



Friday 6th June 2025

# Halwin Headlines

Welcome back to school for the final term of the year. We have a lot of exciting events this term so do please ensure you read the newsletter and diary dates to keep up to date.

Welcome to Chari who joins us in Robins class and congratulations to Owls for 100% attendance this week.

Mr Warren was disappointed to cancel the PE Family Learning Sessions this week due to the wet weather. We will endeavour to re-arrange this later this term or next term.

Next week, along with other Crofty schools, we will be celebrating Sustainability Week with each class exploring different aspects of sustainability and how we can make a difference. Reception and Year 1, will be joining other schools in our hub for a beach visit as part of their learning about the impact of plastic at the coastline. Please could parents ensure that packed lunches do not contain nuts due to a pupil from one of our hub schools having a severe nut allergy.

I've enjoyed lots of visitors to my office this week, especially from Robins, proudly showing off their excellent work! Well done everyone. It's been great to see how quickly everyone has settled back into their learning after the half term break. This week, Kingfishers class have published their 'lost pages' telling their version of events for the ending of Hansel and Gretel. They really enjoyed creating their own paper and using different pens to publish. Robins have started learning about Barbara Hepworth (we highly recommend a family outing to her sculpture garden in St Ives). They have also been reading a book about beach cleaning in preparation for sustainability week next week and making up their own related stories. Owls class have been learning about the importance of protecting themselves from the sun and it's rays. They investigated which SPF sun-screen offers the best protection using colour changing UV beads.

A cheeky request for resources for our upcoming Wellbeing Wednesday—we would appreciate any empty 12-egg cartons please and wooden crates for building bug hotels.

If you have not received an email from Mrs Gee regarding our new Arbor app for parents, please do let her know. This is something I have been working towards since joining Halwin so am excited that we are close to going live and hope it will help centralise all communication.

Reminder to Year 5 parents that we have arranged for you to meet with the Headteacher of Helston CC after school on Monday (9th June). He will be speaking to parents in the hall from 3.15pm. Do please join him to find out more about the process of applying for Secondary School.

Our regular family social event will run after school on Tuesday (10th June) in the school hall. Open to all families to enjoy a drink, snack and chance to chat while the children play.

Finally, I have been approached by Rock Steady, who provide weekly in-school band lessons. Parents pay a monthly subscription and children have the opportunity to play as part of a school band - including electric guitar, keyboard, drums and even singers. If you would be interested, please let me know and if there is enough interest I will arrange a demonstration and more information.

Have a great 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/](https://forms.gle/PbMsXPCSkeoh7VzU6)

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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 96.03%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 94.79%

Owls: 100%

Kingfishers: 92.59%

**Well Done OWLS**



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



**Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment**

# Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Valencia
Owls	Hugo
Kingfishers	Mia

Confidence	Fox
<b>Aspiration</b>	Marley
Resilience	Freyja
Enjoyment	Connor

## Team Points

Blue—128

Red—130

Green—62

Yellow—87



Maths-**Whizz**®

## Hall of Fame

Owls: Benjamin, Harry, Marley,  
Rupert HM

Kingfishers: Amelia, Connor, Eli, Luna,  
Penny, Sam



# Notices and Events

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## School uniform

- School logo navy blue sweatshirt, hoodie or cardigan
- Plain white polo shirt (White shirts for Year 6, tie provided)
- Charcoal grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt (or pinafore dress KS1)
- Socks – plain white, grey or navy
- Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers
- Blue checked cotton dresses may be worn in the Summer term.

PE kit – School logo navy blue t-shirt, school logo hoodie, navy or black shorts or jogging bottoms, socks, trainers.

Hair below the shoulders should be tied back.

Jewellery should not be worn other than watches and plain stud earrings. Please remove for PE.

Please clearly name your child's uniform.

Second hand uniform is available in the school reception area.

