



Friday 24th October

Halwin Headlines

We're finishing the first half of the Autumn term on a real high at Halwin! The children have worked incredibly hard over the past weeks, showing real dedication to their learning and living out 'The Halwin Way' showing confidence, aspiration, resilience and enjoyment. It's been wonderful to see these values in action across the school every day.

We're excited to share that our Halwin School Facebook page has been relaunched! Please do follow and share it with friends and family — it's a great way to keep up to date with the brilliant learning and experiences happening across the school, and your likes and shares help us to reach the wider community.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Halwin for organising such a fantastic Halloween Disco on Wednesday evening. The whole school joined in, and we were impressed by the range of costumes on display. The children had a wonderful time, and it was lovely to see so many happy faces enjoying the event.

Congratulations go to our KS2 footballers, who represented Halwin at the Crofty Small Schools mixed 5-a-side tournament on Tuesday. The team showed fantastic skill, teamwork and sportsmanship, finishing in an impressive second place overall. Special recognition goes to Harry, who received the 'Most Valuable Player' award, and to Nicholas, who was presented with the coveted 'Sportsmanship' award — well done all!

As part of our History curriculum, we rounded off the term with a brilliant whole-school trip to Pendennis Castle. The day was a huge success, with our guide commenting on the children's excellent knowledge, thoughtful questions and superb behaviour. Despite the blustery weather, everyone enjoyed exploring the castle and grounds, and Robins Class even took part in a fascinating workshop looking at artefacts and historical clothing. Thank you to the parent helpers who joined us on the trip, and also to those who have been supporting work around school — the Forest School area is looking great. If anyone has a little time to spare next term, we'd love some help labelling books in the library.

Our half-term challenge celebrates our poetry focus this term: we'd love children to write a poem inspired by Autumn. They might choose a theme such as Halloween, Bonfire Night or the seasonal changes happening all around us. Any style of poem is welcome — it doesn't need to rhyme! Please bring entries into school by Thursday 6th November, and we look forward to celebrating everyone's creativity.

A reminder for families planning for the Bristol residential (July 2026) that deposits can be paid via ParentPay. Poppies are also now available for sale in the school lobby.

Finally, we'd like to wish everyone a very happy half term. Enjoy a well-earned rest! A new Autumn/Winter lunch menu will begin after the break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 4th November.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

01209 860329

halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/NZquoTtjqXLiLjjY7>

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was 95.95%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: 95.33%

Kingfishers: 96.36%



Next weeks lunch is **week 1**



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Half Term CHALLENGE

WRITE AN AUTUMN-THEMED POEM

Entries to Mrs Carr by 6th November 2025

Get creative this half term. Write a poem that captures the sights, sounds and feelings of autumn!

Winners' poems will be published in the newsletter

Good Luck!

Halwin Heroes



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	Star of the Week
Robins	Aimée
Kingfishers	Paisley

Confidence	Hudson
Aspiration	Skylar
Resilience	Alfie
Enjoyment	Hugo

Team Points

Weekly		Total
46	Blue	545
74	Red	576
32	Green	532
72	Yellow	563

Congratulations to the
Autumn Term 1 winners:
RED team



Maths-**Whizz**®

Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée

Kingfishers: Amelia, Amber, Eli, Lukas,
Kai, Rupert, Mason

Diary Dates



Monday 3rd November	Crofty INSET Day—school closed to Pupils
Wednesday 12th Nov	School Council—Food Bank visit
Monday 17th Nov & Tuesday 18th Nov	Parent Evenings
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



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NEW AUTUMN/WINTER MENU

WEEK 1

W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 09/03/2026, 30/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta  	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges   	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta   	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot 	Quorn Dippers 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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Crunchy Apple Slice 	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Oat Cookie 	Apple Crumble with Custard 	Berry Blondie



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings  



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

 Vegetarian  Fruity!  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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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.

Early Help Kerrier Drop in with CAMHS

You are invited to our Early Help drop in
on the 4th November 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

Family Information Service- for signposting to what support
is available in the local area.

Smarter Smiles Dental Nurse for dental care advice
Better Housing, Better Health for advice around managing
bills all year round.

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





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 \(MHST\)](#)





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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**

Kehelland Trust,
Kehelland
Camborne.
TR14 0DD
01209 613153



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 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

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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