

THE HALWIN HEROLD



WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

Good afternoon and welcome back to another edition of the Herold.

Once again we have had a wonderfully positive and engaging week across the school, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

In Kingfishers class, pupils enjoyed a fascinating science experiment exploring the different components of blood. Through hands-on learning, they were able to better understand how blood is made up of different cells, bringing their science learning to life in an exciting and memorable way.

Within Robins, the children have also been developing their scientific thinking by classifying animals based on their features. It has been fantastic to see pupils using key vocabulary and observational skills to group animals and explain their reasoning with increasing confidence.

We were also pleased to hold our residential meeting for our Year 5 and 6 pupils who will be travelling to Bristol, alongside Garras School. There is a real sense of excitement building for what promises to be a fantastic opportunity for learning, independence, and shared experiences.

A couple of reminders for the coming weeks:

- Monday 22nd June is an INSET day, so the school will be closed to pupils.
- Please also remember that the school day begins at 8:40am. Arriving on time helps children settle quickly and make the most of their learning from the very start of the day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

MR RICHES

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 22/06/26

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:

97%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 96.67%

Kingfishers: 97.2%

Congratulations Kingfishers Class!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wrap-Around Care link:

<https://forms.gle/ZndDZWf2Pq5VPRM8>

KINGFISHERS CATCH-UP

In English, the children have been exploring discussion texts. The children have been learning how this genre of writing is composed, this included identifying the key features such as balanced arguments, formal language, and presenting different viewpoints. The children are now started planning their own discussion pieces, which will be based on the recent social media ban – a topic that has sparked some really thoughtful ideas and great conversations!

In Science, we've been looking at the make-up of blood. To bring this to life, the children took part in a fun practical activity using cereal, marshmallows and food dye to represent the different components. It was a hands-on lesson that really helped them understand the concept in a memorable way!

In Maths, the class has been focusing on pie charts and the mean. They've been practising how to interpret and create pie charts, as well as learning how to calculate averages. There has been some fantastic problem-solving and great progress across the class.

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week – keep it up, Kingfishers!



HALWIN HEROES

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STARS OF THE WEEK



 ROBINS	<p style="text-align: center;">Skylar</p>
 KINGFISHERS	<p style="text-align: center;">Kai & Zephyr</p>

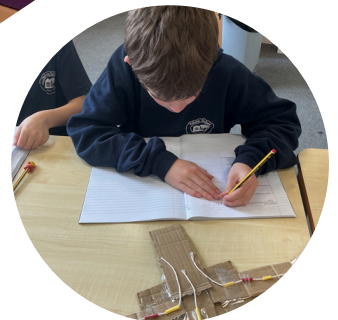
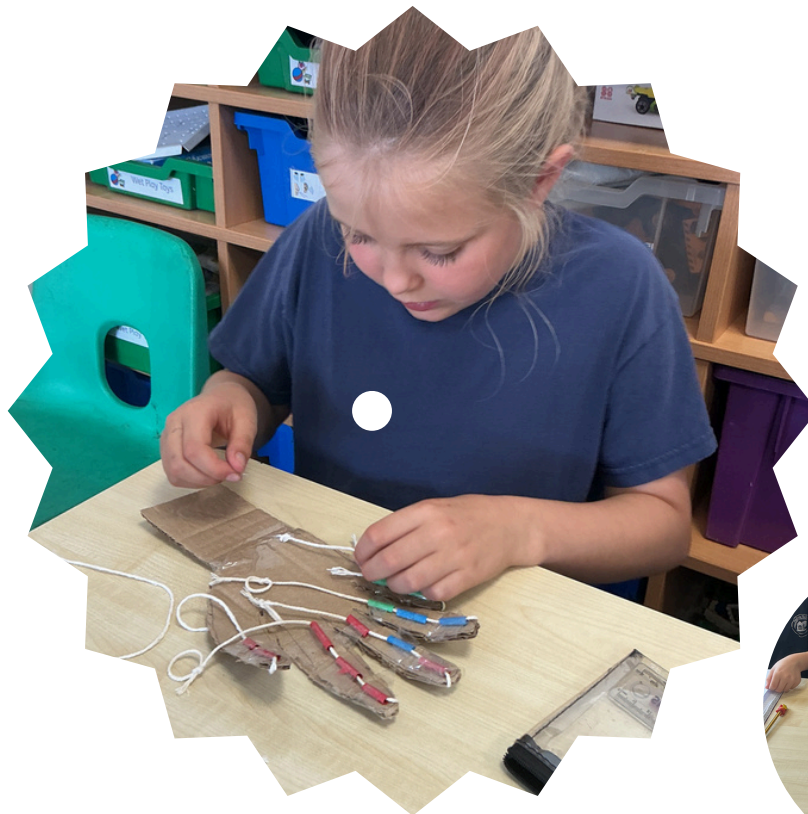
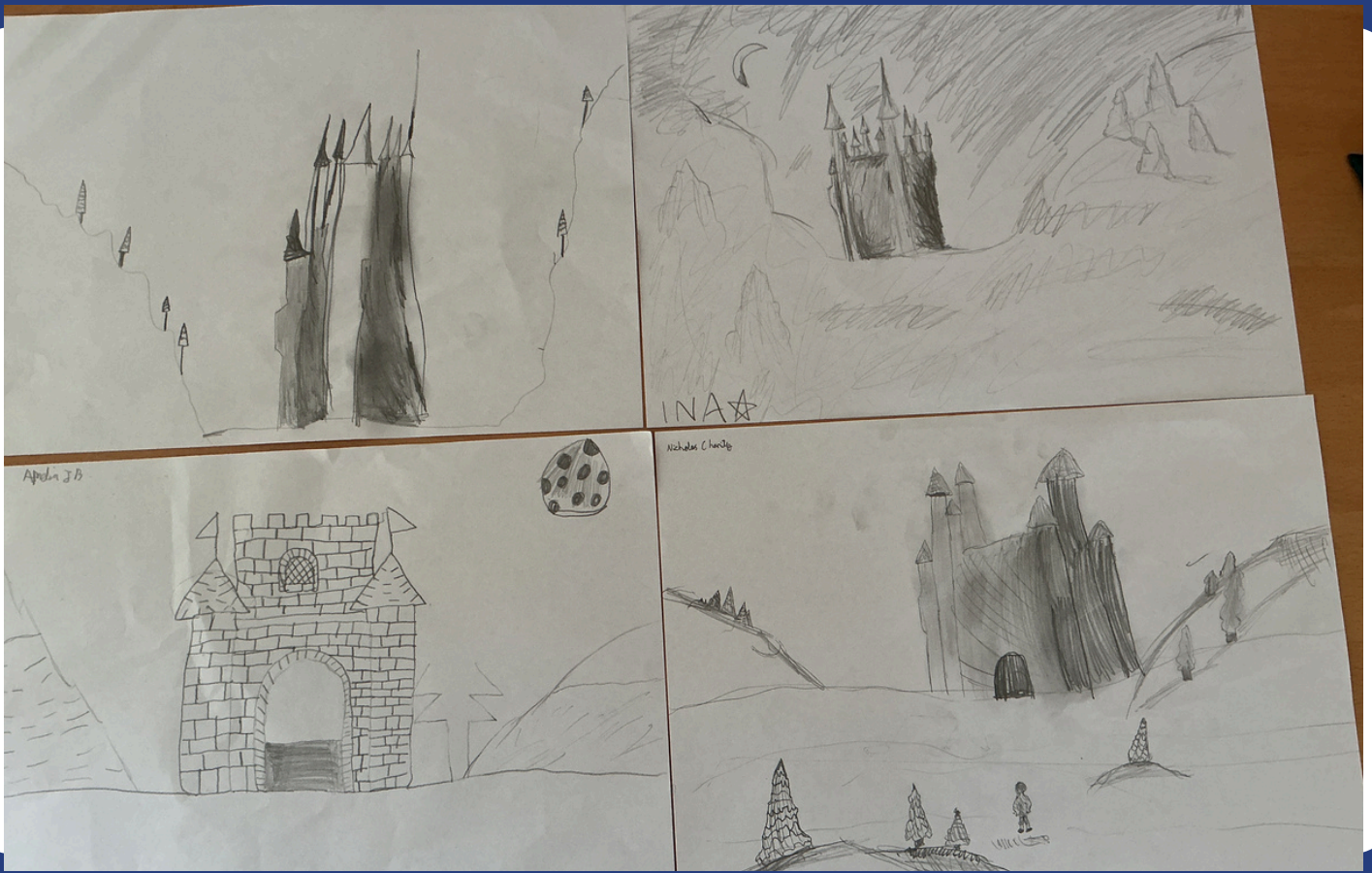


