



Friday 28th March 2025

Halwin Headlines

The children (and adults!) were absolutely mesmerised by the Squashbox Theatre 'Wonderful World' show and workshops today. Thank you to the Friends of Halwin for funding and organising this amazing treat! Linking to our curriculum learning in Geography and Science, as well as our Eden Project visit last week, the children were thoroughly entertained! We were very impressed with their knowledge of animals and flags and their focus and enthusiasm throughout the day. Robins enjoyed a story telling workshop while Owls and Kingfishers learned about puppetry. Well done everyone.

It's certainly been another busy week! We started the week with a visit on Monday afternoon from representatives from Cornwall Air Ambulance. They shared with Kingfishers, information about the important work this charity does. We were joined by Y5/6 children from Garras School, many of whom will be taking part in the upcoming residential trip to the Isles of Scilly. It was another lovely opportunity for our children to socialise with children in other schools in the Crofty Small School Hub and learn together to maximise the opportunities and experiences we can provide. Our children were very inspired by this visit, with many keen to raise money for this vital service. On Tuesday, Owls enjoyed taking part in a Lyfta Live Lesson. Lyfta is an online immersive learning platform which we use to complement our curriculum and enrich our personal development offer. Each storyworld presents people, places and perspectives from around the world—this week Owls class learned about endangered species. Yesterday, Halwin became a polling station for the Trust Parliament Election Day! We began by joining a teams meeting, with all the other Crofty Schools to learn more about elections and what they would be voting for! Simon Hague, CEO, explained that the children could vote for either a Crofty Choir to be created, or for a Crofty 'Charity of the Year' to be chosen for schools to raise money for. Our Trust Parliament Representatives watched over the ballot box as votes were collected. Nearly 3000 votes are expected to have been made across the trust and they are busy being counted now! We are expecting the result to be announced on Monday....

Later in the newsletter, you will find information about the Incredible 5 Point Scale which we have introduced to the children this week to help them understand their emotions and to self-regulate. This can be used effectively at home, as well as at school. If you would like a poster for home, please just ask.

Finally, next Friday, you are invited to join us at 2.30pm for Celebration Assembly in the hall. Have a lovely weekend and Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful women in our community.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/CWK9snhfzwEHeDdB9>
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 94.16%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 99.14%

Owls: 88.13%

Kingfishers: 95.95%

Congratulations Robins!



Next week's lunch menu **week 1**



Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Ella
Owls	Alfie M
Kingfishers	Connor

