

# THE HALWIN HEROLD



## WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026

Hello and welcome back to the another edition of the Herold!

This week has once again be packed full of different learning and experiences for our children. Trips to the Hall for Cornwall and Sushi making have certainly been some of the highlights from an action packed week.

As you are aware, next week will be a shorter week with the school shut on Monday due to the bank holiday with pupils returning as usual on Tuesday. In addition, I would like to remind parents that next Friday, the school will also be closed for an inset day.

In further news, we will be sending our pupil reports home next week for your perusal. We are excited to share our children's progress so far this academic year and we hope you can join us in celebrating all that they have achieved so far.

As always, I have been hugely impressed by some of the children's learning over the course of the week and their commitment to challenging themselves in each and every lesson. Our Stars and CARE champions this week have truly demonstrated these values and I look forward to seeing our children continue to shine in the coming weeks.

**MR RICHES**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 04/05/26

Week choices **1** 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:

**94.3%**

Attendance for each class this week:

**Robins: 96%**

**Kingfishers: 93.31%**

**Congratulations Robins Class!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Wrap-Around Care link:**

<https://forms.gle/UV9cMwEFCnrVd1oY8>

# ROBINS CLASS RECAP

Once again it has been an incredibly busy week in Robins.

The children have continued to learn about 'The Mermaid of Zennor' this week and have begun planning their own versions of the story to write during next week. We are all looking forward to seeing what the children produce to celebrate our Cornish tale unit!

Earlier this week, our children continued their DT food journey by creating Sushi! Throughout the lesson, children demonstrated a range of skills that included cutting, slicing and rolling to create their very own dishes. This was obviously followed by the all important skill of taste testing!

Finally, the children have also been continuing their learning about Queen Elizabeth II in History. Robins spent time learning about her coronation and how this was the first celebration to be televised. They even understood how Elizabeth's dress had special details stitched into this to represent the countries she preceded over.

Well done Robins!



# KINGFISHERS @ THE THEATRE!

The Kingfishers class recently enjoyed a memorable trip to The Hall for Cornwall, where they watched a performance of 'The Boy at the Back of the Class'.

From the moment we arrived, the children represented the school with pride, demonstrating impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the visit.

The performance itself was truly a spectacle. The story was brought to life with powerful acting, creative staging, and moments of both humour and emotion that captivated the entire audience. The children were fully engaged throughout the performance, responding thoughtfully to the themes of friendship, kindness, and understanding.

It was a truly wonderful experience for the children, and we are incredibly proud of how the Kingfishers conducted themselves. The trip not only enriched their learning but also hopefully created a lasting memory that they will stay with them for a long time.

Well done Team Halwin!



# HALWIN HEROES

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## STARS OF THE WEEK



 <b>ROBINS</b>	<p>Ella</p>
 <b>KINGFISHERS</b>	<p>Hugo Lukas</p>



# CARE CHAMPIONS

<p>Confidence</p>	<p>Amber</p>
<p>Aspiration</p>	<p>Stan</p>
<p>Resilience</p>	<p>Skylar</p>
<p>Enjoyment</p>	<p>Harry</p>



# TEAM POINTS



BLUE

277



RED

176



GREEN

282



YELLOW

255

# HALL OF FAME

## WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Well done  
Amelia & Harrison!



# KEY DATES

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	KS2 Hall for Cornwall Theatre Show
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Inset Day (Flora Day)</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SAT's Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole School Trip - Geevor Mine
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Summer 1 Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Start of Summer 2 Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Wellbeing Wednesday
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of School Year

# Y6 SATS TIMETABLE

## KS2 Year 6 SATs Dates - May 2026

Date	Test
Monday 11th May 2026	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 12th May 2026	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 14th May 2026	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes



As always, we will be providing our Year 6 children with their very own SATs breakfast to help charge them up ahead of the papers. This will also include some fruit juices, to again, provide further energy for our awesome Year 6's!

There will be no cost for this and is simply a positive way to start each day.

Chartwells will be providing all the food and ingredients throughout the week and we are thankful as always to the Crofty Education Trust for providing this for our pupils.



