

# THE HALWIN HEROLD



## WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026

Hello and welcome back to the final edition of the Herold for this half term.

This week, Halwin welcomed our long anticipated friends from Ofsted who spent Tuesday and Wednesday exploring and discussing the school with leaders whilst also providing vital next steps. I would like to personally thank parents, staff and our amazing children for their support through a vigorous and busy process. Once the report is available and provided to the school in the not too distant future, we will of course share this with our families.

Of course, as always, this week has been packed filled with different events that still took place during our visit and culminated with us hosting our fantastic colour run which was so fantastically supported by our community. Again, we would like to thank our amazing Friends of Halwin for their continued hard work in organising and hosting these events for our families to benefit from and we hope that you all enjoyed another well supported event. This event brought a close to our first 'Feel-Good Friday' where our children took part in a number of outdoor education opportunities which involved some bikeability events, team sports and even a music quiz! As always, our children showed fantastic teamwork and encouragement throughout the day, once again showing the importance of personal development and wellbeing for our children.

Looking ahead to next half term, you may have noticed that our next Wellbeing Wednesday will be taking place at Swanpool Beach with Elemental Water Sports hosting Halwin. With this in mind, we have made the event live on Parent Pay for payments to be made towards this event. The Friends of Halwin have kindly subsidised the event to ensure the cost is reduced for our parents and community.

Finally, I would like to personally thank you all for your ongoing support during an extremely busy first half term leading Halwin. I have loved getting to know you all and continue to be excited for the schools ongoing development in the terms and years to come.

**MR RICHES**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 01/06/26

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:

**95.29%**

Attendance for each class this week:

**Robins: 96.33%**

**Kingfishers: 94.6%**

**Congratulations Robins Class!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Wrap-Around Care link:**

<https://forms.gle/UV9cMwEFCnrVd1oY8>

# ROBINS CLASS RECAP

To bring our half term to a close, our amazing Robins celebrated the conclusion of this half term's Design and Technology learning by hosting a Tea party with parents where they created their final designs of the 'non-cook' food unit.

Our families were treated on Wednesday afternoon to a well attended food tasting session where the children shared their tasty cheesecake biscuits alongside their learning journals to show their families how they had created their masterpieces.

As you have seen in the last few weeks, Robins have been exploring no-cook recipes which have ranged from fruit kebabs to sushi.

It has been a tasting and culinary experience for many of our children but one that has improved our children's resilience and courage to try new flavours and ingredients.

It was an extremely well attended event, which we hope our families thoroughly enjoyed!

Well done Team Robins!



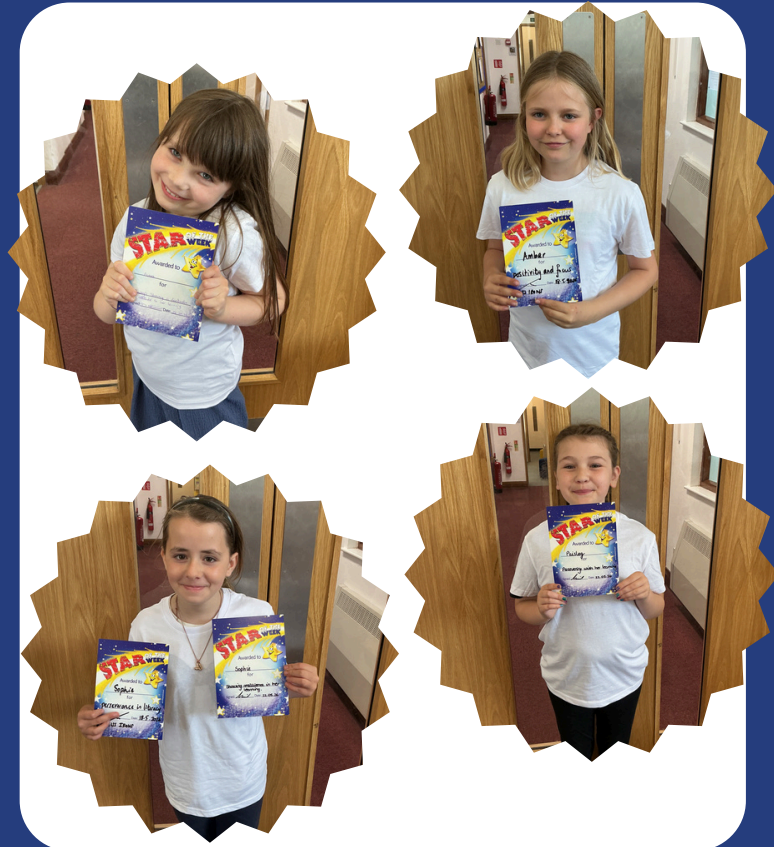
# HALWIN HEROES

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

## STARS OF THE WEEK



 <b>ROBINS</b>	<p><b>Aimee</b></p>
 <b>KINGFISHERS</b>	<p><b>Paisley, Amber and Sophie</b></p>



# CARE CHAMPIONS

<p><b>Confidence</b></p>	<p><b>Carter</b></p>
<p><b>Aspiration</b></p>	<p><b>Faith</b></p>
<p><b>Resilience</b></p>	<p><b>Ina and Luna</b></p>
<p><b>Enjoyment</b></p>	<p><b>Hugo</b></p>



# GEEVOR MINE TRIP!



**CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT**

# COLOUR RUN!



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# FEEL GOOD FRIDAY!



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# TEAM POINTS



BLUE

394



RED

245



GREEN

378



YELLOW

326

# HALL OF FAME

## WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Well done  
Bryn!



# KEY DATES

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
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



# ATTENDANCE

The updated attendance policy is available on the school website:  
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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
	<b>OPTION 2</b>	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 
<b>OPTION 3</b>	OR	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
	<b>OPTION 5</b>	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.

# PHOTO BOOTH



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# Community Compass



## What's on at Helston library

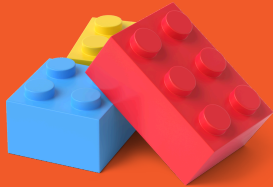


**Story Time**

**Mondays 11.15am**

**Lego Time**

**Wednesdays 3:45**



**Rhyme Time**

**Fridays 10:30**



**Children's Jewellery Making**

**Fridays 3:45**



## Parent Portal

### This weeks focus - Introduction to the Teenage brain.

This 1-hour workshop discusses the changes adolescents experience in their brain development and how parents can support their young person.

Please follow the QR code to book.



**Rewards!**

The parenting team talk about rewards and how we can use them effectively with our children to encourage appropriate or expected behaviours. Follow the podcast logo to listen!

# ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

## APP & PLAY STORES

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE
- PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES
- UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS
- ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
- SIDELoaded BANNED APPS

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### Advice for Parents & Carers

- ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS
- LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS
- DO YOUR RESEARCH
- TALK TO YOUR CHILD

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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**