



Friday 27th June 2025

Halwin Headlines

What an incredible week we've had at Halwin! It's been packed full of exciting, active experiences that have showcased the very best of our pupils' confidence, aspiration, resilience and enjoyment. This week saw children taking part in Bikeability, being creative in Forest School, and braving the waves during our watersports trip to Elemental. From paddleboarding and kayaking to coasteering, the children tackled every challenge with courage and enthusiasm. There were a few nervous faces at first, but it wasn't long before they were all smiles—pushing past fears, trying something new and truly embracing the spirit of adventure. Thanks to Mrs Ash and Nyx who have led some lovely gardening sessions again this week. There's been a wonderful sense of calm and curiosity as pupils nurture the plants and enjoy time outside together.

It was fantastic to welcome so many of you to Celebration Assembly today. With so many awards to hand out—including a huge number of reading certificates—the hall was full of proud smiles. A special moment was the visit from Ross Schreiber, one of our Trustees, who presented Amelia with a Community Award for her thoughtful contributions to school life. Whether she's writing letters with eco-ideas, joining competitions, or offering to help, Amelia is always thinking of others and of how to make our school even better. I'd also like to express our heartfelt thanks to Amelia, Aimée and the Brennan family, who kindly donated funds from a recent family bereavement to our school. With their generosity, we've purchased a house point token collector, which will soon take pride of place in the hall. We're excited to begin using physical tokens to celebrate excellent effort, super learning and children who live out our school rules: ready, respectful and safe.

In Science this week, Kingfishers class investigated friction. They conducted their experiment around the school investigating how surfaces cause different amounts of friction. They learnt to take multiple readings to ensure their results were accurate. In Owls this week, the children learned about trading responsibly in Geography. They learned that buying foods with the Fair Trade symbol means the farmers have been paid a fair wage and are supported. Robins have enjoyed their new story: Henri and the Machine and were inspired to design their own machines.

Looking ahead to next week, we've got plenty more to enjoy:

- Y5/6 Hub Cricket festival on Monday
- Helston Transition Day for Year 6 pupils on Tuesday and Wednesday
- Wellbeing Wednesday—please make sure children come dressed for outdoor learning, with long trousers and hair tied back.
- Sports Day on Thursday (10:30am start)—children to wear team colour t-shirts please. We'll be using the same format as last year, as it was so successful, so feel free to bring a camping chair to follow your child around the activity carousel.

Finally, Mrs Gee has shared the school photo link via the Arbor app—thank you to all parents who have signed up. It's great to see our school community embracing the new system. We can already see the positive effect it is having on our communications.

Wishing you a restful weekend and looking forward to another joyful week ahead.



Chartwells Next weeks lunch is week 2 NEW MENU



Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

https://forms.gle/ ZCZRJzRCFqy1sL1y8 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 94.13%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Well Done

ROBINS

Halwin Heroes



Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Viar of the week	Star of the Week	
Robins	Stanley	
Owls	Harry	
Kingfishers	Alex	

Confidence	Maddison	
Aspiration	Harper	
Resilience	Valencia	
Enjoyment	Marley	

Team Points

Blue—110

Red-104

Green—156

Yellow—135





Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée

Owls: Amber, Benjamin, Harry, Lukas,

Marley, Rupert B, Rupert HM

Kingfishers: Amelia, Connor, Ethan, Kai,

Mia, Penny

Halwin Heroes







Congratulations for reaching your Summer reading target:

Kai, Amber, Alfie, Marley, Harry, Benjamin, Rupert B, Eli, Maddison, Luna, Nick, Amelia, Mia, Connor, Alex, Penny, Poppy





Lukas — for being an excellent Halwin citizen

Carter—for modelling our school values

Kingfishers—for showing maturity and positivity at camp and at school

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



Elemental







Halwin Celebrations

















Halwin Celebrations















Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Nyx's Words of the Week



permit

Definition: to allow something to happen Synonym: allow

substitute

Definition: to take the place of something / someone else Synonym: replace

beverage

Definition: a drink like water, juice or milk Synonym: drink

vivid

Definition: very bright, clear or full of life

Synonym: bright



Diary Dates



Monday 3oth June	Y5/6 Cricket Festival		
Tuesday 1st July & Wednesday 2nd July	Helston Transition Days—Year 6		
Tuesday 1st July	Eco Council Summit @ Treloweth		
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		

Wednesday 3rd Sept	INSET day—school closed to pupils	
Thursday 4th Sept	First day of Autumn Term	

Positive Relationships



As a school, we are committed to teaching positive behaviours and supporting your children to meet our high expectations. Our inclusive learning environment has been created by adult behaviour that is both strong on boundaries and big on heart. All staff are trained in Relational Practice and we have been inspired by Paul Dix's book 'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes'.

