



Friday 30th January

Halwin Headlines

It's certainly been another week of wet and wild weather at Halwin. With more rain forecast next week, please remember to ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat. We do try to get outside for some fresh air, and occasionally this may be in drizzle or light rain.

Next Wednesday is Wellbeing Wednesday, and we have some exciting activities planned. As we are currently unable to use the school field, most activities will be indoors. However, children should come wearing **old clothes** and bring waterproofs, as there will be at least one outdoor activity. Robins' class will also be going to Carn Brea for a fun swimming session during the day. If any parents are able to help with transport, please let Mrs Gee know. Supporting your child to practise getting dressed and undressed independently between now and then would also be greatly appreciated.

I enjoyed joining Years 5 and 6 for swimming this week and was impressed by the progress they are making. Please note that Years 5 and 6 will not be swimming next week, but will have one final session on Wednesday 11th February, before Years 3 and 4 begin swimming after half term. Kingfishers have started a new writing topic linked to their science learning and are exploring how to write scientific explanation texts about the water cycle. I am looking forward to seeing their finished work next week. They are also continuing to enjoy reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, and there have been lots of "please keep reading!" comments at the end of their daily reading time, which has been lovely to hear. Robins are really enjoying learning about plant life cycles in science. They managed to find a small gap in the rain on Wednesday afternoon to get outside to plant seeds and begin preparing the beds for our future herb garden. They have also been busy writing their own versions of the traditional tale *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* — featuring mermaids, horses, red pandas, cats, wizards, chickens, and many more imaginative characters!

Please note that Chartwells have informed us that school meals will increase after February half term to **£2.80** per day. EYFS and KS1 remain free as well as for those eligible for FSM.

To celebrate St Piran's day on Thursday 5th March, we will have a special Pasty Menu. Please see the poster and google form link later in the Newsletter. Orders need to be placed before **Wednesday 11th February**.

A polite reminder to parents of children in Robins' class that if you arrive late to school (after 9am), please enter through the main entrance so that Mrs Gee can register your child and record lunch choices as lessons will have already started.

Finally, a reminder to parents that you are invited to join us for celebration assembly at 2.40pm next Friday which will be followed by a yummy Friends of Halwin bake sale!

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/GUsheiPr3zvcBjM39>

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was **96.62%**

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Robins: **94.81%**

Kingfishers: **97.73%**

Congratulations

KINGFISHERS



Next weeks lunch is **week 2**



Halwin Heroes



Confidence **Aspiration** Resilience Enjoyment

	Star of the Week
Robins	Stanley
Kingfishers	Benjamin

Confidence	Poppy
Aspiration	Aimée
Resilience	Freyja
Enjoyment	Bryn

Team Points

139	Blue	443
85	Red	335
128	Green	409
165	Yellow	346



Hall of Fame

Robins: Aimée, Harrison
 Kingfishers: Amelia, Mason, Nicholas, Eli, Ethan, Lukas, Kai, Rupert, Harry, Ina, Maddison

Whizz of the Week

Rupert

Diary Dates



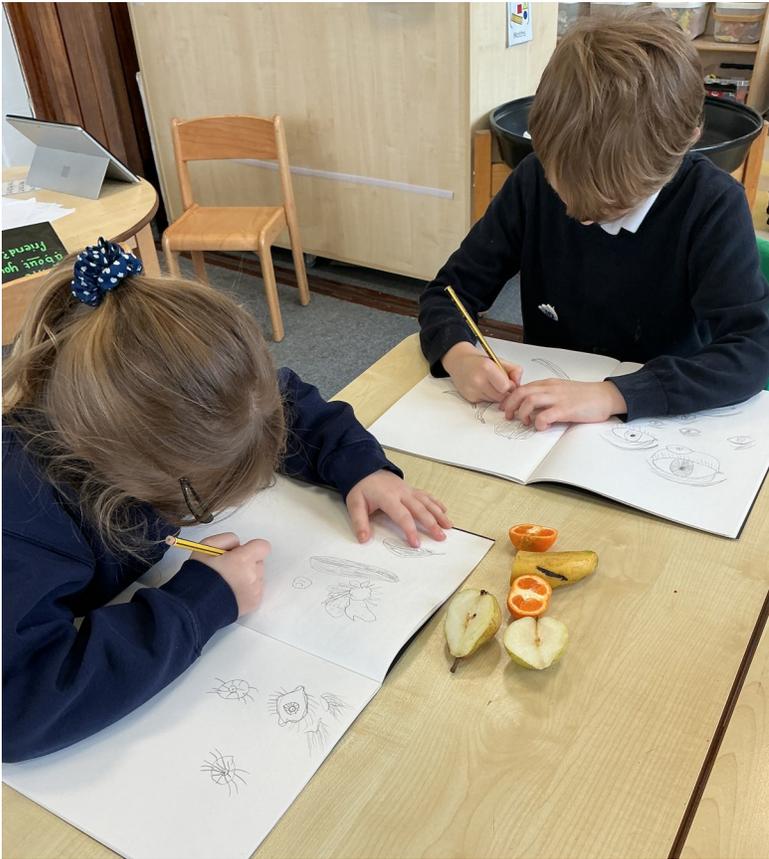
Wednesday 4th Feb	Wellbeing Wednesday Swimming - Robins fun session
Friday 6th Feb	Star Plan reviews—parents will receive invites Parent Assembly & Bake Sale
Tuesday 10th Feb	Safer Internet Day Height & Weight checks for EYFS and Year 6
Thursday 12th Feb	Farm and Country Roadshow
Friday 13th Feb	Whole 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
Wednesday 11th March	First Lego League @Culdrose (Y5/6 team)
w/c 23rd March	Parents Evenings
Wednesday 25th March	Wellbeing Wednesday Swimming - Robins fun session
Tuesday 31st March	Songfest 2026—Kingfishers

