

# THE HALWIN HEROLD



## WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

Good afternoon and welcome back to our first edition of the Halwin Herold this half term.

It has been wonderful to welcome back our community following a short but busy previous half term. As with all things at Halwin, we have been filling our children with further experiences over the course of this week and even hosted our Trust's annual 'Eco-Summit' on the field in the very fancy marquee!

In the coming months, we have a number of different trips, visitors and experiences coming up, so please make sure to look at the upcoming dates. In addition, please make sure you have a look at the Community Compass page towards the end of the newsletter as this has a number of different events, services, tips and tricks for our parent community to get involved with.

Casting our minds back to last half term, we hosted our first Colour Run event here at Halwin. It was incredibly well attended and supported by our wonderful community. The final amount raised by the event was a staggering...£551.75! We are incredibly thankful to all those who donated and attended, and we look forward to hosting future colour runs in the future.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming some new faces to the Halwin family in coming weeks. As you are aware, we begin to look towards next year with some of our children looking to transition up from Robins to Kingfishers. But this also means that we will be welcoming some new families to Halwin. With this in mind, we have some future events where we will be looking to welcome families new and old to the school and would love you all to take part. Please keep your eyes peeled for further news. That being said, let's dive in to see what has been happening this week!

**MR RICHES**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 08/06/26

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:

**98.36%**

Attendance for each class this week:

**Robins: 100%**

**Kingfishers: 97.22%**

**Congratulations Robins Class!**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wrap-Around Care link:

<https://forms.gle/UV9cMwEFCnrVd1oY8>

# COLOUR RUN ROUNDUP



## Certificate of Appreciation

Congratulations to  
Halwin School

who used SuperKind Fundraising to raise

£551.75

For Friends of Halwin School

Signed:

Karen Mitchell  
SuperKind Co-Founder  
01.06.26

# ROBINS CLASS RECAP

This week our children have been learning about 'Life-Savers'! These are professionals who offer a public service and can be considered everyday superheroes! Throughout the week, the children have been discussing and exploring the life of a Firefighter.

On Thursday, we met Leah, who kindly zoomed in from her Naval base up country who discussed what a 'day in the life' of a naval firefighter was like. She shared and modelled the equipment that she uses when tackling fires, whilst also discussing how she trains everyday to be prepared for every situation. It was safe to say that our Robins class were certainly in awe of her. Although the mention of working for 24hour shifts, potentially may have put off some of our less keen firefighters!

Nevertheless, throughout the conversation, our children asked thoughtful and interesting questions which deepened the childrens learning and excited them ahead of planning their non-fiction writing in the next few days. Well done Team Robins!



# HALWIN HEROES

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

## STARS OF THE WEEK



 <b>ROBINS</b>	<p><b>Arlo</b></p>
 <b>KINGFISHERS</b>	<p><b>Paisley And Bryn</b></p>



# CARE CHAMPIONS

<p><b>Confidence</b></p>	<p><b>Eleanor</b></p>
<p><b>Aspiration</b></p>	<p><b>Hudson</b></p>
<p><b>Resilience</b></p>	<p><b>Benjamin</b></p>
<p><b>Enjoyment</b></p>	<p><b>Mason</b></p>



# CROFTY ECO SUMMIT



**CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT**

# OUR BUSY WEEK!



**CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT**

# TEAM POINTS



BLUE

88



RED

117



GREEN

103



YELLOW

56

# HALL OF FAME

## WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



**Marley**



# 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 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
	OR					
	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 🍷
OR						
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
	OR					
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
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### BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings: 🍷 🌱



### AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, pogram 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.

# Community Compass



## Have a child starting in September?

Healthy Cornwall are running a **FREE** workshop to help get your child school ready.

Get help with:

- Sleep
- Toilet Training
- Hand washing and teeth
- Healthy Eating and more!

**Pool Family Hub - Higher Borad Lane, Illogan TR15 3JL**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10:30 - 11:30**

## Parent Portal

### This weeks focus - Technology and Safety

Get support with boundaries around technology use at home and how to support children and young people to stay safe online.



Plase follow the QR code to book.



## Kernow Educaiton Team!

The parenting team talks exciting about new support for parents and carers in Cornwall – the Kernow Education Advice Line. We will find out what this new Advice Line can support with and how parents and carers can get in touch.

Follow the podcast logo to listen!

# ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators 1/4

## BUILDING SCHOOL-READY LANGUAGE SKILLS



Oral language is fundamental to children's learning, literacy, and social and emotional development, with long-term impacts. As language develops rapidly between the ages of three and six, early, evidence-based support is essential. This guide offers practical ways to help the children in your care become confident communicators, including through proven approaches such as the DfE-funded NELL programmes available to settings in England.

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SWIPE FOR TIPS

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- 1 BUILD ORAL LANGUAGE 
- 2 SUPPORT LISTENING SKILLS 
- 3 GROW THEIR VOCABULARY 
- 4 SHARE STORIES TOGETHER 
- 5 NAME DIFFERENT FEELINGS 

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- 6 WORK WITH SETTINGS 
- 7 SPOT LANGUAGE NEEDS 
- 8 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT 
- 9 MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS 
- 10 TAKE PART IN RESEARCH 

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# ADDITIONAL NEWS



## Armed Forces Community Drop-In Session



Come along for an informal drop in session and an opportunity to speak to Active Plus team members about support available to the Armed Forces Community.

**Wednesday 6th July 2026, 3:45pm - 4:30pm**  
Report to Main Reception at Helston Community College (North Site)

*Open to all members of the Armed Forces Community including Serving Personnel, Veterans, Spouses/Partners and family members.*

## SUPPORTING MILITARY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Active Plus** is a charity that helps veterans, serving personnel, and military families access support and advice when they need it.

At this free information session, parents can find out about the help available for military families, including support with:

-  Health and wellbeing
-  Mental health
-  Employment and training
-  Housing and financial concerns
-  Building local connections and reducing isolation



Military life can bring unique challenges for both adults and children. Active Plus can help families find the right support and connect with services in their local community.

Whether you are currently serving, have served in the past, or are part of a military family, come along to learn what support is available and how it could benefit **you and your children**.

[ActivePlus Community Information Event – Fill out form](#)