# 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%
<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, Medical 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		

# CHARTWELLS MENU

SPRING/SUMMER  
2026 MENU

Available Daily  
Deli Sandwich, Baguette or Wrap







WEEK 1

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 	Beef Bolognese 	Roast Chicken 	Homemade Sausage Roll 	Battered Pollock 
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap 	Vegetarian Bolognese 	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Roast 	Macaroni Cheese 	Quorn Dippers 
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Or Jacket Potato 	Tomato Pasta Or Jacket Potato 	Tomato Pasta Or Jacket Potato 	Tomato Pasta Or Jacket Potato 	Tomato Pasta Or Jacket Potato 
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT	Vanilla Slice 	Oat Cookie 	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse 	Strawberry Jelly 	Chocolate Ice Cream 	

 **BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY**  
With a choice of toppings

 **AVAILABLE DAILY**  
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

 **Chartwells**  
Schools

 Vegetarian  Vegan  Oily Fish  Fruity  Wholegrain  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.

Menu 01.01.2025

# PHOTO BOOTH



CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

# FRIENDS OF HALWIN



AS WE GET CLOSER TO OUR EXCITING COLOUR RUN I THOUGHT I'D SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE COLOURED POWDER USED AND WHAT A COLOUR RUN IS!

A PRIMARY SCHOOL COLOUR RUN IS A NON-COMPETITIVE, HIGH-ENERGY FUNDRAISING FUN RUN WHERE PARTICIPANTS WEAR WHITE T-SHIRTS AND ARE SHOWERED WITH VIBRANT, NON-TOXIC CORNSTARCH POWDER AT STATIONS ALONG A COURSE. IT PROMOTES FITNESS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT, ALLOWING STUDENTS TO WALK, RUN, OR DANCE, ENDING WITH A CELEBRATORY "COLOUR THROW". OUR PLAN IS TO MAKE A COURSE ON THE FIELD WITH PARENTS AND TEACHERS STATIONED ALONG THE WAY WITH POTS OF COLOUR!

WE ARE USING THE SCHOOL RUN PRODUCTS:

THE SCHOOL RUN SUPPORTS SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UK IN DELIVERING WELL-ORGANISED, SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL COLOUR RUNS. IN 2025 ALONE, OVER 500 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS CHOSE US TO SUPPLY THEIR EVENT.

WE PROVIDE SCHOOL-SAFE, NON-TOXIC, NON-FLAMMABLE COLOUR POWDER IN EIGHT COLOURS, ALONGSIDE MEDALS, ACCESSORIES AND CLEAR PLANNING GUIDANCE — EVERYTHING NEEDED TO RUN YOUR EVENT.

AS TEACHERS, WE KNOW FIRST-HAND WHAT IT TAKES TO ORGANISE A GREAT EVENT IN SCHOOL. THAT'S WHY WE PRIORITISE CLEAR COMMUNICATION, DEPENDABLE SERVICE AND STRAIGHTFORWARD PLANNING EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

WHETHER YOU'RE RAISING FUNDS OR PLANNING A CELEBRATION EVENT, WE HELP YOU DELIVER A COLOUR RUN YOUR PUPILS WILL REMEMBER.

HOW IS THE COLOUR POWDER MADE?

OUR COLOUR POWDER IS MADE THE TRADITIONAL WAY, JUST CORN STARCH AND NATURAL VEGETABLE OR FOOD-GRADE DYES. WE HAVE HOWEVER GONE THAT EXTRA STEP TO ENSURE OUR COLOUR POWDER IS NON-FLAMMABLE AND NON-TOXIC. WE THOUGHT THIS WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAKE OUR PRODUCT PERFECT FOR THE MODERN MARKETPLACE AND USE BY CHILDREN.

IS COLOUR POWDER SAFE FOR CHILDREN TO USE?