Diary Dates



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 theatre show
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
Friday 19th June	School Group Photographs
Monday 22nd June	Inset Day
Wednesday 1st July	Wellbeing Wednesday Elemental—Swanpool Beach
Wednesday 22nd July	End of School Year
Thursday 23rd July	Inset Day—school closed

Photos from this week





PCSO Nathan Cole popped in to school on Wednesday to introduce himself

Congratulations to Amelia for becoming a Word Millionaire!



Congratulations to Aimee for adding two new Blue Peter Badges to her collection, including the reading badge, well done!



Huge congratulations and a big thank you to the Friends of Halwin who raised an amazing £687.86 from the Santa Run and thank you to all those who sponsored children.

A special thank you from the Friends of Halwin and the whole Halwin community to the Brennan family—Sarah, Ashley, Amelia, and Aimée—who made a lovely gesture in memory of Sarah's wonderful mum. In such a difficult time, your decision to ask for donations to Friends of Halwin means the world to us.

Thanks to your kindness, over £500 has been raised for the children at Halwin School. We are truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and support. Carole was a huge supporter of Friends of Halwin, and her spirit will be dearly missed by everyone in our community.

Thank you once again for honouring her memory in such a meaningful way.



WEEK 2

W/C: 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese ✓	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice ✓ 🌾 🍷	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy ✓	Veggie Shepherd's Pie with Gravy ✓ 🌾 🍷	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Garlic Bread or Pasta Salad	Veggie Fingers with Chips ✓
	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
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich ✓	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich ✓	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich ✓
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Flapjack ✓	Chocolate Brownie ✓	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard ✓	Chocolate Cookie ✓



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.

We will be celebrating St Pirans day on Thursday 5th March the first week after half term and Chartwells will be providing a special Pasty Menu . Please place your order **BEFORE Wednesday 11th February** so we can order in time. Mrs Gee has a google form with the choices available: <https://forms.gle/HEAWVBkFtSKmrsFz7>

GOOL PERAN LOWEN!



ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 5th March

Menu

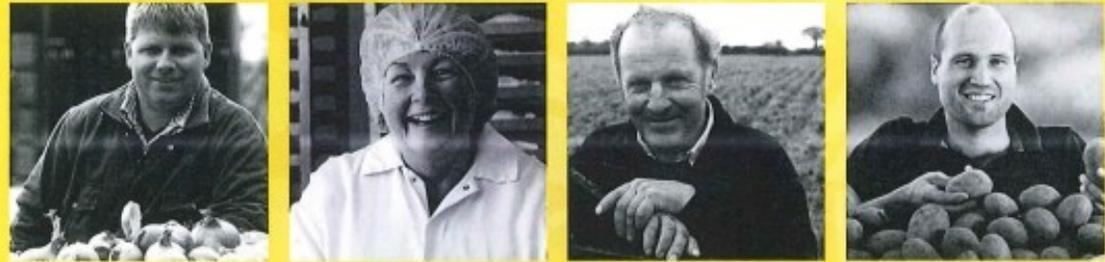
**Traditional Steak Pasty
or Cheese and Onion Pasty**

Hevva Cake

Jacket Potato available on request



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🌐 Find out more: <https://www.sea-cadets.org/>



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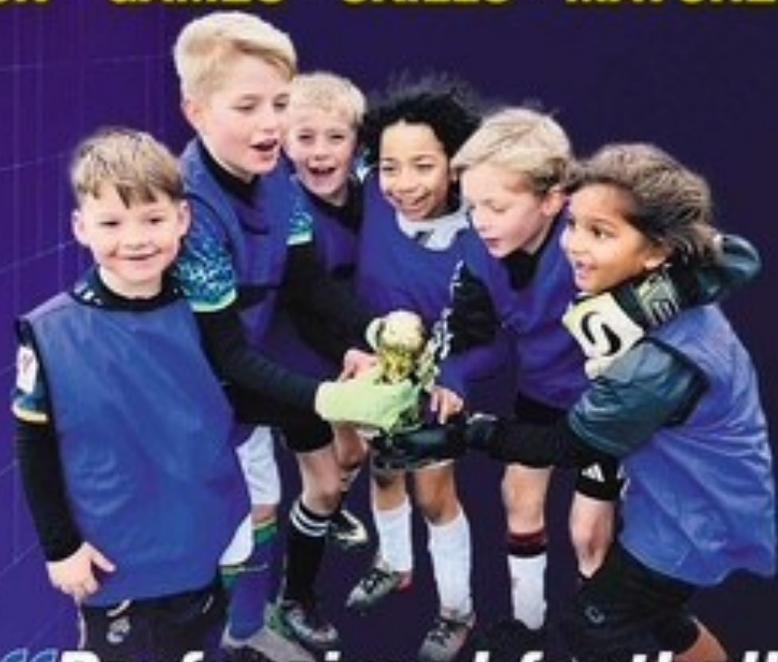
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Saturday 21st February 10:00 – 11:00

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Attendance



Attendance

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

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educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk
01872 324298

If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

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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 optional 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