

THE HALWIN HEROLD



WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Newsletter for Summer term!

This week has been a wonderful re-introduction to all things Halwin and I would like to thank both the children, staff and families for welcoming me to Halwin this week. I look forward to sharing upcoming news and key dates with you in the new look newsletter.

As you will already know, we are unfortunately losing our amazing Mrs Gee at today following her successfully securing her new role at St Erth Primary School near Hayle.

Mrs Gee has been a much loved member of staff of Halwin since joining the school and has made a huge contribution to the everyday running of Halwin. It is with great sadness that we wish her the best of luck in her new venture but would like to remind Mrs Gee that she is always welcome to drop in or stop by in the future as she will be greatly missed by children, staff and our families.

Good luck Mrs Gee!

MR RICHES

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 27/04/26

Week choices 3 from the Spring/Summer Term menu.

Please see Chartwells meal menu on the school website for details or scroll to the end of the Newsletter.

ATTENDANCE

As a school we aim for all our children to have at least 97% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for Halwin this week was:

95.6%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 100%

Kingfishers: 97.39%

Congratulations Robins Class!

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<https://forms.gle/UV9cMwEFCnrVd1oY8>

ROBINS CLASS RECAP

It has been a busy start in Robins this week, where we have welcomed our children back to a plethora of new learning .

Our children have begun studying 'The Mermaid of Zennor' through our writing lessons and have spent much of this week listening to the text, exploring the characters and identifying the different parts of the story. The children have also spent time designing and making their own 'mermaids' in our provision areas.

In other news, the children also spent Wednesday afternoon getting stuck into their Design and Technology learning, where they began experimenting with their 'no cook' recipes. An array of chopping and cutting skills were on show throughout the afternoon, with some tasty taste tests also a key part of the afternoon!



KINGFISHERS @ KING EDWARD!

On a rather windy Wednesday, our Kingfishers children journeyed to the local mine King Edward to take part in a number of workshops to support their learning around our topic 'Our Cornish Past'.

Throughout the day, the children spent time learning about what life was like as a Cornish Miner and the equipment that they would have used during the time that the mine was active. In addition, further discussions around the equipment they used and the minerals they were mining for, was shared with the children.

Once the tour was completed, the children also took part in some further STEM based activities, where they were able to show off their Lego programming skills, whilst also exploring artifacts from the mine's working era.

As always, our children were incredibly behaved with a number of interesting questions asked throughout the visit. Well done Team Halwin!



HALWIN HEROES

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

STARS OF THE WEEK

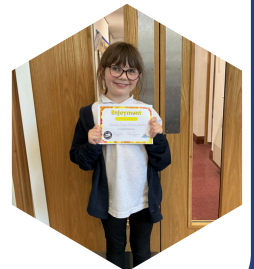


 ROBINS	Hudson
 KINGFISHERS	Harry Kai



CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Chari
Aspiration	Lukas
Resilience	Maddison
Enjoyment	Aimee



TEAM POINTS



BLUE

137



RED

81



GREEN

122



YELLOW

124

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Well done
Stanley & Ruby!



KEY DATES

Monday 20 th April	Start of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 nd April	Keystage 2 Trip to King Edward Mine
Wednesday 29 th April	KS2 Hall for Cornwall Theatre Show
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 8th May	Inset Day (Flora Day)
Friday 15 th May	Whole School Trip - Geevor Mine
Friday 22 nd May	End of Summer 1 Term
Monday 1 st June	Start of Summer 2 Term
Monday 22 nd June	Inset Day
Wednesday 1 st July	Wellbeing Wednesday
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of School Year

ATTENDANCE

The updated attendance policy is available on the school website:
<https://halwin.croftymat.org/>

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.

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There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.

190 school days in each year	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	143 days in school
190 days for your child's education	10 days absence	19 days absence	28 days absence	47 days absence	
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, Medical 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		

CHARTWELLS MENU

WEEK 3

W/C: 27/04/2026, 18/05/2026, 08/06/2026, 29/06/2026, 20/07/2026, 31/08/2026, 21/09/2026, 12/10/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza with BBQ Potato Wedges	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	All Day Breakfast with Potato Wedges	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
	OPTION 2 Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with BBQ Potato Wedges	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	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 Ham Wrap	Tuna Wrap	Ham Wrap	Tuna Wrap	Ham Wrap
	OPTION 5 Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT	Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Strawberry Jelly - with Fruit Slices	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Ice Cream



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.

THREE WEEK MENU

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

Our new menu chosen by parents and children – Your favourites available every day



Chartwells
Schools

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PHOTO BOOTH



CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE



Advice for Parents & Carers 3/4

- CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS
- CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS
- WATCH TOGETHER

#WakeUpWednesday The National College

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? 2/4

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
- CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
- TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
- SUGGESTED CONTENT
- EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT
- SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



THE
WRITERS'
BLOCK

Trevow
Helston

STORY LAB

23 - 30 MAY | HELSTON

For Children & Young People

The Story Lab

Sat 23 & Sun 24 May | Trevow Chapel

Free

Become a Story Inventor! Encounter colourful characters, enchanting worlds and costumes galore and have fun creating your very own characters and stories at The Writers' Block pop-up.

Bobo's Giant Seedling Trail

Sat 23 May | Helston Town Centre

Free

A free family trail is the perfect excuse to explore Helston's shops and streets with your family before heading to Coronation Park to collect your prize!

What[are your]3words – Zine Making Workshop With Karen Howse

Fri 29 May | The Basement, Helston

Free | 10+

Have fun cutting and sticking, typing on an old-fashioned typewriter, using letter stamps, and exploring drawing and collage to make your own one-page zine.

Curious Objects, Curious Stories

Wed 27 May | Museum of Cornish Life

£5 | 5+

A relaxed, family-friendly creative writing & craft workshop inspired by fascinating objects from the collections at the Museum of Cornish Life with Olivia Lowry

Little Story Seekers

Wed 27 May | Helston Library

Free | 0-5

Little Story Seekers is a story, song, movement and craft session for very young children and their grown-ups, created by The Writers' Block.

Manga Workshop With Keith Sparrow

Thu 28 May | The Basement, Helston

Free | 10+

Join manga artist and writer Keith Sparrow for a fun and creative manga drawing workshop for those aged 10+. Young artists will learn how to design their own exciting manga characters with step-by-step guidance, using pencil and colour.

Story Quest Day

Sat 30 May | Coronation Park

Free - no booking required.

Solve the riddles to find hidden objects, create pocket stories, invent your own wild and wacky character and be entertained by the fabulous Story Republic!



TO BOOK:

WWW.TREVOWHELSTON.CO.UK