## Homework

The partnership between home and school is very important to us. We recognize that children have spent a busy structured day at school and need time to relax and play. We are also mindful of children's out-of-school activities e.g. swimming, gymnastics, football etc. and we believe that homework activities should not cause conflict or resentment. Our homework approach has therefore been designed to focus on the benefits of reading with your child and developing a love of reading. Reading is our focus, and we ask that parents and carers prioritise and support this essential skill.

**A breakdown of suggested homework is provided below:**

**Robins:** 10-15 minutes of reading a day, record in reading diary

**Owls & Kingfishers:** 10-15 minutes of reading at least 5 times a week

3 blue gems & 3 red gems per week on Maths Whizz (approx. 20 mins)

Times Tables Rockstars 15 minutes x2 a week

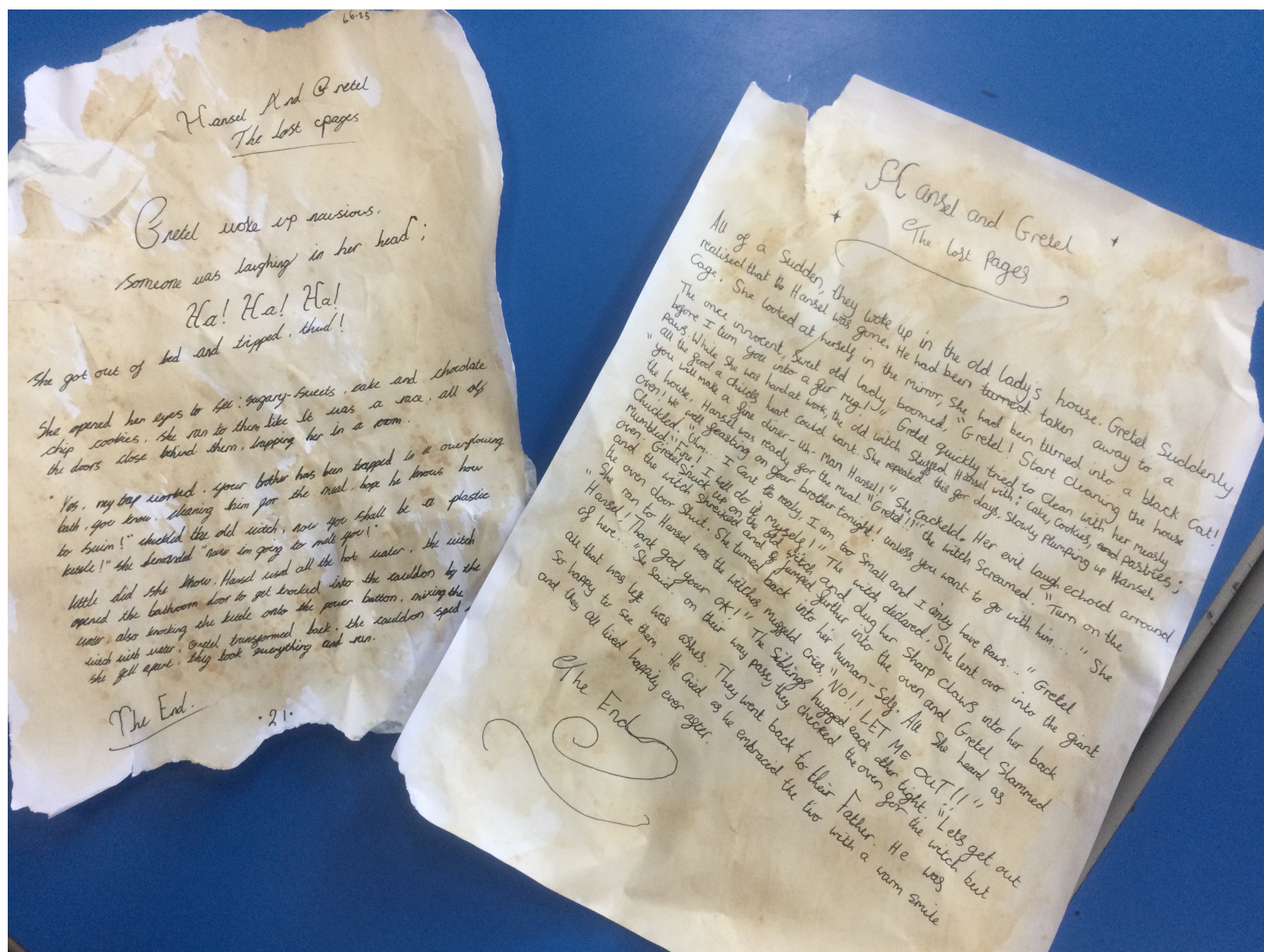
Spellings (optional use of Spelling Shed)

You are valuable partners in your children's education and we thank you for your continued support.

# Halwin Celebrations



## Kingfisher's writing





# Halwin Celebrations

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## Gymnastics with Mr Warren



Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

# Nyx's Words of the Week



excavate

*Definition: to dig up something from the ground*

*Synonym: dig*

adjust

*Definition: to change something a little to make better*

*Synonym: change*

primary

*Definition: most important or first in order*

*Synonym: main*

budge

*Definition: to move a little bit*

*Synonym: shift*



# Diary Dates—June



w/c 9th June	Sustainability Week
Monday 9th June	Year 5 Parents & Pupils - HCC Roadshow 3.15pm
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	Celebration Assembly—Parents welcome

# Diary Dates—July



Tuesday 1st July & Wednesday 2nd July	Helston Transition Days—Year 6
Tuesday 1st July	Eco Council Summit @ Treloweth Dance workshops
Wednesday 2nd July	Wellbeing Wednesday—non school uniform
Thursday 3rd July	Sports Day (am) RNLI water safety talk (pm)
Monday 7th July	Open Day 10am-2pm Teddy Bears Picnic—Robins class including new EYFS for September 2025. Parents invited.
Tuesday 8th July	Coastal Crew Summit @ Porthleven Family Hive 3.15-4pm
Tuesday 15th July	Transition Day
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



## SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU



## Week 2

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese V	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta ♥	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Wholegrain Rice V	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza with Potato Wedges OR	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Gravy OR	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap with Wholegrain Rice V	Cheesy Bean Tortilla Toastie with Chips OR
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V	Tomato Pasta fresh, homemade tomato sauce with pasta V
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Panini V	Tuna and Cheese Panini Melt	Roast Gammon Pitta Pocket	Cheese and Tomato Toastie V	Tuna and Cheese Panini Melt
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich V	Ham Baguette	Cheese, Carrot and Apple Slaw Wrap V	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap V
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Strawberry Jelly V	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Flapjack with Fruit V	Lemon Emerald Cake	Chocolate Ice Cream



