



Friday 31st January 2025

Halwin Headlines

We enjoyed a super afternoon with Will Keating yesterday. Well done to all the children for their excellent participation in the workshop. The children excelled with the Cornish songs and we are now all excited for singing with 16 other schools in the Hall for Cornwall in March to celebrate St Piran's Day. This is a very special opportunity which we are excited to take part in. If you have not returned your permission slip, please do so as soon as possible please to ensure we can pre-order lunches and organise the coach.

A special well done to all Halwin pupils—when I have been walking around the school this week, I have been blown away with how polite and well mannered everyone is - holding doors open for each other, helping younger pupils, smiling and demonstrating our CARE values in all they do.

Owls class have worked hard this week writing a balanced argument about whether children should have to wear school uniform. Today they investigated the mysterious case of the missing pen ready for their new mystery writing unit. In computing, Owls have been learning about using yes / no questions to create branching databases. Robins class have enjoyed learning about school in the 1960s and writing stories about their toys. Kingfishers class have started their new writing unit on newspapers. Yesterday they learnt about hyperbole and how writers use it for dramatic effect! In French they have been learning how to say I have/I do not have. Finally, well done to the Year 6s for their effort this week in their practise SATs - they all did so well and should feel proud of themselves.

I continue to be impressed with Owls and Kingfishers in our swimming lessons. The children are making great progress every week, gaining in confidence and improving technique. Well done all! There will be no swimming next week (we have 10 sessions booked over the 12 week term so there will be two weeks where we do not swim).

Polite reminder for those Year 5 and 6 pupils who are attending the Isles of Scilly residential with Garras School that the second payment is now overdue. Mrs Ellis is looking forward to coming on this trip and we will be sharing more information as we get closer to the date. We have been informed by Garras School that there are two additional spaces available if anyone has changed their mind and would now like to come on the trip—please let Mrs Gee know and she will get you the necessary paperwork and payments set up.

Don't forget all parents are invited to our Halwin Hive event afterschool on Tuesday in the hall. We aim to provide an informal warm space for socialising —please do join us. I am also available for any questions you may have during this time. Finally, a polite reminder that if you have not done so already, please complete the Pupil Premium form. If you are eligible, not only does your child receive Free School Meals in KS2 but the school receives a significant amount of money per child to support with learning and enrichment opportunities.

Have a great weekend.

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/1DLnrejXxTEYwugH6>
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 90.6%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 86.15%

Owls: 90.59%

Kingfishers: 93.33%



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



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Valencia
Owls	Hugo
Kingfishers	Charlotte

Confidence	Sam
Aspiration	Rupert H-M
Resilience	Aimée
Enjoyment	Lukas

Team Points

Blue— 163

Red— 116

Green— 117

Yellow— 200



Maths-**Whizz**

Hall of Fame

Owls: Benjamin, Lukas, Marley,
Rupert B, Poppy, Rupert H-M

Kingfishers: Amelia, Eli, Nicholas,
Penny

Notices and Events



St Piran's Day Pasty Lunch

Please see the poster later in the newsletter about our exciting menu change for Wednesday 5th March. We would appreciate it if you could please complete the online form here: <https://forms.gle/Lq57dZGGEgdjwi1E9> to confirm your menu choice. There is an option to say that your child will be having home packed lunch.

February Family learning sessions

As shared in last week's newsletter, we would like to invite you to join your child's class for DT lessons this term. Unfortunately due to space, we are limited to one parent per child and no siblings please. Please use the booking links below to confirm if you are able to come. We understand that many parents are working during school hours, so please be assured your child will continue to be supported in the lesson by the Halwin team.

Robins – Friday 14th February 2pm <https://forms.gle/UCii1AnDEvgRUiw48>

Owls – Tuesday 11th February 2pm <https://forms.gle/bgQj2Wq9VUSwcpfE8>

Kingfishers – Tuesday 4th February 2pm <https://forms.gle/4piJfAneeKDPCa4YA>

Learning Walk Thru

All Crofty Schools use WalkThrus as part of our staff learning and continued development. I would like to share a video made for parents about supporting your children's learning at home from Early Years to Secondary School from the WalkThrus portal with you: [Learning WalkThrus | For Parents & Carers on Vimeo](#)

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PINS conference 2025 (Partnership in Neurodiversity)

