



Friday 5th September

Halwin Headlines

It has been a fantastic start to the new term at Halwin. The children have returned after the summer break with such a positive attitude and a real readiness to learn. We have revisited our behaviour rules – *The Halwin Way: Ready, Respectful, Safe* – and the children have quickly settled back into their routines. The children have also enjoyed earning lots of team points already this term. I'd like to extend a special well done to our Reception children on such a great start to their school journey and to all the children who have adapted brilliantly to the new 2-class structure. We are enjoying hearing about your summer adventures and reading the children's summer activities notebooks. If you have been taking part in our challenges over the summer, please return your book on Monday.

Reading is an important part of life at Halwin, and it has been lovely to see classes enjoying new texts already this term. Robin's Class have been reading *Ruby's Worry*, a gentle and supportive story that has helped them settle back into school and reminded them that talking about worries really does help. Kingfishers have begun their new Writing Adventure unit using the beautiful picture book *Journey* by Aaron Becker, which is sparking lots of imagination and creativity.

As we begin the term, we would like to remind everyone about our school uniform expectations. Children should be wearing the correct uniform: a Halwin logo navy hoodie/jumper/cardigan, a plain white polo shirt, grey or black trousers/shorts/skirt, plain white, grey or navy socks, and plain black shoes or trainers. Wearing the correct uniform helps our pupils feel a strong sense of belonging to our school community. Jewellery should not be worn, except for plain stud earrings. Nail varnish is not permitted, and hair that is below shoulder length should be tied up. Please note that smart watches are not allowed in school. We kindly ask parents to ensure that jumpers and cardigans are clearly named, as this makes it much easier to return misplaced items. Children should also bring a named water bottle to school every day so that they can stay hydrated.

For wrap-around provision this year, please ensure you use the link provided in this newsletter to make bookings so we can arrange staffing. We also remind parents that we are now using the Arbor App in line with all Crofty Schools through which you will receive emails and in-app messages. Please log on to the app to complete the annual photo consent forms at your earliest convenience.

We are pleased to let families know that we currently have spaces available for individual or group music tuition in piano, brass, drums or woodwind. If you would like your child to take part, please contact the school office for further details or sign up at www.cmst.co.uk.

Finally, a note for your diaries: Flu immunisations will take place on *Wednesday 8th October*. Letters with further details will be sent out next week. You can also find the diary dates for the Autumn Term later in this newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a term full of learning, growth, and community spirit.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/HLHHZ7WsH4xBikye6>

Attendance

We aim for all our children to have at least 97% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for this week was
98.72%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Kingfishers: 97.9%




Next weeks lunch is **week 3**



Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes

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	Star of the Week
Robins	Valencia
Kingfishers	Maddison

