

# THE HALWIN HEROLD



## WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 7TH MAY 2026

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

Although this week has only consisted of three days, with the bank holiday and Flora day due to take place today, it is surprising how busy it has been for all of our pupils.

We have been blessed with visits from our friends at Trinity church who dropped by to provide the children with a story from 'Open the Book', alongside our weekly visit from Mr Warren to deliver the children's P.E sessions. In addition, our amazing Year 6's have been continuing with their final preparations for next week ahead of their SATs week and we have also been 'Waste Warriors' this week, attempting to reduce our food waste during lunchtimes. Not only that, you will all hopefully receive your child/children's written reports today. We hope this provides you with a positive insight into your child/children's learning so far this year and we hope you can celebrate their progress with them over the weekend. Phew!

Nevertheless, next week will be an important week for our oldest children as they finally sit their long awaited SATs papers. We are confident that they will give it 100% and show off all their amazing learning that has taken place during their time at Halwin. I am sure that you will join me in wishing the children luck for next week.

Finally, you should have all received a letter outlining our trip to Geevor mine next week. We will be visiting this as part of our history learning this week. Please could we ask that we receive the permissions slips in good time and if you are able, payments on parent pay are completed ahead of our visit. That said, I would like to thank you all for your continued support since I have arrived. It has been fantastic getting to know you all.

**MR RICHES**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 11/05/26

Week choices **2** 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:

**90.17%**

Attendance for each class this week:

**Robins: 88.89%**

**Kingfishers: 90.97%**

**Congratulations Kingfishers Class!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Wrap-Around Care link:**

<https://forms.gle/UV9cMwEFCnrVd1oY8>

# ROBINS CLASS RECAP

Robins class has once again had another busy week with further 'no-cook' cookery taking place during D.T and the children completing their own versions of the 'Mermaid of Zennor' stories.

In maths this week, our oldest children have been wrestling with subtraction, more specifically subtracting when bridging 10's which has proven quite tricky. Nevertheless, with practice and lots of reassurance, the children overcame these challenges, now showing great proficiency. For our Year 1 children this week they have begun to grow their knowledge of measure by understanding different ways in which we can measure shapes whilst also discussing the importance of being accurate!

Finally, the children continued their learning of habitats and how animals have adapted to their environments. With David Attenborough turning 100 today, we spent some time also discussing his impact on nature and championing our different species from around the world.

Tune into Youtube at 2:15pm today to watch Steve Backshall's special assembly all about David Attenborough!



# PE IN THE SUNSHINE!



**CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT**

# HALWIN HEROES

CONFIDENCE **ASPIRATION** RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

## STARS OF THE WEEK



 <b>ROBINS</b>	<b>Valencia</b>
 <b>KINGFISHERS</b>	<b>Eli &amp; Zephyr</b>



# CARE CHAMPIONS

<b>Confidence</b>	<b>Chari</b>
<b>Aspiration</b>	<b>Rupert</b>
<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Bryn</b>
<b>Enjoyment</b>	<b>Freyja</b>



# TEAM POINTS



BLUE

394



RED

245



GREEN

378



YELLOW

326

# HALL OF FAME

## WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Well done  
Poppy!



# KEY DATES

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset Day (Flora Day)
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
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	FOH Colour Run
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Feel Good Friday (alternative for Wellbeing Wednesday this half term)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Start of Summer 2 Term
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play for New Reception Starters
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	School Class Photographs
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Stay and Play for New Reception Starters

# KEY DATES

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Wellbeing Wednesday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up transition story time
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 transition days to Helston Secondary School
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up transition afternoon
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up transition day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bristol Residential
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	New Reception Starters afternoon
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 Cricket event @ Constantine Cricket Club
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



## WEEK 2

W/C: 20/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 01/06/2026, 22/06/2026, 13/07/2026, 14/09/2026, 05/10/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>HOT DISHES</b>	<b>OPTION 1</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tandoori Chicken with Wholegrain Rice and Chota Naan Bread  	Fish Fingers with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	<b>OPTION 2</b>	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice   	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges  	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Macaroni Cheese  	Spanish Omelette with Chips 
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	
	<b>OPTION 3</b>	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  
<b>HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD</b>						
<b>DELI DISHES</b>	<b>OPTION 4</b>	Ham Wrap	Tuna Wrap	Ham Wrap	Tuna Wrap	Ham Wrap
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	<b>OPTION 5</b>	Cheese Sandwich 	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich 	Cheese Sandwich 	Cheese Sandwich 
<b>DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD</b>						
<b>DESSERT</b>		Chocolate Cookie - with Fruit Slices 	Sticky Oat Slice	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 	Strawberry Ice Cream



### BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings  



### AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

 Vegetarian  Fruity!  Nutritionist's Choice  Oily Fish  Wholegrain  Fruity!

