



Friday 20th June 2025

Halwin Headlines

A huge well done to our brilliant Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the Isles of Scilly residential this week. We are so proud of their independence, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the trip. They walked an impressive 16,000 steps a day on average, explored the islands, and took part in unforgettable activities including a boat trip, coasteering, and camping under the stars – all in glorious sunshine! A massive thank you to Mrs Ellis for leading the trip and making it such a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Here's what else has been happening across school this week:

- ShelterBox Assembly—We welcomed a visitor from ShelterBox on Monday, who shared how the charity supports people affected by disaster around the world. Our pupils were engaged and inspired by the stories and the real-life emergency equipment on display.

- Whole School Outdoor Learning—A big thank you to Mrs Ash for leading an all-school outdoor learning session on Wednesday. Children explored the themes of being **ready, respectful, and safe** during outdoor learning and forest school sessions. Through a range of interactive games and activities, pupils learned how to move safely in natural spaces, listen carefully to instructions, and work collaboratively with their peers.

- Sports Day Practice —The excitement is building for Sports Day on Thursday 3rd July! Pupils have started practicing their races and activities, and we're looking forward to a fantastic display of sport and team spirit at Sport's Day.

- Excellent Learning —Alongside these special events, children across the school have continued their fantastic learning in class, showing resilience, curiosity, and creativity in everything they do. Owls began their new topic in Geography, learning about where our food comes from. They looked at biomes around the world and what foods grow there and considered the impact of eating certain foods on the environment. Kingfishers took part in a series of STEM challenges as part of the Physics Olympics and worked hard in English learning about Performance Poetry. Robins have been learning about keeping healthy and the effect of exercise on their bodies.

We have a busy week next week! If you have signed up for bikeability (Y5/6), please remember your bike and helmet on Monday morning. Children attending Elemental on Wednesday, will need to be at school for 8.20 as the minibuses will leave at 8.30am (unless you indicated on the permission slip that you would meet us at Swanpool). Children need water shoes, packed lunch and warm clothes for between and after water sessions i.e changing robe, jumper, woolly hat.

Finally, we have class photos on Thursday morning—please can children wear school uniform (with Halwin logo jumper / hoody) rather than PE kit.

Have a lovely weekend. Don't forget parents are invited to celebration assembly next Friday.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/UBk4Ah1n8B3MzNQQ7>
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 96.19%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 98.31%

Owls: 97.04%

Kingfishers: 95.78%

Well Done ROBINS



Next weeks lunch is **week 1 NEW MENU**




Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Skylar-Rose
Owls	Lukas
Kingfishers	Eli

Confidence	Connor
Aspiration	Paisley
Resilience	Harrison
Enjoyment	Amber

Team Points

Blue—128

Red—141

Green—127

Yellow—145



Maths-**Whizz**[®]

Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée

Owls: Marley, Amber, Benjamin, Harry,
Lukas, Rupert HM

Kingfishers: Eli, Penny, Torron



Notices and Events

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

Isles of Scilly Residential



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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



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
Friday 11th July	Summer Fayre 3.15-4.30pm
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 1

W/C: 21/04/2025, 12/05/2025, 02/06/2025, 23/06/2025, 14/07/2025, 15/09/2025, 06/10/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Garlic and Herb Bread 🍷	BBQ Chicken Served with Rainbow Rice 🍷	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Battered Pollock Served with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 2	Cheesy Bean Tortilla Toastie Served with Potato Wedges 🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🍷 🍷	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges 🍷 🍷	Veggie Fingers 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		Shortcake 🍷	Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Banoffee Pie	Ginger Biscuit Served with Fruit 🍷	Strawberry Ice Cream



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings 🍷 🍷

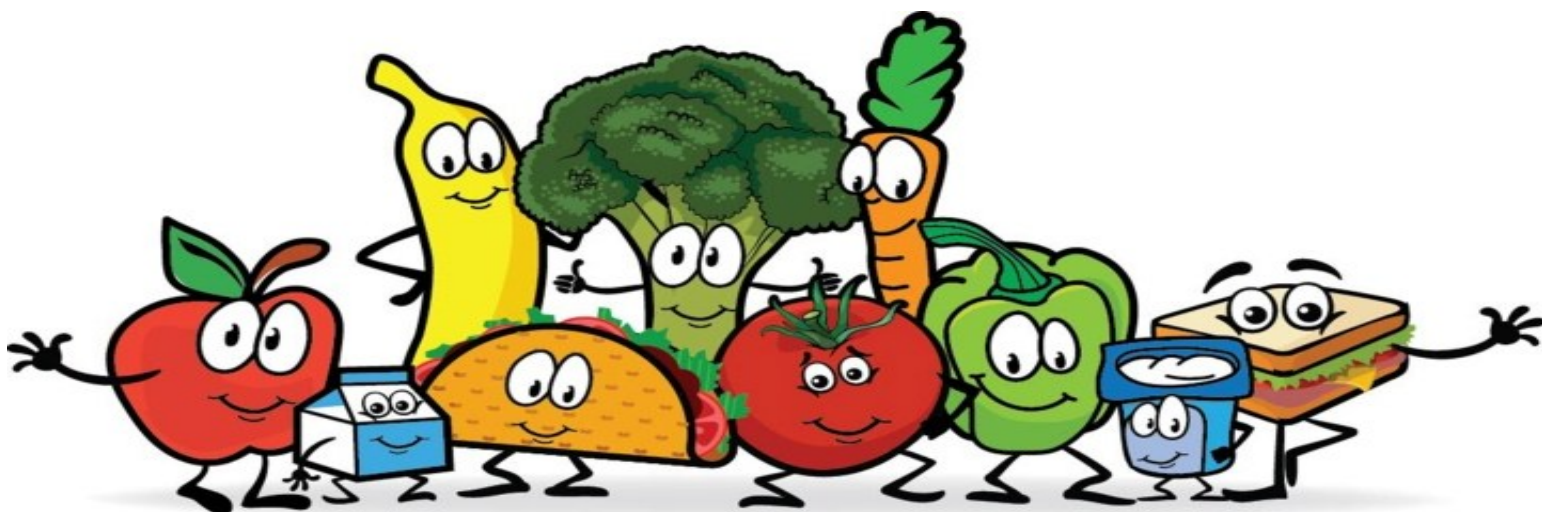


AVAILABLE DAILY

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



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:

Cornwall Council, County Hall,
Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: 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

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

Owls and Kingfishers—Elemental



BEACH TOWEL



LUNCH



SWIMMERS



WARM OUTFITS
FOR AFTER SESSION



SUNCREAM



REUSABLE
WATER BOTTLE



SUN HAT



UNDERWEAR



SHOES FOR THE WATER



WARM HAT

Shoes are required for the sessions to protect your feet. Old trainers or wet shoes are suitable, but open toe shoes such as crocs or flip flops are unsuitable.

Bake Sale

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025



AFTER SCHOOL - 3.15PM

friendsofhalwin@gmail.com



SUMMER FAYRE



Friday 11th July 3.15pm –
4.30pm

HALWIN SCHOOL

ALL WELCOME

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- inflatable course •
- water area •
- tombola •
- penalty shoot out •
- ice creams •
- glitter bar •
- and much more!



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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



✉ 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



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