



Friday 13th June 2025

# Halwin Headlines

We have enjoyed taking part in the Crofty Trust Sustainability Week this week. It's been great to see so much enthusiasm for all the learning opportunities and hearing children talk about the importance of sustainability and their roles as global citizens. Well done everyone!

On Thursday, Robins class visited Gunwalloe Beach as part of Sustainability Week, joining reception and Y1 pupils from the other small schools in our hub. They had a fabulous time, despite a soggy start! They used found objects to make artwork in the style of Andy Goldsworthy whilst thinking carefully about the elements of their artwork including form, space and colour. They then went on a plastic hunt along the beach inspired by reading their class text: Clean up!

Owls class have been learning about renewable energy this week, in particular solar power. They looked at the location of solar farms in Cornwall, made their own solar ovens from pizza boxes to cook s'mores, and created a rap song all about renewable energy.

Kingfishers class explored responsible production. They looked at the impact of climate change and how importing goods from around the world may not always be the most eco-friendly option. This led them on to look at Cornwall's lithium mining and the positive and negative impact this may have. Kingfishers class then produced their own websites using google sites to inform readers about their research.

A few reminders:

- We have nearly 50% of parents signed up for the new Arbor app—thank you so much. If you have not received the email from Mrs Gee do please get in touch with the office.
- Please let us know if you would be interested in more information about your child joining a 'Rocksteady' band at Halwin. You can find more information on their website here: [Home - Rocksteady Music School](#)
- Please ensure children are not unaccompanied in the school playground before the school doors open at 8.40am. Breakfast club is available if you need to drop off early.
- Please check your child's hair for nits regularly and ensure long hair is tied up. NHS advice can be found here: [Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

Finally, best wishes to our Y5 and Y6 pupils who will be travelling to the Isles of Scilly for residential next week with pupils from Garras School. We hope you have a super time. We will be sending email updates home throughout the week.

Have a great weekend.



Next weeks lunch is **week 3 NEW MENU**



## 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/oA7moQym9NX14vCU9>  
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 94.87%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 90.77%

Owls: 100%

Kingfishers: 92.86%


Well Done

OWLS

# Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Arlo
Owls	Ina
Kingfishers	Kai

Confidence	Harper
<b>Aspiration</b>	Finn
Resilience	Benjamin
Enjoyment	Luna

## Team Points

Blue—126

Red—93

Green—85

Yellow—88



Maths-**Whizz**®

## Hall of Fame

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

Kingfishers: Amelia, Eli, Torron



# 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

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# Nyx's Words of the Week



**furious**

*Definition: Very angry*

*Synonym: angry*

**consent**

*Definition: saying yes or giving permission*

*Synonym: agree*

**publish**

*Definition: to share something so others can read it*

*Synonym: share*

**respond**

*Definition: to answer or respond to someone*

*Synonym: answer*



# Diary Dates—July



w/c 16th June	Y5/6 Isles of Scilly Residential
Monday 23rd June & Friday 27th June	Bikeability—Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 25th June	Elemental—Owls and Kingfishers
Thursday 26th June	Class Photos
Friday 27th June	Celebration Assembly—Parents welcome
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

# WEEK 3

W/C: 05/05/2025, 16/06/2025, 07/07/2025, 08/09/2025, 29/09/2025, 20/10/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Garlic and Herb Bread 🍷	Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Oat Crusted Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Battered Pollock Served with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 2	Veggie Supreme Pizza Served with Garlic and Herb Bread 🍷	Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges 🍷 🍷	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Meatless Shepherd's Pie Served with Gravy 🍷 🍷	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips 🍷 🍷
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Ham Wrap	Ham Baguette	Cheese Wrap 🍷	Ham Baguette	Ham Wrap
	OPTION 5	Cheese Baguette 🍷	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap	Egg Mayo Baguette 🍷	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap 🍷	Cheese Baguette 🍷
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Flapjack 🍷 🍷	Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Lemon Cookie Served with Fruit 🍷	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Cornflake Tart



## BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings 🍷 🍷



## AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



Vegetarian



Vegan



Oily Fish



Wholegrain



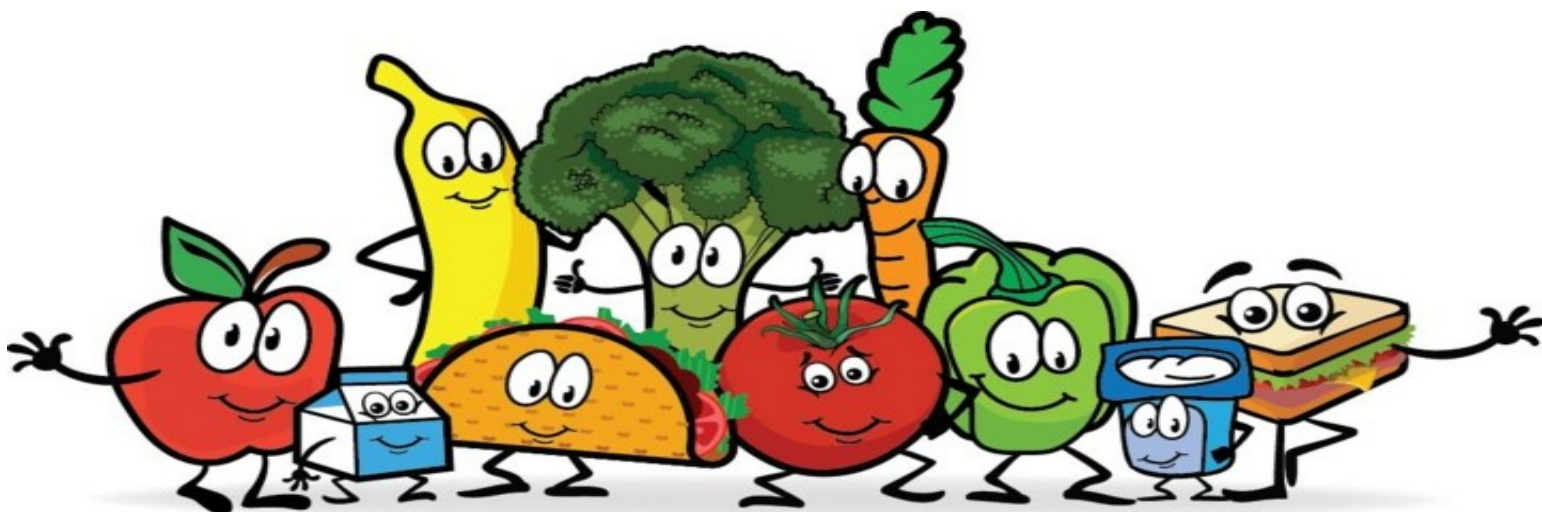
Fruity!



Nutritionist's Choice

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

Menu\_51\_002140





# 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.



# Pop up Food Hub

See our Facebook Page

## Helston

Pop up Saturday June 21st **10:00 – 11:00**

Last Order Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Helston Community College**

**Pre-Order Only – payment on the day**

**For £30, which helps to keep the charity running, you will receive a trolley load containing:**

Tea or coffee  
Pasta or rice  
A selection of tins and cereal  
Bag/box of Crisps  
A box of pasties or pies  
A bag of frozen items  
A bag of fresh fruit/veg  
A bag of household toiletries  
Bread/rolls/cakes  
Pet Food  
Other extra items as available

**ALL ITEMS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY**



**All welcome. No referral needed**

**We look forward to seeing you there**

**Remember to bring a trolley or plenty of strong bags**

**To guarantee your bundle please contact  
Debbie on 07880 835 331**

DCFA will endeavour to honour accepted special dietary request orders but cannot guarantee this.  
Please note DCFA cannot guarantee that bundles are free from allergenic ingredients.





# 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



✉ [naturesplayground@hotmail.com](mailto:naturesplayground@hotmail.com)

Join us on  

@cornwallsnatureplayground



**Cornwall  
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)**





**Helston Community College PTFA**

**S U M M E R**

**F A Y R E**

**Saturday 28th June**

**11.00am - 3.00pm**

**Stalls • BBQ • Raffle • Games  
• Emergency Services  
• Entertainment • Bouncy Castles  
and much, much more!!**

**Calling all local businesses, stall holders  
musicians, ice cream vendors - book your  
pitch now to avoid disappointment!**

*For more information please email:  
[ptfa@helston.tpacademytrust.org](mailto:ptfa@helston.tpacademytrust.org)*



# Songtreats Music Club

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activities for children  
to inspire and motivate  
Cornwall's budding musicians**

Ensembles, composition, improvisation, music games, creativity, jam sessions, performances and loads of fun



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