Confidence	Ruby
Aspiration	Harry
Resilience	Lloyd
Enjoyment	Arlo

Team Points

Blue—109

Red—116

Green—97

Yellow—106



Maths-**Whizz**

Hall of Fame

Owls: Alfie M, Amber, Lukas, Marley,
Poppy, Rupert B

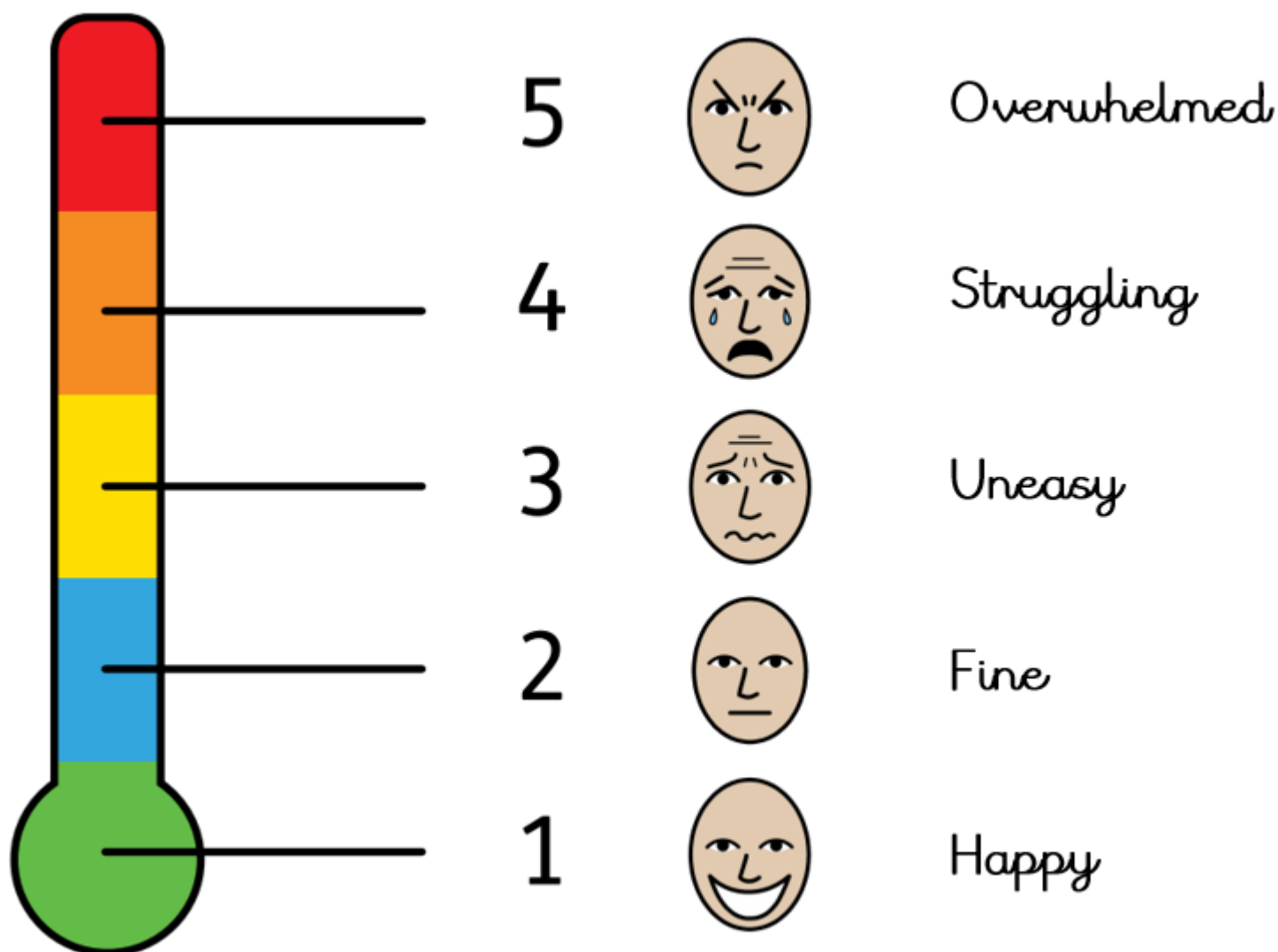
Kingfishers: Lexilee, Eli, Amelia

Notices and Events



We have recently introduced The Incredible 5 Point Scale across the school. You may hear your children talking about it and you can even use it at home as well. The Incredible 5 point scale can help children learn how to identify and manage their own emotions and responses. At each level your child will identify what each rating may look like, feel like, and possible solutions to help them self-regulate. We used this video to introduce it: [Size of Feelings - SEL Sketches](#) which you may want to watch together at home.

How do you feel today?



Halwin Celebrations

Squashbox Theatre



Halwin Celebrations



Crofty Trust Election



Diary Dates



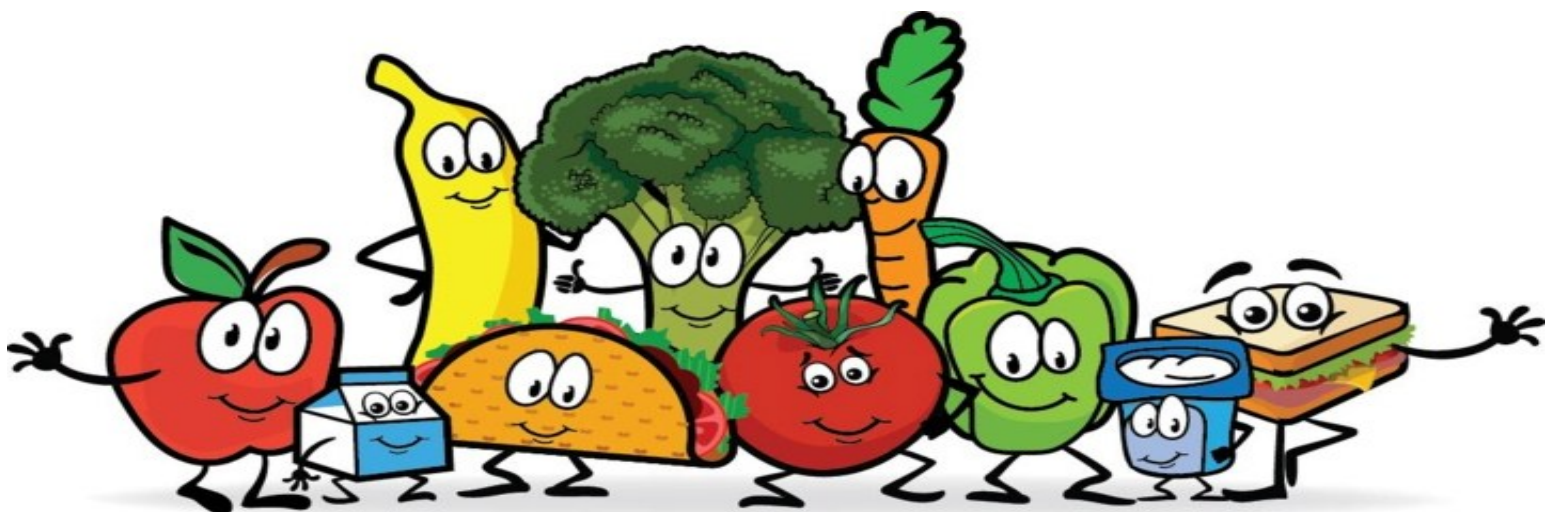
Monday 31st March	Y5 Lego Challenge - King Edward Mine
Friday 4th April	Trinity Church Easter visit Parent Assembly End of Term
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school after Easter break
Thursday 8th May	INSET day—school closed to pupils
w/c 9th May	Sustainability Week
w/c 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
w/c 26th 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 1

AUTUMN/WINTER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken Pizza 🌱 Served with Pesto Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Vegetable Fajita 🌱 🍷 🍷	Quorn Burger 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn 🌱 Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza 🌱 Served with Pesto Pasta	Veggie Fingers 🌱 Served with Chips
DESSERT	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	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	Raspberry Jelly	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Flapjack with Fruit 🌱	Chocolate Brownie
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.



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.

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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Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk

t: 0300 1234 100



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Together
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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

Early Help Drop in with CAMHS

You are invited to our Kerrier Coffee and cake drop in on 24th April 2025 at 1pm. This will take place at Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, TR15 1NA.

Guests include;

The CAMHS Team- The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has a range of teams for children and young people and covers the spectrum of ages 0 to 18 years old.

Kooth- A free, safe and anonymous place young people to access counselling online.

SEN Navigators Team- for advice on how to find SEN support in Cornwall

ALL WELCOME
Coffee, Tea and Cake provided.

This event is free of charge with refreshments provided.

**For any further information
please contact:**

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000





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



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Mothering Sunday



Sunday 30th March

11am – 12.00noon

@ Trinity Methodist Church
Porkellis



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Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity 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
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