Through our involvement in the PINS project this year, Halwin parents / carers (and grandparents) are invited to the online PINS conference on 5th February. More details on the poster later in the newsletter. **Recordings will be sent out after the event if you are unable to watch live but you must register in advance using the QR code on the poster.**

You can watch this online event in the comfort of your own home or, if you prefer, watch with other parents. Our PINS representative, Lauren Ladd, who many of you met when she visited school last term, has booked a conference room in Penzance where she will be live streaming the conference on a big screen with hot drinks and refreshments throughout the day. If you would like more details please contact her on laurenlpcc@outlook.com

National Childhood Measurement Programme—Friday 14th March

Information and the form to withdraw your child can be found by following the links below.

Reception: [Height and Weight Screening - Healthy Cornwall](#)

Year 6: [Height & Weight Screening - Healthy Cornwall](#)

Halwin Celebrations



This week I am sharing some writing from Kingfishers, Robins Science and Owls RE

Thursday 30th January 2025
As a writer, I am learning to use hyperbole for dramatic effect

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Time adverbials
 Adverbs
 Relative clause

Hyperbole

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Rhetorical Questions

Before lunch, at Sunrise, last week, at 7:30 AM. Selfishly, coldly, rudely, carelessly,

on top of the naughty list

Girl doors forest shed

During the early hours of daylight, ~~the~~ Goldilocks, who ~~is~~ ~~supposedly~~ allegedly escaped the hand of justice before, coldly, trespassed into the home of 3 civilised bears' home, ~~but~~ now know how to be Goldilocks in honeycomb forest. Police believe this person to be Goldilocks. They ~~believe~~ ^{secret} it was a personal attack due to a personal diary expressing her hate for bears. (She was also spotted at bear riddles)

Nightmare child

The Crazy Nightmare child is still on the prowl. Police have warned people to keep houses safe and locked at all times. It is still unclear if she was alone in this or in a group.

Have you kept your curtains ~~to~~ shut at all times? Is your porridge kept out of sight? Have you seen this girl's dark side? Are you sure your forest entangled in a web of golden locks?

Year 1: Materials
Thursday 30th January
As a scientist I can compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple properties.

Our Comparative Test Question.
We will be comparing how absorbent different materials are.

The materials I will test are:

1. oven proof sponge
2. shiny fabric
3. felt dish cloth
4. paper cup

My Prediction (Which material will be the most absorbent)

1. ☒ oven proof sponge
2. ☐ shiny fabric
3. ☐ felt dish cloth
4. ☐ paper cup
5. ☐ paper cup

The equipment we will need:

- Beaker
- Water
- 4-5 materials
- Stopwatch

Draw a picture of your sample.

The most absorbent was the sponge

Thursday 23rd January 2025
In RE, I am learning to recognise why prayer matters to Muslims.

But this is a compass that faces Mekkah and Muslims need to face Mekkah and its lot to face Mekkah.