**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY**  
With a choice of toppings V



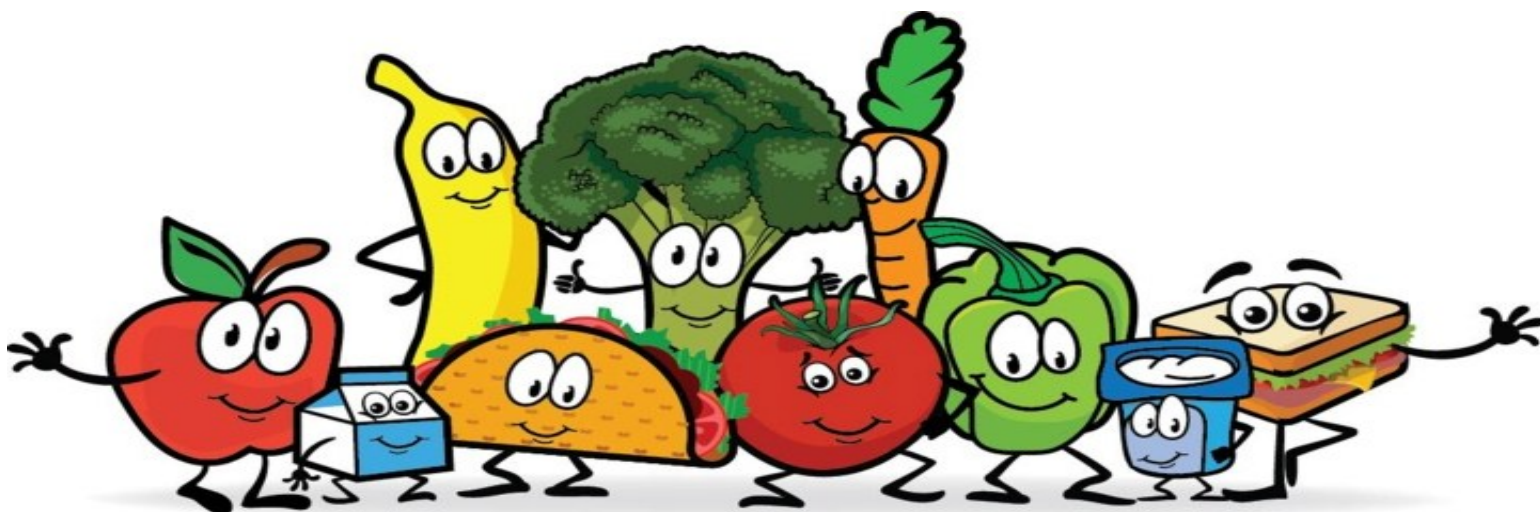
**AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



**Chartwells**  
Schools

V Vegetarian V Vegan F Fruity! F Oily Fish ♥ Nutritionist's Choice W Wholegrain H 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%
	<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)





# 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**



**HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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## Community Open Evening



**Wednesday 25 September 2025**

**5.00pm – 7.00pm**

Parents/carers of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend our annual Community Opening Evening. This event will give you and your family the opportunity to explore the campus, meet the staff and experience a large number of activities relating to the life and work of this friendly and successful College.

Headteacher, Mr A Lingard, will briefly introduce the aims and ethos of the College at 5pm and again at 5.45pm in the North Site Main Hall. Tour Guides will be on hand to lead you around the campus to the different faculties.





# HOLIDAY CLUB

Carwynnen, Camborne

Thursday 24th July  
&  
Thursday 14th August

9:30 - 3:30  
£35 per child

-  campfire snack
-  den building
-  flora and fauna ID
-  real tool use
-  woodland craft
-  child led play



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Wildlife Trust**



**Cornwall Partnership**  
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly  
invite you to attend...

# Wild Wellbeing

During the summer holidays MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a **FREE Wild Wellbeing session** at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.  
Please book **EACH** child on to a session

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

**Golitha Falls**  
**Dipping Pond, Goss Moor**  
**Tehidy Woods**  
**Penrose Estate**  
**Heamoor Primary School**  
**Hayle Family Hub**

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NRrN3NXSvH>



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



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

**Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**

# 2025 OPEN SESSIONS

UNDER-6 AND UNDER-7  
CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 1 & 2



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UNDER-6 AND UNDER-7  
CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 1 & 2

## BODMIN

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE  
CALLYWITH COLLEGE 3G / 5.30PM-7PM

## PLYMOUTH

FRIDAY, 20 JUNE  
MARJONS 3G / 5.15PM-6.45PM

## OKEHAMPTON

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE  
ASHBURY 3G / 5.30PM-7PM

## NEWTON ABBOTT

MONDAY, 30 JUNE  
DEVON FA, COACH ROAD, 3G / 5.15PM-6.45PM

## PENRYN

TUESDAY, 1 JULY  
PENRYN COLLEGE 3G / 5.30PM-7PM





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