



Friday 10th October

Halwin Headlines

It's been another busy and rewarding week here at Halwin, with children working hard and showing *The Halwin Way* — being ready, respectful, and safe. It's wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning and the new skills they are developing each day.

In Robins class, pupils have had great fun exploring a variety of rhymes and poems. They have been rewriting verses, adding their own creative twists, and even using instruments to include sound effects! In History, they continued to think like historians, using clues from photographs to learn about the past, and in PSHE they explored the topic of stereotypes. A special well done to Robins Class for achieving 100% attendance this week — what a fantastic effort!

Kingfishers class have been busy publishing their reports about World War I in English, taking part in an informative PSHE workshop with Barnardo's, and revisiting addition and subtraction strategies in Maths.

We also celebrated our newly elected School Council members during assembly this week, where our Pupil Leadership Team proudly received their badges. A big thank you to all the parents who joined us — it was lovely to see so many families together. The children sang my favourite Harvest song, *Cauliflowers Fluffy*, beautifully!

A huge well done to our Year 2 children, too, who have reached the Maths Whizz Hall of Fame — an amazing achievement that shows their hard work and enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you, too, for the generous Harvest donations — these will be delivered to the Mustard Seed Foodbank next week, where they will be greatly appreciated. And a special thank you to the Friends of Halwin for their delicious bake sale, which raised funds for the school, and for their generous purchases from our Amazon wishlist.

Finally, a polite reminder to parents and carers to please return permission slips for our whole school visit to Pendennis Castle on 23rd October and make payment via ParentPay at your earliest convenience. Your support helps us ensure the trip runs smoothly for everyone.

Well done, everyone, for another fantastic week at Halwin!

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/WEjUdnRZygST6TEN8>

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was 99.21%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Kingfishers: 98.7%

Congratulations
Robins



Next weeks lunch is **week 2**



Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Ruby
Kingfishers	Rupert HM

Confidence	Nicholas
Aspiration	Eleanor
Resilience	Eli
Enjoyment	Arlo

Team Points		
Weekly		Total
73	Blue	477
51	Red	429
49	Green	429
57	Yellow	458



Maths-**Whizz**®

Hall of Fame

Robins: Stanley, Arlo, Aimée, Harrison, Carter

Kingfishers: Amelia, Eli, Ethan, Marley, Ina

Diary Dates



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 5.15pm-6.30pm
Thursday 23rd Oct	History trip to Pendennis Castle
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
Thursday 20th Nov	World Children's Day—Non School Uniform
Wednesday 26th Nov	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 27th Nov	FOH Wreath Making 6.30pm—8.30pm
Friday 5th December	FOH Sponsored Santa Run FOH Christmas Fayre 3.15pm—4.30pm
Wednesday 10th Dec	Christmas Performance 6pm
Wednesday 17th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19th Dec	Break for Christmas
Monday 5th Jan	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6th Jan	Return to School



Halwin Celebrations



Robins Class enjoyed a quick visit (and story) from our local PCSO (Julia Berry) today. She will be back soon for a fingerprints workshop! We can't wait.

Congratulations to our Team Captains, Vice Captains, Eco-Trust, Coastal Crew and School Council. They all received their badges in assembly today.



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Forest School — Testing Parachutes



WEEK 2

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

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese 🌱 🍷	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷 🍷	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips 🍷
	OPTION 2	Sweet and Sour Vegetables Served with Wholegrain Rice 🍷 🍷	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges 🌱 🍷	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Gravy 🌱	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap 🌱 🍷 🍷	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 Baguette	Ham Baguette	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Ham Baguette	Ham Wrap
	OPTION 5	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap	Egg Mayo Baguette 🌱	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap 🌱	Cheese Baguette 🌱

DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD

DESSERT	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Flapjack Served with Fruit or Apple Wedges 🌱	Lemon Emerald Cake	Chocolate 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

A Halloween party poster for Halwin School. The background is light beige with scattered black stars, bats, and spider webs. In the center, a large circular watermark contains the school's name and motto. The main title 'HALLOWEEN PARTY' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the ticket price '£2 PER CHILD!' is written. The date and time 'Oct 22nd | 1715 - 1830' are listed. The school's name 'Halwin Primary School' is at the bottom. On the left, a cartoon witch in a white dress and black hat holds a broom and a jack-o'-lantern. On the right, a green Frankenstein monster with a black suit is dancing. At the bottom center, a small mummy character is wrapped in white bandages.

JOIN US FOR OUR
**HALLOWEEN
PARTY**
£2 PER CHILD!
Oct 22nd | 1715 - 1830
Halwin Primary
School

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Christmas Wreath Making

Join Ruth, Everett & the Friends of Halwin for festive wreath crafting fun!

£20 per person

All proceeds go to supporting the children of Halwin School

Date

Thursday, November 27th,
2025 at 6.30pm

Location

Halwin Primary School

Supplies

All materials provided; just bring your own secateurs & Christmas cheer!

Join us for wreath making, a raffle, refreshments & mince pies!



Don't miss out on the holiday cheer!
Contact Char, 07581191453 to book your space now.



Pop up Food Hub

See our Facebook Page

Helston

Pre-Order Only – payment on the day

Last order 4 days prior to event

To guarantee your bundle please contact

Debbie on 07880 835 331

For £30, which helps to keep the charity running, you will receive a trolley load containing:

Tea or coffee
Pasta or rice
A selection of tins and cereal
Bag/box of Crisps
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 18th October 10:00 – 11:00

Please use the link to book or scan the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/MgmBfCGVaw>

Devon & Cornwall Food Action
PRE-ORDER Form





Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

**The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...**

Wild Wellbeing

**During October half term we are offering FREE nature based
creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.**

**This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.
Please book EACH child on to a session.**

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

**The Core at St Ives Community
Orchard - Thursday 30 October**

Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October

**We are also offering a Parentwell session at
Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October**

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

**To request a place, please complete the online
form or scan the QR code provided:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>



**Follow us on Facebook for updates and
upcoming events:**

[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)





**SCAN HERE TO BOOK >>>
OR VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**



OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMPS

ESTD 2009

SUPASPORT

SOUTHWEST

**Fun football and multi
skill games for children
aged 5-11.**

**Wendron School
Helston
TR13 0PX
09:30 - 15:00**

**TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
28th, 29th & 30th OF OCTOBER**

**PLEASE BRING LUNCH, DRINK AND SUITABLE CLOTHING.
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL MARTYN:
MARTYN.SUPASPORTSW@OUTLOOK.COM**



Halloween Themed Holiday Club

Tuesday 28th October

9:30 - 3:30
£35 per child

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



Join us on



@cornwallsnatureplayground



naturesplayground@hotmail.com



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All Things Batty!

Wednesday
29th October
5.00pm- 7.30pm

Join us for an evening learning about our
night flying residents.

Games

Walk around
site

Talk by a
local expert

Bat box building £5 per box

Tickets available from our website

www.kehellandtrust.org.uk

£5 per person including a filled jacket potato

Scan to find us
on Google maps



Well behaved dogs on leads welcome



U18's must be accompanied by an adult



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A Cornish Autumn Celebration

Wednesday 29th October

10.00am - 3.30pm

Apple Decorations **£1.00**

Site Entry **FREE**

Craft activities **FREE**

Badge Making **£1.00**

Activity Trail **FREE**

Pop up caf serving drinks,
snacks and cakes.

Join us for a fun-filled family day out celebrating
Autumn. Explore our beautiful site and learn about
October festivals around the World

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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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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

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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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