! Robins class have been inspired by their class text: Handa's Surprise—they have tasted some tropical fruits and made shelters in science to test materials.

Next week is another busy week!

- On Monday, we will all be taking part in a very special event at the Hall for Cornwall with Will Keating. Please ensure children wear full school uniform, and bring a water bottle, packed lunch and an extra snack. Children may bring a St Piran's Flag to wave if they wish.
- We have menu changes from Chartwells on Tuesday (Pancake Day dessert), Wednesday (St Piran's Day pre-ordered pasties) and Thursday (Roast Dinner).
- Thursday is World Book Day. The children will receive their £1 book vouchers and are invited to dress up as a favourite book character, or wear pyjamas or their favourite clothes to read in! We are excited to see the 'Book in a Box' creations that I know many of you are busy creating at home. See the poster later in the newsletter for more information. We would love to showcase these in the hall so please do bring them into school from Monday.

Finally, please remember to encourage your child to read at home and complete their weekly maths whizz target of 3 blue gems and 3 red gems. Have a great weekend.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/qrtotcbKGrp6tnF7>

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 93.22%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 94.23%

Owls: 90.63%

Kingfishers: 93.75%



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




Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



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	Star of the Week
Robins	Skylar
Owls	Rupert H-M
Kingfishers	Sam

Confidence	Hugo
Aspiration	Hudson
Resilience	Ruby
Enjoyment	Amelia

Team Points

Blue—62

Red—85

Green—52

Yellow—67



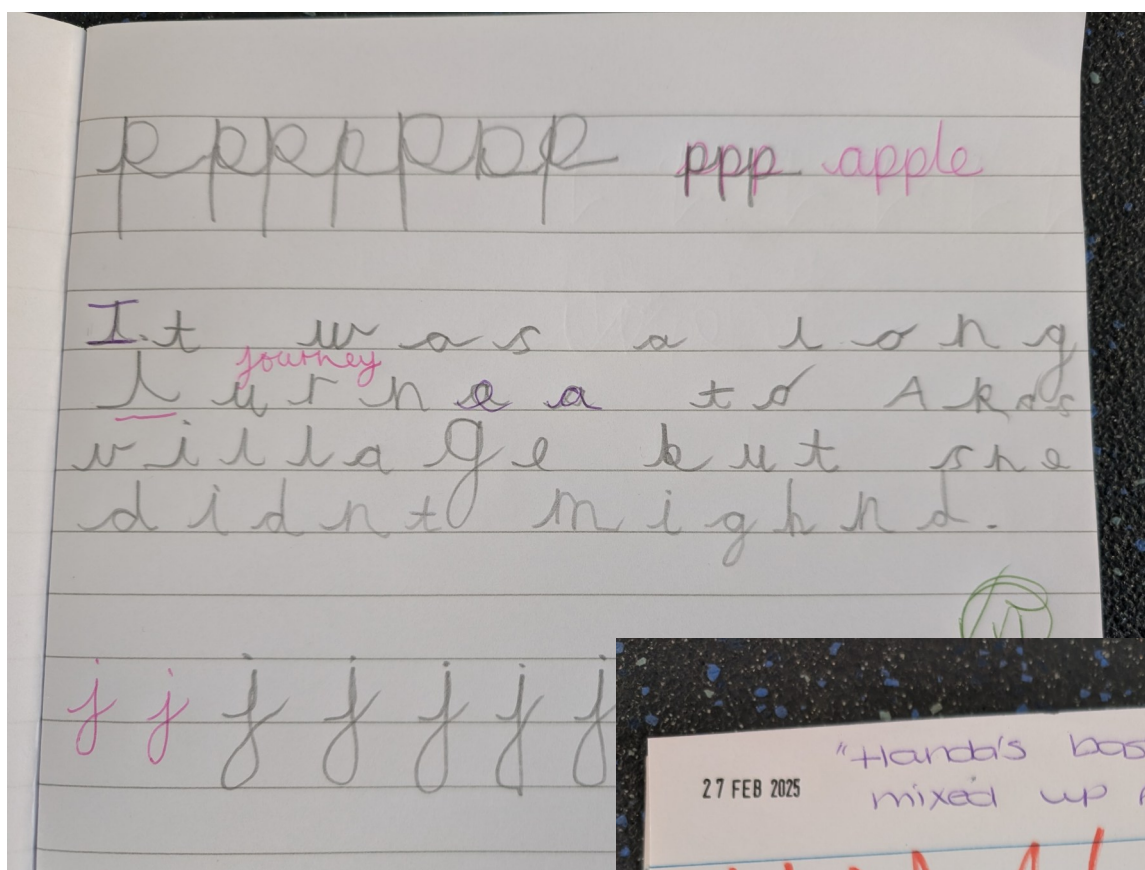
Maths-**Whizz**

Hall of Fame

Owls: Rupert HM, Poppy, Harry, Amber, Marley, Rupert B, Zephyr

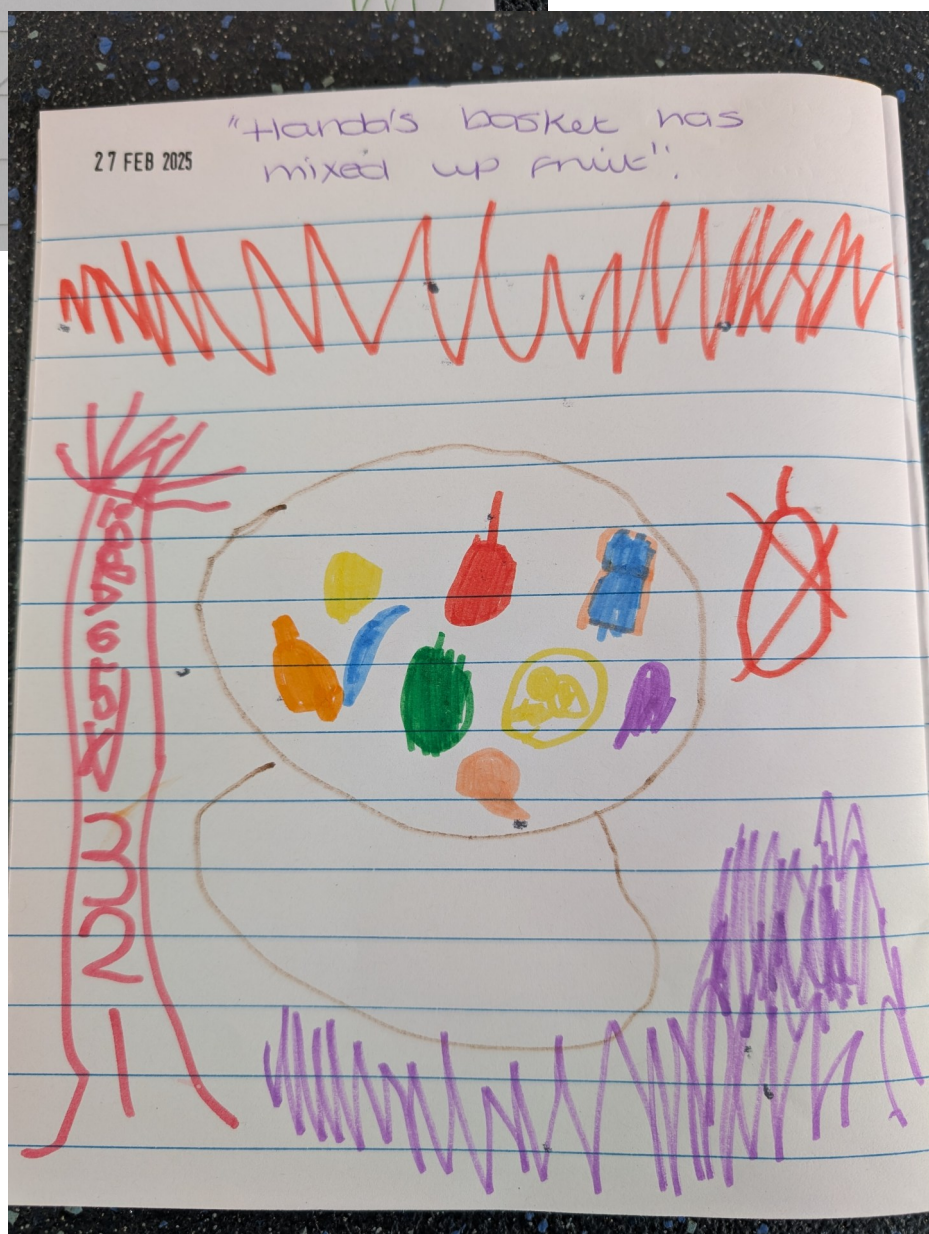
Kingfishers: Nicholas, Lexilee, Kai, Amelia

