



Friday 11th July 2025

Halwin Headlines

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, the sun has certainly added a glow to what's been another brilliant week at Halwin. We are absolutely bursting with pride and admiration for our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who truly smashed their SATs—with an incredible 100% meeting or exceeding expectations in Reading. Their hard work, resilience, and determination have paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of them—or of the staff who supported them every step of the way.

A huge thank you also goes to everyone who supported our Summer Fair this afternoon. With your help, we raised over £400, which is fantastic! Special thanks to the Friends of Halwin and their team of helpers for making the event such a success. The inflatables treat this afternoon was a highlight—pure enjoyment for the children, and very well-deserved!

Earlier in the week, Robins class welcomed our new Reception starters with a lovely Teddy Bears' Picnic. It was a heart-warming afternoon full of smiles, play, and friendships—laying the foundations for the confident start they'll make in September.

On Tuesday, Maddison, Connor, and Nicholas represented Halwin at the Coastal Crew Summit in Porthleven, taking part in beach activities and a litter pick before enjoying a well-earned beach BBQ. They represented the school with real aspiration and care for their environment—well done!

Year 5 and 6 have been hard at work preparing for our Year 6 Leavers' Evening on Monday 21st July. We invite all Halwin parents to attend, with reserved seats for our Y6 families. Kingfishers, please arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start. It promises to be a special evening to celebrate a special group of young people.

We are delighted to share a video from Will Keating, showcasing the fantastic Cornish singing event we were part of earlier this year at the Hall for Cornwall: [Watch it here](#). Look out later in the newsletter for details of a family singalong event he's hosting in October.

Looking ahead:

- Tuesday 15th – Transition Day activities
- Wednesday 16th – EYFS and Year 6 trips to Fairview Farm
- Friday 18th – End of Year celebration and awards assembly at 2.30pm – parents welcome
- Tuesday 22nd – Final day of term: Non-school uniform; Y6 pupils may bring in a shirt to be signed by their friends; guard of honour for Y6 at the end of the day

As always, thank you for your continued support. These final weeks are filled with moments that truly reflect the confidence, aspiration, resilience, and enjoyment that make Halwin such a special place.

Have a lovely weekend.



Next weeks lunch is **week 1 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/](https://forms.gle/mbNwVQmrt1pJ5ikd8)

[mbNwVQmrt1pJ5ikd8](https://forms.gle/mbNwVQmrt1pJ5ikd8)

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 95.89%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 97.5%

Owls: 98.67%


Kingfishers: 91.76%

Well Done Owls!

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Arlo
Owls	Amber
Kingfishers	Penny

Confidence	Alfie
Aspiration	Valencia
Resilience	Nick
Enjoyment	Charlotte

Team Points

Blue—129

Red—105

Green—100

Yellow—113



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Hall of Fame

Owls: Rupert HM, Poppy, Mason, Marley,
Lukas, Ina, Harry, Amber, Benjamin,
Zephyr

Kingfishers: Eli

Halwin Celebrations



Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Nyx's Words of the Week



weary

*Definition: feeling very tired
from working hard or long*

Synonym: tired

accelerate

*Definition: to start moving
faster*

Synonym: speed up

frequent

*Definition: happening often
or many times*

Synonym: regular

coax

*Definition: to persuade
someone to do something*

Synonym: persuade



Diary Dates



Tuesday 15th July	Transition Day Activities
Wednesday 16th July	Fairview Farm visit—EYFS (am) and Year 6 (pm)
Friday 18th July 2.30pm	End of Year Celebration Assembly—Parents welcome
Monday 21st July	Y6 Leavers Evening 6pm (Kingfishers arrive 5.45pm)
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of Term—non school uniform

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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

INSET DAYS 2025/26

Monday 3rd November	Monday 5th January
Monday 23rd February	Friday 8th May
Monday 22nd June	Thursday 23rd July

Reading



Cornwall Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2025: Story Garden

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place in all libraries in Cornwall. It's FREE to take part and FREE to join the library if you are not already a member! Simply visit your local library and sign up! The aim is for participants aged 4-11 to read six books between 5th July and 6th September. Children receive stickers and prizes such as a seed bookmark, pop badge and temporary tattoos as they progress through the Challenge and a medal, swim voucher and certificate upon successful completion! It helps to keep children reading over the summer holidays and promotes reading for pleasure as the children choose the books they want to read.