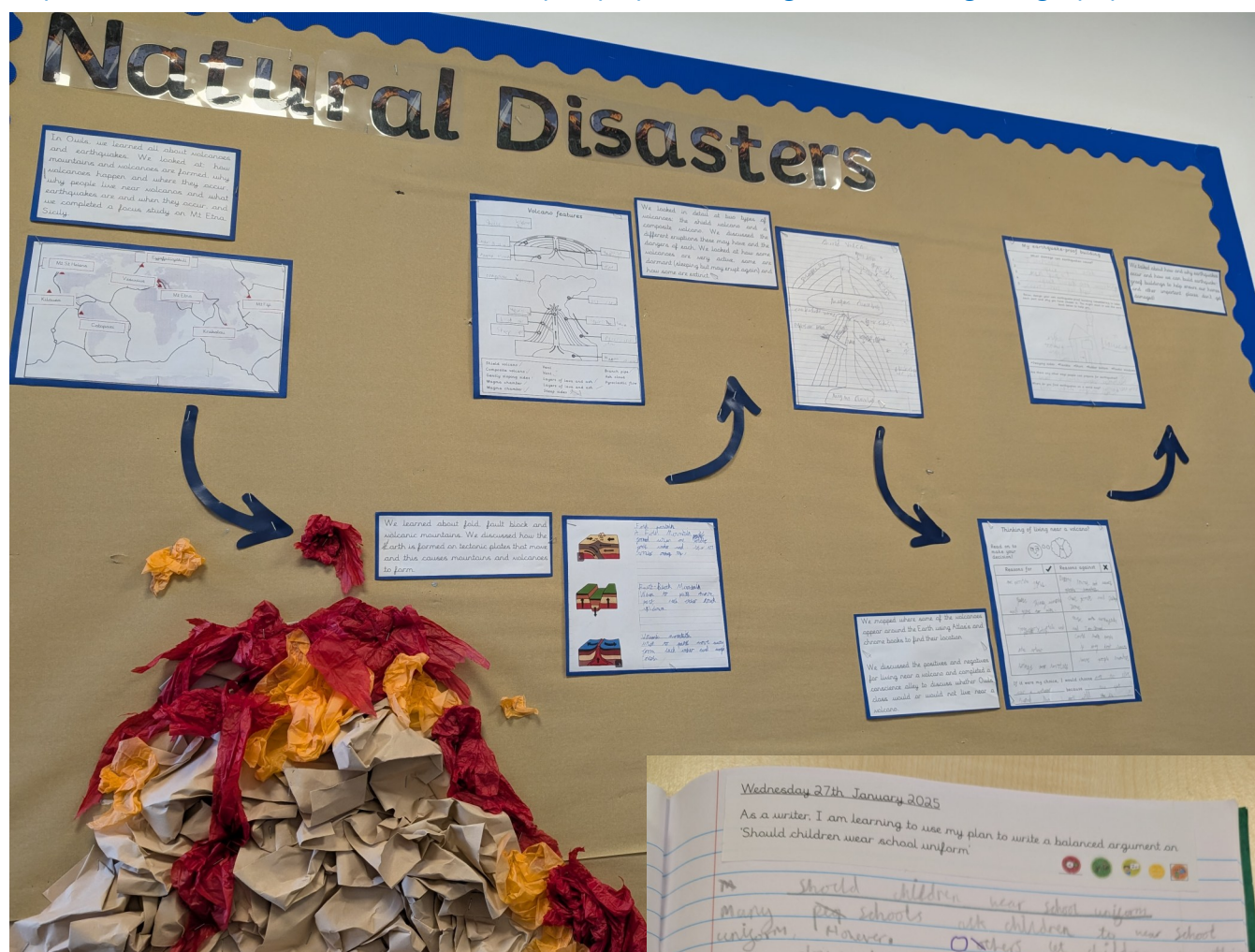
Wudu is a washing ritual where you wash your hands, feet, ears and even your nose.

Prayer mats are all very unique and prayer mats must face Mekkah and Muslims have a compass to help them face Mekkah.

