



Halwin School

Friday 12th December

Halwin Headlines

What a wonderfully festive week we have had at Halwin! Firstly, a huge well done to all of our children for a truly fantastic Christmas performance. They really did us proud, showing the Halwin values of confidence, aspiration, resilience and enjoyment in every possible way. The singing, dancing and beautiful nativity performance made us all feel incredibly Christmassy — thank you to everyone who came along to support. It has been a busy week in school, with rehearsals for the Christmas performance, lots of focused learning as we come to the end of the term, and plenty of festive excitement too. A huge thank you to the Friends of Halwin, who have been busy elves in school this week running our annual Elfridges event — helping children choose gifts and wrapping them ready to go under your trees. We were also delighted to be able to gift every child a personalised Christmas decoration this year, made possible by the Friends of Halwin and everyone who supports their events throughout the year.

Well done as well to our talented musicians — Rupert, Alfie, Maddison, Nicholas and Bryn — who have shared their Christmas music with the whole school this week. We are very lucky to be able to offer such a wide range of musical instrument lessons in school. If you are interested in lessons for your child, more information can be found online via [CMST - Cornwall Music Service Trust](#).

There has been lots of great learning taking place too. Robins learned about democracy in PSHE this afternoon and voted for an afternoon of bikes and trikes — a very popular decision! I enjoyed popping into Kingfishers this week, and joining in with the painting as they begun their final pieces of Rainforest-inspired artwork. In Forest School, Robins have been creating beautiful outdoor Christmas-themed art, inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy. Both classes have also started planning and writing narratives based on their current class texts. Robins are creating their own silly stories inspired by *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr Seuss, while Kingfishers are writing exciting adventure stories based on *Brightstorm* by Vashti Hardy.

We have another busy final week of term ahead:

Monday: Normal school uniform

Tuesday: Normal school uniform - Kingfishers visit to the Pantomime at Helston Community College

Wednesday: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day - Normal school uniform with a Christmas jumper

Thursday: Santa Run & Inflatable Snow Dome – PE kit (Christmas themed e.g. Santa hat, Christmas jumper etc)

Friday: PE lessons with Mr Warren (Swapped from Thursday for the final week of term) – PE kit

Finally, a reminder that our Christmas post box is in the school lobby. We are very much looking forward to delivering all of the Christmas cards on the final day of term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a joy to share such a festive and successful week with the children.

Get in touch

You can contact us via phone or email.

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halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care Link

<https://forms.gle/CvsbX1iV47yqjZF9>

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 1**




Confidence Aspiration Resilience Enjoyment

Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Chari
Kingfishers	Sophie

Confidence	Zephyr
Aspiration	Kai
Resilience	Carter
Enjoyment	Harrison

Team Points

146	Blue	485
192	Red	502
143	Green	419
109	Yellow	428



Maths-**Whizz**®

Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée,
Kingfishers: Amelia, Eli, Rupert, Marley

Whizz of the Week

Eli

Diary Dates



Tuesday 16th Dec	Kingfishers—Pantomime at Helston CC
Wednesday 17th Dec	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 18th Dec	FoH Sponsored Santa Run. End of Term treat—Inflatable Snow Globe
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)
Monday 12th Jan	Robins Trip to Helston Library
Wednesday 4th Feb	Wellbeing Wednesday Swimming - Robins fun session
Friday 6th Feb	Parent Assembly
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
Tuesday 10th March	Y5/6 Careers Event @ Helston CC
w/c 23rd March	Parents Evenings

Diary Dates



Wednesday 11th March	First Lego League @Culdrose
Wednesday 25th March	Wellbeing Wednesday Swimming - Robins fun session
Tuesday 31st March	Songfest 2026—Kingfishers
Thursday 2nd April	End of Term
Monday 20th April	Return to School
Wednesday 22nd April	KS2 trip to King Edward Mine
Wednesday 29th April	KS2 Hall for Cornwall
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 8th May	Inset Day (Flora Day)
Friday 15th May	Whole School Trip Geevor Mine
Friday 22nd May	End of Term
Monday 1st June	Return to School
Monday 22nd June	Inset Day
Wednesday 1st July	Wellbeing Wednesday
Wednesday 22nd July	End of School Year
Thursday 23rd July	Inset Day—school closed






























Halwin Celebrations

Forest School learning about the sculptor, photographer and environmentalist, Andy Goldsworthy this week—recreating Christmas land art in his style.





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	
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	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 	
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	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  	
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	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 	
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD							
DESSERT		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  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.



SPACE

Supporting Parents And Children Emotionally

SPACE is a **free** programme for **any parent or carer** who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

Each SPACE course is 5 sessions long and will cover:

- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- Managing different emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in ourselves and our children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing your ability to provide nurturing care

MHST has several upcoming 5 session SPACE courses as follows:

**Every Monday from 12th January -9th February 2026 - 13:00-14:30
FACE TO FACE at Helston Family Hub, Bulwark Road, Helston, TR13 8JF**

with ONLINE programmes on:

**Every Friday from 9th January-6th February 2026 - 09:30-10:30
or**

Every Monday from 12th January-9th February 2026 - 09:30-10:30



**To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided BY 19th DECEMBER 2025:
<https://forms.office.com/e/rrUONGgLMv>**



These courses are for parents/carers of children 5-11 yrs only

Spaces are limited (Max 8 per session); if you cannot attend, please notify us ASAP - 01726 873204

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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

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.



School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11

FLU

MMR

HPV

**MENINGITIS
ACWY**

**DIPHTHERIA
TETANUS
POLIO (DTP)**

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

Call us on

01872 221105

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net

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OF HAMELIN

Pantomime fun for all the family!



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22nd - 25th January 2026

The Perranwell Centre, TR3 7JU



Want to play drums?



Learn your favourite songs!

**SCAN ME TO
SIGN UP!**



Fun lessons from beginner to pro!

Lessons available now!

More information visit: www.cmst.co.uk/music-lessons

Bike Library



crosscountry 



Hire a bike for FREE for 24 hrs or a whole week!



Free basic bicycle service and safety check to get your own bike road worthy



Cycling tips and confidence building sessions available - just ask



TUESDAYS

9:00 - 10:30am & 3.00 - 4.00pm



TRELYA

The Luscudjack Centre, Penmere Close, Penzance TR18 3PE

Contact - Dave

ridewithus@thecornwallbicycleproject.co.uk

07749 474 118



TIME MOVE

Holiday Programme



CHRISTMAS 2025

Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:

- Bissoe Trail
- Seaton Country Park
- Pentewan Trail

Meet time is 1000
Bike check optional
For all ages & abilities

Rides are taking place
across Cornwall during
the Christmas holidays
between 22nd Dec and
2nd Jan

Scan here
to book!



www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk

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EXPLORE AUTISM, THE 4 AREAS OF DIFFERENCE AND THE PDA PROFILE

19TH JANUARY 2026
10.30AM -12.30PM
HAYLE FAMILY HUB

To book your place email:
laurenlpcc@outlook.com

WEEKEND PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES.

AGES 6-18

MUSICAL THEATRE.
COMEDY AND DRAMA.
FILM & TV.

PQA PENRYN & FALMOUTH

Penryn College, TR10 8PZ

TRY A FULL SESSION FOR FREE!

**PAULINE
QUIRKE
ACADEMY**

OF PERFORMING ARTS

BE YOURSELF BE AMAZING.

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:

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Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk

t: 0300 1234 100



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Together
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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