CARE CHAMPIONS

<p>Confidence</p>	<p>Eryn</p>
<p>Aspiration</p>	<p>Ina</p>
<p>Resilience</p>	<p>Eleanor</p>
<p>Enjoyment</p>	<p>Harrison</p>



OUR BUSY WEEK



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SUSTAINABILITY WEEK 2



TEAM POINTS



BLUE

188



RED

189



GREEN

153



YELLOW

117

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



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KEY DATES

Monday 22 nd June	Inset Day
Wednesday 24 th June	Stay and Play for New Reception Starters
Wednesday 1 st July	Wellbeing Wednesday
Monday 6 th July	Move up transition story time
Monday 6 th - Wednesday 8 th July	Year 6 transition days to Helston Secondary School
Tuesday 7 th July	Move up transition afternoon
Wednesday 8 th July	Move up transition day
Thursday 9 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July - Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Bristol Residential
Wednesday 15 th July	New Reception Starters afternoon
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 5 & 6 Cricket event @ Constantine Cricket Club

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 1

W/C: 04/05/2026, 15/06/2026, 06/07/2026, 07/09/2026, 28/09/2026, 19/10/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Homemade Sausage Roll with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OR					
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷🍷	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🌱🍷	Quorn Dippers 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	Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges 🌱	Oat Cookie 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Strawberry Jelly - with Fruit Slices 🌱🍷	Chocolate Ice Cream
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BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings 🌱🍷



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Community Compass



Stay Safe in the Sea



HM Coastguard

World Drowning Prevention Day

If you see someone in trouble in the sea, stay calm, stay on land and follow these three steps.



Call

999 and ask for
the Coastguard



Tell

them to float on
their back



Throw

them something
that floats

#RESPECTTHEWATER

Parent Portal This weeks focus

Parenting separately

Support on how to
manage stress and
communicate with your
co - parent,

Please follow
the QR code
to book.



Calling all dads & children

Summer Camp 2026

An amazing overnight camp really near the beach
at Terawhiti Farm, South Milton. Nr. Kingsbridge. Devon. TQ7 3JT

Sat. 18th - Sun. 19th July

- beach games • soft archery
- dad jokes • BBQ & marshmallows •
- glow-worm walk • campfire stories

£5 - £20 (sliding scale)



Camping equipment can be borrowed
www.bookwhen.com/southdevondads
any questions? email: info@thedadsnetwork.org

Booking essential

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and emotional containment.
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how looking after your own
wellbeing helps you stay calm,
support your child through big
emotions.

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PODCAST

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

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SWIPE FOR TIPS →

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- 1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS
- 2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING
- 3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE
- 4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS
- 5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

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- 6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING
- 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES
- 8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE
- 9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER
- 10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

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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](#)