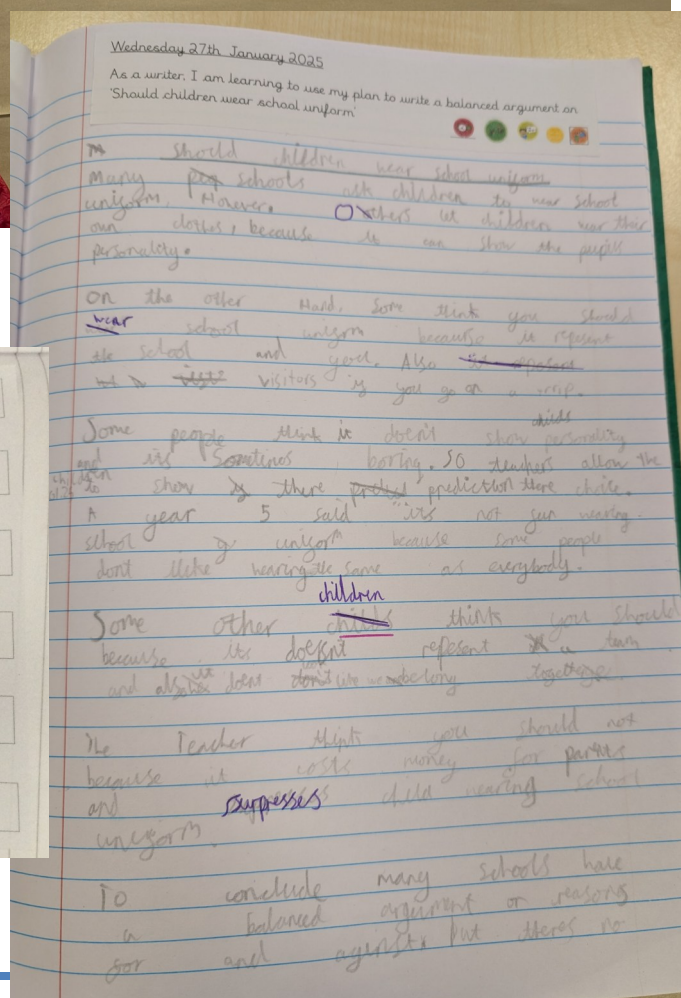
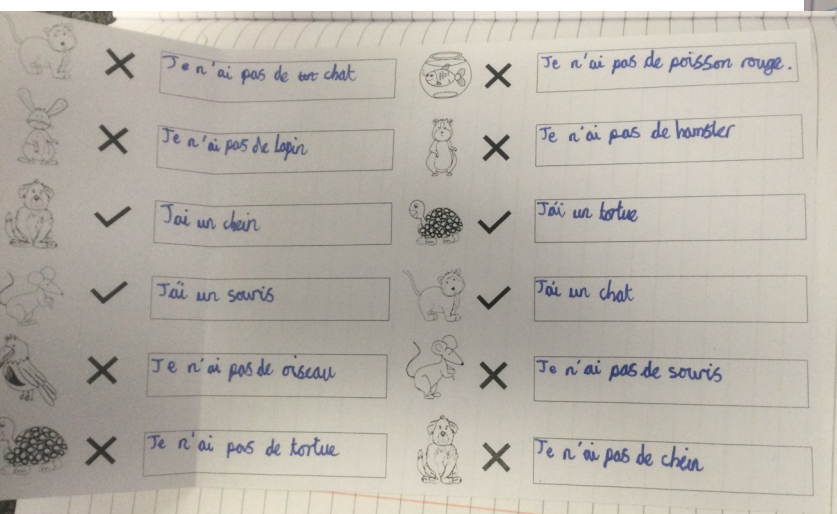
There are lots of praying positions and the praying helps Muslims feel closer to Allah or God, I don't know and there are 99 different names for Allah (I think 99).

Halwin Celebrations

Thank you to Mrs Blewitt and Owls for the lovely display showcasing Owls amazing Geography from last term.



Kingfishers French and Owls Writing



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 190 days for your child's education	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
		96%	95%	90%	85%	75%
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



Tuesday 4th February	Halwin Hive
Wednesday 5th February	PINS conference No Swimming
Tuesday 11th February	PINS—Parent drop in session with Lauren Ladd
Friday 14th February	Parent Assembly & FoH Bake Sale
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

Diary dates—continued



Monday 17th March	Kingfishers Pizza Making TBC
Tuesday 18th March	Halwin Hive
Thursday 20th March 7pm	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
Thursday 8th May	INSET day—school closed to pupils
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 9th May	Sustainability Week
w/c 16th June	Y5/6 Isles of Scilly Residential

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
DESSERT	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