OUR COLOUR POWDER IS SAFE FOR EVERYONE TO USE. HOWEVER, WE DO RECOMMEND THAT YOUNGER CHILDREN ARE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WEAR GLASSES TO STOP THE POWDER FROM IRRITATING EYES. PARTICIPANTS CAN BRING THEIR OWN OR WE CAN PROVIDE THEM FOR YOU. WE SUGGEST SWIMMING GOGGLES AS PERFECT EYE PROTECTION!

WE, FRIENDS OF HALWIN SCHOOL, WILL BE PROVIDING EVERY CHILD WITH A PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT AS WELL!

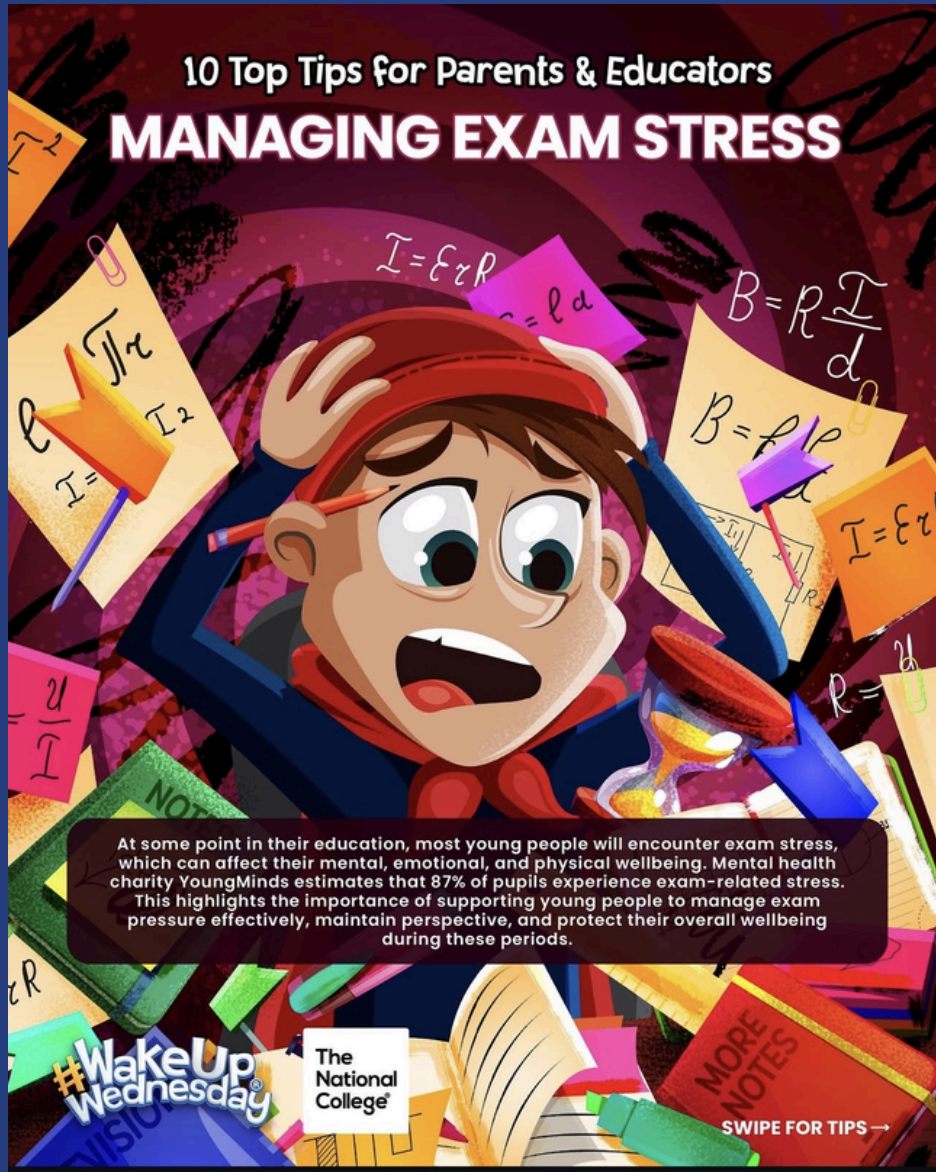
IN THE NEXT WEEK WE WILL PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP DETAILS!

