



Friday 12th September

Halwin Headlines

It's been great to see the children settle into routines this week and I have already had visits from Robins and Kingfishers to my office to show off their amazing learning! I'm sure they all need a restful weekend now! We'd love to continue to share photos of children learning and playing in our newsletter. Please log on to the Arbor app to complete the annual photo permissions.

On Monday, we enjoyed learning about democracy as we held our annual vote for the new team captains. The children all presented well prepared speeches with confidence. Congratulations to:

Red Team: Captain: Eli, Vice Captain: Maddison

Blue Team: Captain: Luna, Vice Captain: Lukas

Yellow Team: Captain: Bryn, Vice Captain: Sophie

Green Team: Captain: Ethan, Vice Captain: Amelia

They have already completed their first task—the weekly Team Point count! Pupil Leadership is an important aspect of school life at Halwin and we have also appointed our Crofty Trust Parliament members, Eco-Council and Coastal Crew who will participate in events and meetings with other children across all the Crofty Schools. We will soon be choosing our School Council members to continue to ensure pupil voice is heard and valued within school.

Well done to all the children who participated in our summer challenge. I have really enjoyed reading your journals, looking at photographs and finding out about your adventures. Special congratulations to Bryn, Rupert H-M and Poppy who particularly impressed us with their writing.

Children who have completed the phonics programme and use the Accelerated Reader scheme have completed their termly Star Reader assessment this week. The assessment gives them an AR range and they have chosen a book from the library within their range to bring home to read. Please support your child to read at home regularly and then they can return to school to take a quiz based on the book. Each term, children are aiming to reach their AR target through regular reading and quizzing.

It's been a busy week in both classes. Kingfishers have started their new DT project which began with investigating different types of linkages and, in History, they have explored why World War 1 is often called The Great War. Robin's have been inspired by The Gruffalo story in their writing lessons and enjoyed exploring materials around the classroom in Science. On Wednesday, they dodged the rain in Forest School. Mrs Ash welcomed them back to their natural setting, recapped the Forest School rules and then they harvested the beetroot they planted earlier this year. They used some of the home grown beetroot to create a dye to decorate fabric. Well done everyone!

Finally, it's been amazing to hear such positively from our children about their return to school and I'd like to give a big shout out to all the lovely Halwin staff. Everyone has worked hard to ensure the start of term has been smooth, the school is looking great and we have an amazing year of exciting learning and experiences planned for our children. Thank you team!

Have a great weekend.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/JSAY3CFDuDT1YpA27>

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was 99.35%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Kingfishers: 98.95%

Well Done

ROBINS!



Next weeks lunch is **week 1**




Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



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	Star of the Week
Robins	Carter
Kingfishers	Alfie

Confidence	Ina
Aspiration	Eli
Resilience	Eleanor
Enjoyment	Ella

Team Points

Blue—113

Red—120

Green—107

Yellow—130



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Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée

Kingfishers: Alfie, Amber, Amelia, Benjamin, Eli, Harry, Kai, Marley, Mason, Poppy, Rupert B, Rupert HM, Zephyr























Diary Dates



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 FoH Halloween Disco
Thursday 23rd Oct	History trip to Pendennis Castle TBC
w/c Monday 27th Oct	Half Term
Monday 3rd Nov	Crofty INSET Day—school closed to Pupils
Monday 17th Nov & Tuesday 18th Nov	Parent Evenings
Wednesday 26th Nov	Wellbeing Wednesday
Wednesday 10th Dec	Christmas Performance 6pm
Wednesday 17th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

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 
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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   
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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



Parent Governor Election Announcement

Do you want to help improve the life chances of every child in your school?

Do you want to help make a difference?

Are you looking for a new challenge?

Can you spare some time to help us?

We are looking for one parent to join our Local Governance Committee.

As a governor you can help make a difference to every child in the school – by being a critical friend and both supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

You do not need previous experience of governance or education – *just the motivation to make a difference and the willingness to commit your time and energy.*

The Local Governance Committee meets every half term on a Tuesday at 5:30pm

If this sounds like **you**, please request a nomination form from the school office, and submit this by **Friday 26 September 2025**.



The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2025**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**



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www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Secondary School Applications are open now

Open Evenings:

Helston— Wednesday, September 24th, 2025, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Camborne Science Academy — Wednesday, September 24, 5:30–8:00 PM

Redruth— Thursday 18 September 2025, 4.30pm-7pm

Hayle— Thursday, September 18th, 2025, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Falmouth— Tuesday 16th September 5.00pm—7.00pm

Penryn— Wednesday, 17 September 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2026**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2026 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2026**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system.



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Early Help Kerrier Drop in with CAMHS

You are invited to our Early Help drop in
23rd September 2025 at 9.30am.

Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, TR15 1NA.

The CAMHS Team- The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
has a range of teams for children and young people and covers the spectrum of ages 0
to 18 years old

SEN Navigators Team and Cornwall SENDIASS- for advice on
how to find Special Educational Needs support
and
Early Help Family and Youth Workers

All welcome, Free of charge, Refreshments provided

**For any further information
please contact:**

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000



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 183 days in school	10 days absence 180 days in school	19 days absence 171 days in school and the equivalent of a month not in school that year	28 days absence 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	47 days absence 143 days in school
	190 days for your child's education					
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

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