Halwin Celebrations



Year 1 writing

Pre-School Drawing Club



Halwin Celebrations

Kingfishers writing

Marty looked out across his unparalleled utopia, the sapphire-like sky, sparkling through the clouds, shiny, comforting grass blew in the gust, a mosaic bluebell beautifully bowered.

His ears were enticed by the sound of the swishing grass, the birds gently singing in the near-by trees and the soft speaking of his role friends made him happy beyond boundaries.

A large, grey fog consumed the horizon; big, large buildings hovered over the sky line like sneaking up like snakes.

Desperately ~~the~~ sprinting as the monstrous unknown overpowered everything in sight, Marty ~~the~~ tracked to the last bit of hope, the solitary tree.

A thick, eerie smog engulfed the sky; to giant, black towers ~~or~~ loomed in the sky like snakes wrapping around the sky.

Desperately ~~x~~ ~~gleed~~ gleeing as the destructive unknown overtook everything it touched, Marty ~~gleed~~ to the last piece of home - The lone tree.

Notices and Events



School Lunches

Thank you to the parents who spoke to me (or emailed me) your concerns, they were passed onto Crofty and Chartwells who completed investigations into food quality including an unannounced site visit.

Following the visit some changes have been made including:

- Timings have changed to allow for a more prompt start to service
- Trays will be delivered to school to allow for children to collect their whole meal in one visit
- Coloured bands to be delivered to school to speed up the process and allow more time for staff to interact with children in the lunch hall.



I attach some photos of meals that day. Photos are taken each day. Food portions come with a pudding separately, as well as open access to the salad bar and bread. The children were really engaged with the adult interaction in the hall and feedback was enthusiastic and positive about school meals. There were some negative comments about the chips so chip baskets have been ordered to crisp up the chips at Porthleven as they do not use a deep fat fryer.

We will continue to monitor school meals closely and hope to be able to invite parents in to join us for a summer menu launch early next term.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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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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

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



Diary Dates



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 only) 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	EYFS Vision Screening Choir—Songfest 2025
Friday 21st March	Eden Project Trip
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

Diary dates—continued



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	Steak Pasty	Roast Beef served with Roast Potatoes Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	BBQ Quorn Fillet Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Cheese and Onion Pasty	Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice	Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	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	Pancakes	Hevva Cake	Sicilian Lemon Cookie with Fruit	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