WE ARE SO EXCITED. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!

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# ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

## 10 Top Tips for Parents & Educators MANAGING EXAM STRESS



At some point in their education, most young people will encounter exam stress, which can affect their mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. Mental health charity YoungMinds estimates that 87% of pupils experience exam-related stress. This highlights the importance of supporting young people to manage exam pressure effectively, maintain perspective, and protect their overall wellbeing during these periods.

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SWIPE FOR TIPS →

- 1 PRACTISE WORKLOAD WISDOM
- 2 CLEAR UP THE CLUTTER
- 3 MASTER THE MATERIALS
- 4 GET CREATIVE WITH NOTES
- 5 USE VISUAL MEMORY AIDS **SMILE**

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- 6 BUILD A TECH TOOLKIT
- 7 KEEP REVISION ENJOYABLE
- 8 USE ACTIVE STUDY METHODS
- 9 USE AI THOUGHTFULLY
- 10 PRACTISE WITH ONLINE TOOLS

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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**

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



**MHST**  
**MANAGING BEHAVIOUR**  
TIPS & SUPPORT WITH MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR

STAY CALM  
LISTEN & TALK  
SET CLEAR RULES

HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE

To request a place, fill out the online form or scan the QR code:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/2W5GhsT9HK>

Tuesday 12 May 2026  
9.30am or 1.30pm

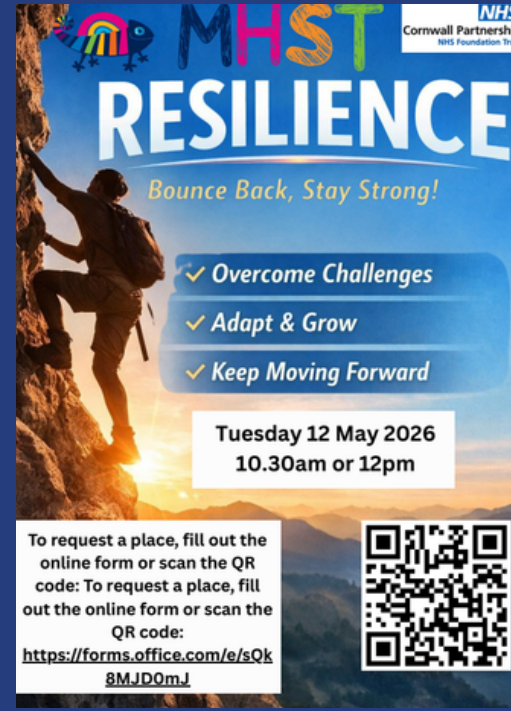


**MHST**  
**Managing Worries**  
TIPS AND SUPPORT WITH MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S WORRIES

Take Deep Breaths  
Write it Down  
Talk to Someone  
Do Something You Enjoy

To request a place, fill out the online form or scan the QR code: To request a place, fill out the online form or scan the QR code:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/SiqzWJJAdP>

Tuesday 12 May 2026  
9.30am or 1.30pm



**MHST**  
**RESILIENCE**  
Bounce Back, Stay Strong!

- ✓ Overcome Challenges
- ✓ Adapt & Grow
- ✓ Keep Moving Forward

Tuesday 12 May 2026  
10.30am or 12pm

To request a place, fill out the online form or scan the QR code: To request a place, fill out the online form or scan the QR code:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/sOk8MJDOMJ>



**MHST**  
**Transitions**  
From Primary School to Secondary School

PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SECONDARY SCHOOL

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<https://forms.office.com/e/cCg2VFeQDj>

Monday 11 May 2026  
9.30am or 1.30pm



**MHST**  
**SLEEP**  
Rest, Recharge, Reset!

- ✓ Get Plenty of rest
- ✓ Feel better & think clearly
- ✓ Boost your health

Monday 11 May 2026  
9.30am or 1.30pm

To request a place, fill out the online form or scan the QR code: To request a place, fill out the online form or scan the QR code:  
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