



Friday 4th July 2025

Halwin Headlines

What a fantastic week it has been at school—full of energy, connection, exploration, and celebration! We began the week with our Year 5/6 Cricket Festival at Constantine Cricket Club on Monday. Huge thanks to Mr Warren for leading the event and to all the pupils who participated with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship. On Tuesday, three of our pupils—Lloyd, Bryn and Lukas—represented our school at the Eco-Trust Council Summit at Trannack School. It was a forest school-themed day filled with exciting learning opportunities, including foraging, a fascinating talk on beekeeping, and a BBQ lunch shared with pupils from other schools. A big well done to our representatives for engaging so brilliantly throughout the day. Tuesday evening brought something very special: a reunion for former staff who worked at Halwin between 1970 and 2005. It was truly heartwarming to see old colleagues reconnect and share memories. They all loved the opportunity to tour the school and see the changes that have been made and we were proud to show them the vibrant, nurturing environment Halwin continues to be. Wellbeing Wednesday was a real highlight for everyone this week. Children spent the day outdoors enjoying activities like den building, making fires, toasting marshmallows, and engaging in outdoor art. The joy and creativity on display were wonderful to witness! On Thursday morning, the field was alive with cheers and encouragement as we held our whole school Sports Day under glorious sunshine. The carousel of activities, obstacle races, and sprints were marked by teamwork, perseverance, and fun. Thank you to all the staff and families who supported the event and made it so successful. On Thursday afternoon, we enjoyed an informative visit from the RNLI ready for summer fun on the beach. And just when we thought the week couldn't get any fuller, Friday afternoon brought yet more wonderful learning moments: Kingfishers got stuck into some pasty making; Owls delved into the meaning and message behind Stormzy's 'Blinded by Your Grace Pt.2' during their RE session; and Robins were—quite literally—elbow deep in clay as they explored sculpture and texture with great enthusiasm!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils, who returned from their transition visits to Helston CC beaming with excitement and full of stories. It's great to see them stepping confidently towards the next chapter of their school journey. As always, we love to celebrate achievements from beyond the school gates. This week, a huge congratulations goes to Carter, who has been invited to trial with the Plymouth Argyle Elite Hub in September—an amazing opportunity and a testament to his talent and dedication. Don't forget, families are welcome to contribute to our hall whiteboard display with news of any out-of-school achievements!

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to open our doors on Monday for our Open Day. Please help us spread the word—whether it's for a Reception 2026 place or a move into any year group, all prospective families are very welcome to visit and see what makes our school special.

Finally a reminder to parents of Robin Class: you are warmly invited to a Teddy Bear's Picnic on Monday at 2:30pm to welcome our new EYFS families. Bring a snack and a teddy—we look forward to seeing you!

Have a lovely 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

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/vpLK8pSVTcodFtZx6>

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 91.34%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 98.33%

Owls: 82.67%

Kingfishers: 92.9%

Well Done

ROBINS

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Ella
Owls	Zephyr
Kingfishers	Kai

Confidence	Ethan
Aspiration	Lukas
Resilience	Rupert HM
Enjoyment	Valencia

Team Points

Blue—73

Red—76

Green—69

Yellow—59



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Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée, Harrison

Owls: Mason, Marley, Amber, Rupert B
and Rupert H-M

Kingfishers: Eli, Amelia

Halwin Celebrations

Wellbeing Wednesday—Our first event was a huge success! The children enjoyed a carousel of outdoor learning activities including den building, art using natural materials, making fires and identifying plants and herbs. We are looking forward to more Wellbeing Wednesday events next year! Our school values of confidence, aspiration, resilience, and enjoyment were evident through out the day and certificates of recognition were awarded to: Ina, Eli, Bryn, Faith, Chari, Hugo, Luna, Amber, Mason and Freyja.



Halwin Celebrations

Sports Day—Well done to all the children for amazing effort, enthusiasm and team work at this year's Sports Day. We were blessed with lovely weather and we really appreciated the amazing turn out of parents to support. Thank you to the Friends of Halwin for the ice lolly treats and the awesome Halwin staff for all their efforts organising and running the events!

Congratulations to Green Team who were the overall winners!



Halwin Celebrations



Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Nyx's Words of the Week



illuminate

Definition: light something up or make clearer

Synonym: light up

dedicate

Definition: give your time or effort to something

Synonym: commit

pasture

Definition: a field of grass where animals like cows eat

Synonym: meadow

obsolete

Definition: no longer used as replaced by something newer

Synonym: outdated



Diary Dates



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

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](#)































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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

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:

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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



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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



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Halwin Hive

Summer 2025

Tues 29th Apr

Tues 10th June

Tues 8th July

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family session
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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**





HOLIDAY CLUB

Carwynnen, Camborne

Thursday 24th July
&
Thursday 14th August

9:30 - 3:30
£35 per child

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



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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
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Weds 6th Aug - Truro CC
Thurs 7th Aug - Callington CC
Mon 11th Aug - Mt Hawke CC
Weds 13th Aug - St Austell CC
Mon 18th Aug - Grampound Rd CC
Weds 20th Aug - Helston CC
Weds 27th Aug - Bude CC
Thurs 28th Aug - St Stephen CC

**4 Tuesdays of U11 softball
competition (Includes U13
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Tues 5th Aug - Redruth CC
Tues 12th Aug - Werrington CC
Tue 19th Aug - Wadebridge CC
Tues 26th Aug - Penzance CC

**Contact Michelle Kent: admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk
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