Confidence	Harper
Aspiration	Stanley
Resilience	Sophie
Enjoyment	Marley



Team Points

Blue—51

Red—34

Green—36

Yellow—61

Diary Dates

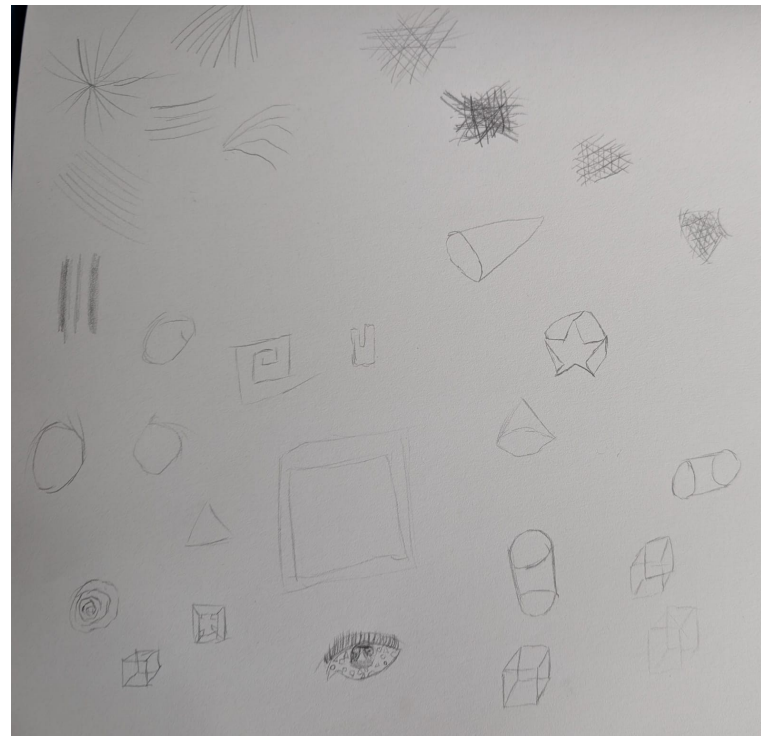
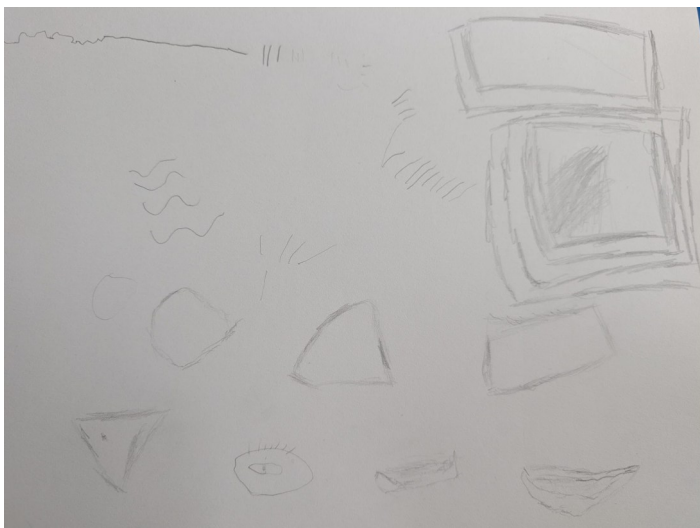
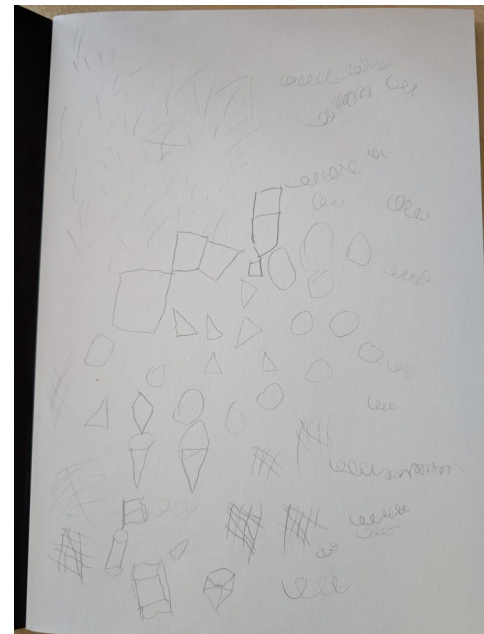
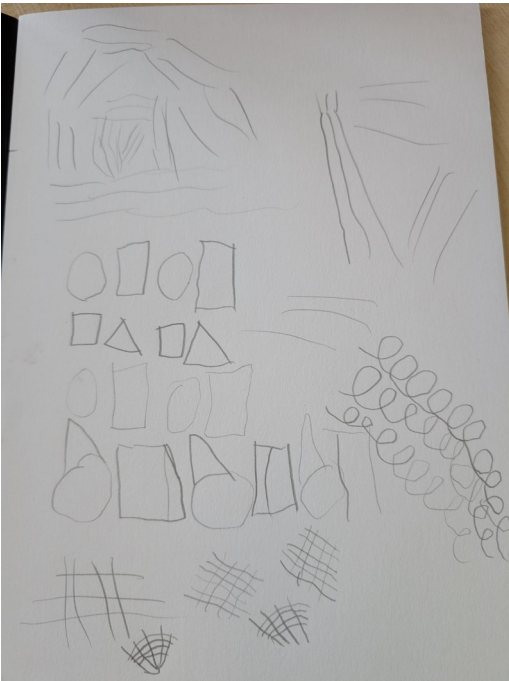


Tuesday 9th Sept	Friends of Halwin AGM (2.15pm)
Monday 15th Sept	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop—Y2
Wednesday 1st Oct	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 2nd Oct	National Poetry Day—Parents are invited to our poetry recital at 2.45pm
Friday 3rd Oct	Individual School Photos
Monday 6th Oct	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop—Y6 (part 1)
Wednesday 8th Oct	Flu Immunisations (EYFS-Y6)
Friday 10th Oct	Parent Assembly including Harvest collection for the food bank
Monday 13th Oct	Assembly visitor—Rice & Peas Community
Monday 20th Oct	Barnardo's Healthy Relationships Workshop—Y6 (part 2)
Tuesday 21st Oct	5 aside Football Competition—KS2 @ Trannack TBC
Wednesday 22nd Oct	Star Plan reviews—parents with children on the Record of Need will receive individual invites
w/c Monday 27th Oct	Half Term
Monday 3rd Nov	Crofty INSET Day—school closed to Pupils
Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th Nov	Parent Evenings
Wednesday 26th Nov	Wellbeing Wednesday
Wednesday 10th Dec	Christmas Celebration (pm)
Wednesday 17th Dec (TBC)	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Celebrations



As part of our commitment to developing confident, aspirational, resilient pupils who enjoy learning, we have introduced a new weekly creative drawing session. Each week, children will spend 15 minutes sketching something in front of them, focusing on observation rather than perfection. These calm and mindful sessions encourage children to slow down, look closely, and notice details, while also helping to build creativity, concentration, and confidence. Today, we started with some sketching skills with EYFS to Year 6 and it was wonderful to see the children embrace this new opportunity with such enthusiasm.



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Join the Friends of Halwin

Support Our
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Community




















**New members
welcome!** Help us to
support the children of
Halwin School.

**When: 9th September,
2.15pm at Halwin School**





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

Attendance



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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

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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