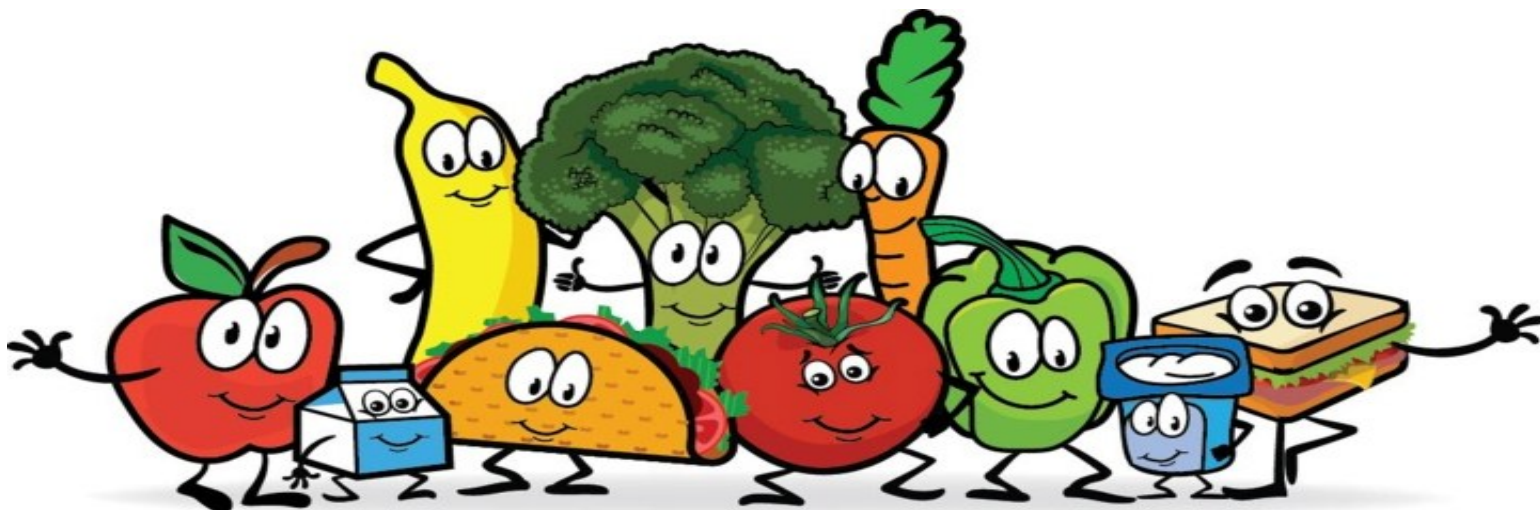
Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

Tuesday—Pancake Day (Dessert change)

Wednesday—St Pirans Day (Pasties have already been preordered)

Thursday—Roast Dinner





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of
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Tuesday 15th April 2025

Truro School Prep

Juniors (ages 5-11) - 9am to 12pm

Seniors (ages 12-18) - 1pm to 4pm

Free demonstration for families at the end of each workshop
£30 per child

Singing, Dancing and Acting!

To book your place,
email tolley.angell@yahoo.co.uk



GOOL PERAN LOWEN! ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Wednesday 5th March 2025

Menu

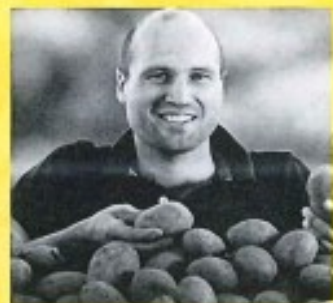
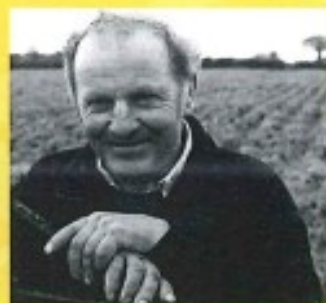
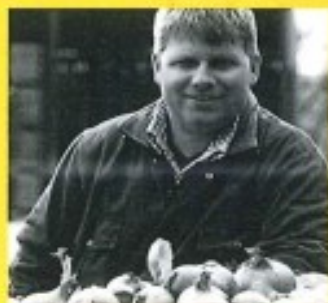
**Traditional Steak Pasty
or Cheese and Onion Pasty**

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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