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

# Green Garden

Thursday 14 May

## Pork & Spring Green

### Meatballs



B

0.69kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per portion - the equivalent of charging your phone 345 times

## Spinach & Herb Risotto



A

0.15kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per portion - the equivalent of charging your phone 75 times

With Peas & Sweetcorn

*(This recipe uses the outer leaves of the vegetables, homemade breadcrumbs and is versatile so that any vegetable can be substituted)*

## Summer Fruit Yoghurt Cup



A

0.12kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per portion - the equivalent of charging your phone 60 times

*(Any fruit can be used - in season fruit can be picked & frozen to be used at any time of the year)*

# PHOTO BOOTH



CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

# Community Compass



**Are you a parent or carer of a young person taking exams this year?**

Exams can be very stressful for students of any age, but there is help and guidance available. Check out Start Now's tips and tools.



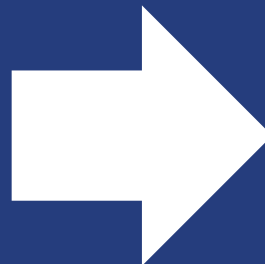
## Parent Portal

Each week we will share an invite to an online parent programme, run by experts from Cornwall Council. Here, they will offer ways to support your child at home and understand how our children grow and develop. There will be a different theme each week.

### This weeks focus – Boundaries

Why they are important and how they be successfully put in place

Please follow the QR code to book.



Together  for Families

# 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 ASWELL!**

**IN THE NEXT WEEK WE WILL PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP DETAILS!**

**WE ARE SO EXCITED. PLEASE DONT HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!**

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# ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators 1/4

## HELPING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN NAVIGATE THE ONLINE WORLD



Neurodivergent people tend to be early adopters of technology, and many influential innovators in this space are neurodivergent themselves. It's therefore likely that a neurodivergent child or young person may be drawn to the online world from an early age. This isn't a concern in itself, but understanding both the benefits and potential risks is essential. Here are ten key considerations to support safe and positive online experiences for neurodivergent children.

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- 1 TREAT ONLINE LIKE THE REAL WORLD
- 2 MODEL RESPONSIBLE USE
- 3 KNOW YOUR LIMITS
- 4 CONSIDER AGES AND STAGES
- 5 KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN



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- 6 BUILD YOUR KNOWLEDGE
- 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES
- 8 UNDERSTAND AI CONTENT
- 9 EXPLAIN AI LIMITATIONS
- 10 CLARIFY AI RELATIONSHIPS



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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

Tuesday 12 May 2026  
9.30am or 1.30pm

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

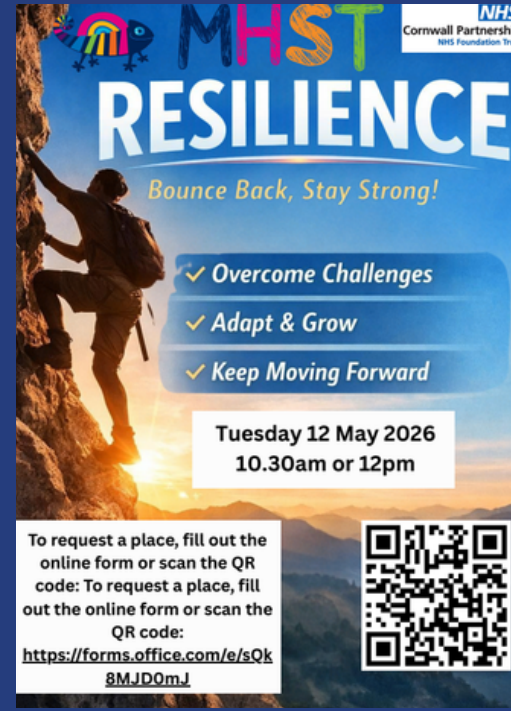



**MHST**  
**Managing Worries**  
TIPS AND SUPPORT WITH MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S WORRIES

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

Tuesday 12 May 2026  
9.30am or 1.30pm

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





**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

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9.30am or 1.30pm

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