The theme this year is Story Garden, celebrating adventures in nature and the great outdoors. Look out for special events at the libraries too!



Clicks the links below to get some book recommendations for your summer reading:

[EYFS](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

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
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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

Will Keating

It's a Family Affair



Hall for Cornwall

Sunday 2nd November @ 3pm

Adults £11 - Children £6



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Thursday 24th July
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9:30 - 3:30
£35 per child

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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)

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Behaviour Workshop

Monday 22 September - 9.30am & 1pm
 Tuesday 23 September - 11am & 4pm
 Wednesday 24 September - 9.30am & 1pm
 Thursday 25 September - 10.00am & 4pm

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

To book a place please complete the online form
<https://forms.office.com/e/gA2jNGbZ4F> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of school aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 7 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Worry Workshop

Monday 8 September - 9:30am & 1pm
 Tuesday 9 September - 10am & 4pm
 Wednesday 10 September - 9:30am & 1pm
 Thursday 11 September - 11am & 4pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form
<https://forms.office.com/e/hkyaFeuY1Z> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of school aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 7 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Sleep Workshop

Monday 29 September - 11am & 4pm
 Tuesday 30 September - 9.30am & 1pm
 Wednesday 1 October - 9.30am & 1pm
 Thursday 2 October - 10am & 4pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form
<https://forms.office.com/e/6cJiu8PaRV> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of school aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 7 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Resilience Workshop

Monday 15 September - 9.30am & 1pm
 Tuesday 16 September - 10am & 4pm
 Wednesday 17 September - 11am & 1pm
 Thursday 18 September - 9.30am & 4pm

This workshop aims to talk about the meaning of resilience, explore building resilience and look at how and when a young person should ask for help.

To book a place please complete the online form
<https://forms.office.com/e/260T74xF2v> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of school aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 7 in any school in Cornwall

SUMMER ART SESSIONS

Make this summer creative with art-K Truro! Join our Art Club, Young Artists Masterclass and Adult Classes.

Art Club

Joyful, creative weekly class.
Individual instruction.

- » Ages 6-16
- » £15 per 1.25 hr class
- » £18 drop-in
- » Block booking (5 weeks) or drop-in
- » Two sibling discount: £130 for 5-week block
- » Up to 12 students
- » Materials provided
- » GCSE support available
- » Catch-up sessions offered for holiday absences (up to 2)
- » Classes available all year (termly bookings)

Wednesdays: 11.00-12.15pm
Thursdays: 1.30-2.45pm
Fridays: 11.00-12.15pm

Young Artist Masterclass

Full coaching for each student.
Ideal for GCSE support.

- » Ages 10-16
- » £22 per 1.5 hr class
- » £25 drop-in
- » Block booking (5 weeks) or drop-in
- » Two sibling discount: £200 for 5-week block
- » Max 6 students
- » Materials provided
- » Catch-up sessions offered for holiday absences (up to 2)

Wednesdays: 12.30-2pm
Thursdays: 11.00-12.20pm

Adult Classes

Weekly classes exploring diverse topics. Individual instruction.

- » 5-week course: £21/class
- » Pay-as-you-go: £24

Wednesdays: 6-8pm



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QR to book!

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- 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 welcome. No referral needed

We look forward to seeing you there

Remember to bring a trolley or plenty of strong bags

Saturday 19th July 10:00 – 11:00

Please use the link to book or scan the QR code

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