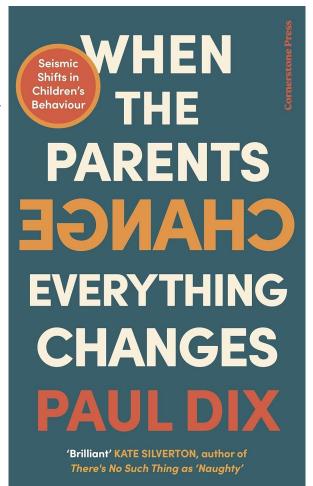
We are delighted that the work we follow in school has been made accessible to families. If you'd like to learn more about the approach, you can purchase a copy of 'When the Parent's Change, Everything Changes' from Amazon and other book shops.

Behaviour Tip: Postpone Decisions

When it comes to consequences, get used to saying 'I need to think about what happens next' or 'Let's come back to this later'. It is important that your response to tricky behaviour is well considered, fair and proportionate. Reacting in the moment rarely allows us to give this response to our children.

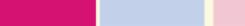
We will share more ideas over the next few weeks.

If you are interested in learning more, there is a monthly online 'Behaviour Bookclub' session hosted by Charlotte Clarke from When the Adults Change, online at 8pm on the last Thursday of each month. You can find the joining link here: HOME WhenTheAdultsChange (scroll right down to the bottom of the page).



W/C: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 09/06/2025, 30/06/2025, 21/07/2025, 01/09/2025, 22/09/2025, 13/10/2025























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.								
		7 days						
		absence						
	190	183	10 days absence					
	school days in each year	days in school	180 days in school	19 days absence	28 days			
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	-Gets your child	off to a	child to make	now classified	impact on your child's			
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	social development as well				-Legal Action may	gal Action may be taken		
	os their academic progress -Over 97% is considered		attendance closely, Medical evidence	- Education Welfare				
	excellent attendance			Officer				
	and a second sec			involvement is				
			absences linked to	likely				
			illness					

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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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 optional 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?

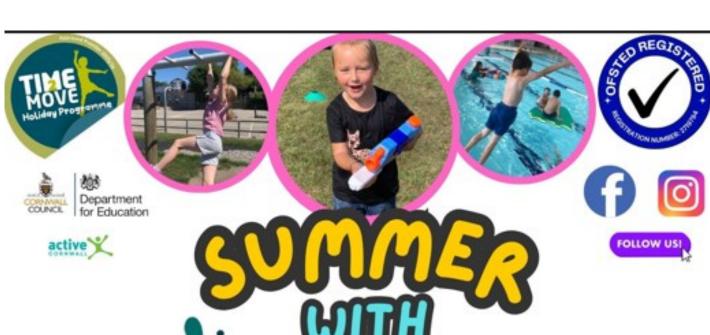
No. Penalty Notices must be paid in full, within the designated dates. However, if a parent has more than one child and is therefore issued with more than one fine, they can pay the fines separately if they wish.

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





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Friday 11th July 3.15pm – 4.30pm

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- · inflatable course ·
 - · water area ·
 - · tombola·
- · penalty shoot out ·
 - · ice creams·
 - · glitter bar ·

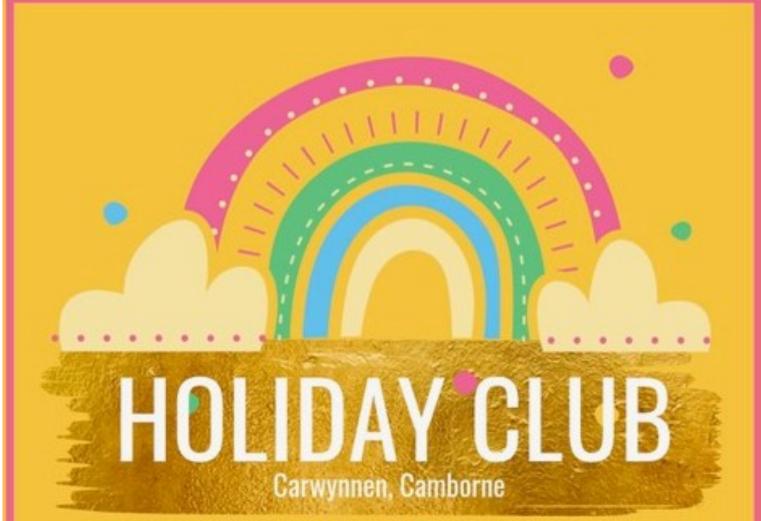
and much more!





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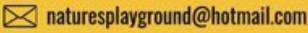




Thursday 24th July Thursday 14th August 9:30 - 3:30







Join us on (f) (19)





@cornwallsnatureplayground











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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