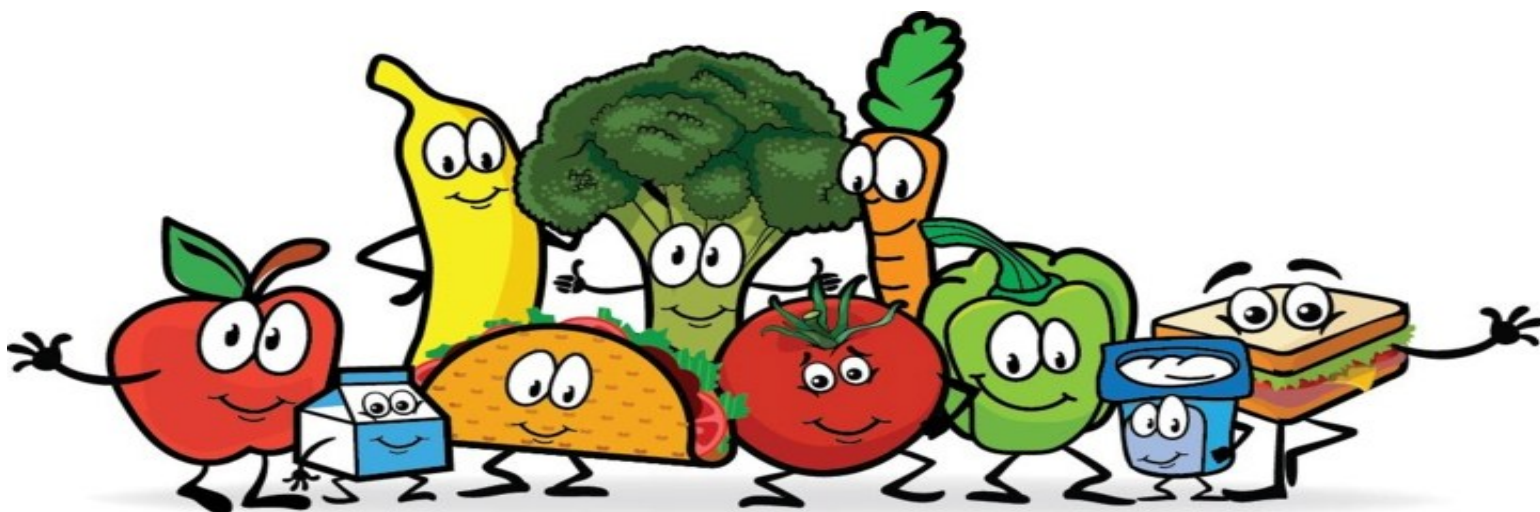
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

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

🌱 Vegetarian 🐟 Oily Fish 🌾 Wholegrain

🍏 Fruity! ❤️ Nutritionist's Choice 🍴 Halal Available

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



GOOL PERAN LOWEN! ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Wednesday 5th March 2025

Menu

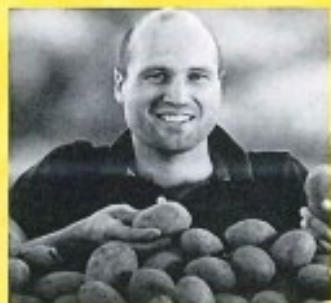
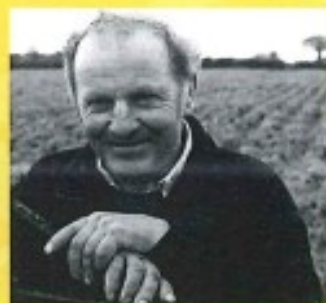
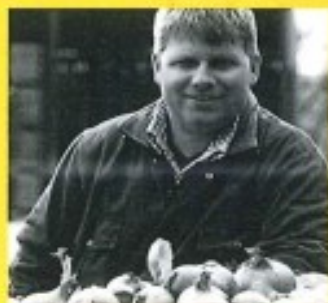
**Traditional Steak Pasty
or Cheese and Onion Pasty**

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!**





PARTNERSHIP FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

CORNWALL PINS CONFERENCE

5th February 2025 (online)

For staff members/parents/carers
from schools taking part in the
PINS project.



10:00-10:15am- Welcome & Introduction



**10:15-11.45am- Chris Bonello
(Autistic Not Weird)**

"Lessons I wish I'd Learned Growing up Autistic"

Chris Bonello, Autistic advocate, speaker, author and former teacher, discusses valuable life lessons that he seeks to pass on to the next generation. Illustrated with insightful stories from personal experience and his off-the-wall humour, this is a talk for parents, young people and school staff alike who want to hear about living your best life as an autistic person.



11:45-12:30pm- Break



12:30- 2pm- Autism Level UP!

"What's energy got to do with it?- Supporting Regulation"

This workshop will introduce regulation supports developed by Autism Level UP! Participants will have opportunities to apply the tools and strategies presented with opportunities to consider the tools for autistic people they teach or with whom they work, live and/or play.



2:15-2:45pm- Creative Education

"High Impact courses to transform young lives"

Out platform has a mission to make schools and colleges a better place for young people to learn, by empowering their staff with new skills, innovative ideas, and greater confidence. Our training enables members to support the whole child, breaking down the key barriers to happiness, achievement and progression.

**VIA TEAMS (ONLINE)
WEDNESDAY 5TH FEB**



<https://forms.office.com/e/y9fPCg3PrS>



BOOK BY 1ST FEB



ATTENTION

Ensure you sign up
(even if you can't make
the day) as only those
signed up will have
access to the recorded
sessions.



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

