



Friday 14th November

# Halwin Headlines

It has been a busy and enjoyable week at Halwin. From our Remembrance commemorations to the Food Bank visit, and from art lessons to writing, we have been very proud of the children for working hard and demonstrating our Halwin values of Confidence, Aspiration, Resilience and Enjoyment. Kingfishers Class have made a fantastic start to their explanation texts, writing about the imaginative creatures they created earlier in the week. In Maths, KS2 have been working hard to apply their times tables knowledge: Year 5 and 6 have been converting improper fractions to mixed numbers, while Year 3 and 4 have been creating fact families from arrays. Keep practising on Times Tables Rockstars—it really does make a difference! Robins Class began their new art unit by sketching their dream houses, showing great creativity and attention to detail. In English, they wrote their own stories about the Funnybones skeletons visiting school, producing some wonderfully entertaining and imaginative work.

Huge congratulations to Bryn and Nicholas, who participated in today's Camborne Music Festival and shared their excellent achievements in assembly this afternoon. Well done to you both!

Today is World Diabetes Day. A big thank you to Freyja, Tara and Jamie for their informative assembly about diabetes and the realities for Freyja of living with the condition. The children listened beautifully and asked thoughtful, mature questions.

On Monday, we are excited to be visiting Tehidy Woods with Robins Class. As part of their Geography learning this term, the children will be creating a journey stick and drawing a map of their route around the woods. Please ensure that children are dressed in warm, waterproof clothing and welly boots, and that they have a second pair of shoes for when we return to school. To help us continue to provide such opportunities throughout the year, a £2 contribution via ParentPay is much appreciated.

Looking a little further ahead, we are delighted that Kingfishers Class will be attending a theatre performance of *The Boy at the Back of the Class* at the Hall for Cornwall in April. They will be reading the book in the Spring term, so this will be a fantastic way to bring the story to life. We recognise that this trip costs slightly more than usual, but we did not want the children to miss out on such a special experience. To give plenty of time to pay, the £15 payment has already been added to your ParentPay account.

Next week, we will be marking World Children's Day with a non-uniform day. Donations for the Friends of Halwin Christmas Fair and Raffle would be very much appreciated.

We are also looking forward to the annual Friends of Halwin "Elfridges" event. Orders can be made here: <https://forms.gle/hc8Uj1Tb3NwmSRjeA>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. PS. We just reached 100 likes on facebook!

## Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

[halwinsecretary@croftymat.org](mailto:halwinsecretary@croftymat.org)

## Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/mJtjDstxnMyTVQev9>

## Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was 97.57%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 100%

Kingfishers: 95.91%

**Congratulations**

**ROBINS**



Next weeks lunch is **week 3**




**Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment**

# Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Skylar
Kingfishers	Lukas

Confidence	Marley
<b>Aspiration</b>	Chari
Resilience	Amelia
Enjoyment	Eleanor

## Team Points

107	Blue	167
53	Red	100
51	Green	95
98	Yellow	143



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## Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée

Kingfishers: Amelia, Amber, Nicholas, Eli, Kai, Marley, Ina

# Diary Dates



Monday 17th Nov &	Parent Evenings—bookings via Arbor app
Monday 17th Nov	Robins class trip to Tehidy Woods
Thursday 20th Nov	World Children's Day—Non School Uniform
Monday 24th Nov	Dance Workshop 1
Wednesday 26th Nov	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 27th Nov	FOH Wreath Making 6.30pm—8.30pm
Friday 28th November	Celebration Assembly—Parents welcome
Monday 1st December	Trinity Church visit
Thursday 4th Dec	Dance Workshop 2
Friday 5th December	FOH Sponsored Santa Run FOH Christmas Fayre 3.15pm—4.30pm
Monday 8th December	FOH Elfridges
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
Wednesday 7th Jan	Swimming starts for Y5/6 (5 sessions during Spring 1)

# Diary Dates



Monday 12th Jan	Robins Trip to Helston Library
Wednesday 4th Feb	Wellbeing Wednesday Swimming - Robins fun session
Thursday 12th Feb	Farm and Country Roadshow
Friday 13th Feb	Whole School visit to Trebah Gardens
w/c 16th Feb	Half Term
Monday 23rd Feb	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24th Feb	Return to School
Wednesday 25th Feb	Swimming starts for Y3/4 (5 sessions during Spring 2)
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March	First Lego League @Culdrose
Wednesday 25th March	Wellbeing Wednesday Swimming - Robins fun session
Tuesday 31st March	Songfest 2026—Kingfishers

# Halwin Celebrations



At 11am on Tuesday, we held a two-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day, and the children showed great respect throughout. A big thank you to our Year 5 and 6 pupils who confidently sold poppies on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. It was wonderful to see children wearing their Brownies and Rainbows uniforms for this special occasion. The poppies made during Forest School with Mrs Ash on Wellbeing Wednesday were also beautifully displayed.





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























On Monday, our PCSO, Julia Berry and new partner PC Dannii Collins visited Robins class. They enjoyed learning all about fingerprints and went home with their own fingerprint certificate.







# WEEK 3

W/C: 17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 02/03/2026, 23/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 	Roast Gammon with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Battered Pollock with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Pasta  	Quorn Roast with Mashed Potato and Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese 	Veggie Fingers with Chips 
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 
						
	HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Wrap 	Tuna Wrap	Ham Wrap	Cheese and Tomato Wrap 	Ham Wrap
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich 	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich 	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich 
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Marble Cake 	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard 	Lemon Cookie 	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Fruits of the Forest Jelly 








## BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings  



## AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

 Vegetarian  Vegan  Oily Fish  Wholewheat  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.

# Want to play drums?



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# TOP TIPS FOR MATHS AT HOME

## EVERYDAY MATHS

- Count together: steps, stairs, cars, fruit — anything!
- Spot numbers: on doors, clocks, receipts, or buses.
- Compare and estimate: "Which pile looks bigger?", "Will it fit?"
- Talk about time: use clocks, timers, and daily routines.
- Shopping maths: ask your child to find prices, count coins, or compare costs.
- Cooking and baking: measure, weigh, and talk about halves, quarters, and sharing.

## FUN AND GAMES

- Play board games, dominoes, or card games to practise counting and adding.
- Roll dice and add or subtract numbers.
- Build towers or patterns with LEGO or blocks — talk about height, size, and shape.
- Try maths apps, online maths games and songs



[bbc.co.uk/supermovers](http://bbc.co.uk/supermovers)

## REMEMBER

Little and often is best!  
Short, playful maths moments help your child see that maths is useful, fun, and all around us. Praise effort and thinking, not just right answers.



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# Cornwall Toy Appeal



## Donation Stations

Locate your nearest spot on the map,  
then find your local 'donation station'  
details from the list below.



# Festive Holiday Club

**Monday 29th December**

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



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**HELSTON  
RAILWAY**

# Christmas Trains



**Santa Train Dates (December 2025)**  
6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

**Santa Train Times**  
10:00, 11:30, 15:00

**Train of Light Time**  
17:30



**Ticket Prices**  
Adult £10  
Child £11.50  
Under 5 years £5

Child and under 5 prices include  
present from Santa!

visit [www.helstonrailway.co.uk](http://www.helstonrailway.co.uk)

# 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.





# Merry Christmas!



## December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

# 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%
	<b>Good</b> -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		<b>Some Concern</b> -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	<b>Worrying</b> -Your child is now classified as a 'persistent absentee'  - Education Welfare Officer involvement is likely	<b>Serious Concern</b> -Having a significant impact on your child's education and well-being  -Legal Action may be taken	

# Attendance

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk)