

THE HALWIN HEROLD



HALWIN SCHOOL



END OF THE YEAR ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 22ND JULY 2026

As we reach the end of another wonderful academic year, I would like to take a moment to say just how incredibly proud we are of all of our children. Throughout the year, they have shown confidence, aspiration, resilience and enjoyment in all that they do. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, during performances or through everyday acts of friendship and support, our pupils have achieved so much and have been fantastic ambassadors for our school community.

Today, we said a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children. They leave us with many happy memories and countless achievements to celebrate. Whilst it is always difficult to say goodbye, we are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead for them as they begin the next stage of their journey. We know they will continue to fly the flag for Halwin and make us proud as they move on to secondary school. We wish each and every one of them the very best for the future.

We also officially said goodbye to Mrs Ellis and Miss Warwick. We would like to thank them for their hard work, dedication and the positive impact they have had on our school community. We wish them every success and happiness in the future. Whilst today has naturally been filled with some sadness as we said our goodbyes, it is also a time of excitement as we look ahead to the new academic year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new-look staff team and continuing to build on the successes of this year.

A reminder that children will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and governors, I would like to thank our families for their continued support throughout the year. Working in partnership with you is invaluable, and we are so grateful for everything you do to support the school. We wish all of our children and families a wonderful, restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

MR RICHES

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 31/08/26

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 01209 860329

Email: halwinsecretary@croftymat.org

Wrap-Around Care link:

<https://forms.gle/kStMWpLDdbPUMmaAB9>

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:

93.33%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 95.56%

Kingfishers: 92%

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

As we prepare for another exciting school year, we would like to thank parents for their continued support and remind everyone of a few key expectations to help ensure a smooth start to term.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance is vital for children's learning, confidence and friendships. School starts at 8:45am, with gates opening at 8:30am and classroom doors at 8:40am. Children arriving after 8:45am will be recorded as late. We will continue to monitor attendance, punctuality and early collections closely, and ask that appointments and holidays are arranged outside of school hours wherever possible.

Wraparound and Breakfast Club

Breakfast and after-school provision will resume on Thursday 3rd September and should be booked through our usual Google Form. Breakfast club for Reception to Year 6 pupils will continue daily from 8:00am–8:40am. Wrap around begins from 3:15pm and will finish at 4:15pm.

Uniform and PE

Children are expected to wear full school uniform, including appropriate black school shoes. On PE days, children may come to school in their PE kit, along with their school jumper. Please also remember that make-up is not permitted and earrings must be plain studs for safety.

Healthy Eating

As a nut-free school, we ask parents to check lunchboxes and snacks carefully. Please provide healthy snacks and lunches that help children stay focused and ready to learn.

Toys and Fidgets

From September, children should not bring toys or fidget items into school unless this has been agreed as part of a specific SEND support plan. School will provide resources where needed.

Communication

Please ensure your contact details and any medical information are up to date on Arbor. We will continue to use Arbor and phase emails as our main communication channels and look forward to strengthening our partnership with families next year.

Finally, whilst this may seem like a long list of reminders, many of these are existing expectations. By working together and ensuring consistency, we can create the best possible environment for all children to learn, thrive and succeed. Thank you for your support—we are looking forward to another fantastic year ahead.

SUMMER FAYRE

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our amazing Friends of Halwin, who once again organised a fantastic event in support of our school community.

The summer fair was a wonderful way to bring the school year to a close, with something for everyone to enjoy. Children and families had great fun on the bumper bouncy castle, enjoyed the face painting, browsed the mystery book stall, tried their luck on the tombola and raffle, indulged in delicious treats from the cake stall, and even cooled off at the ever-popular water fight area! It was wonderful to see so many members of our community attending and enjoying the afternoon together.

Events like these do not happen without an incredible amount of hard work behind the scenes. We are so grateful to the Friends of Halwin and all of the volunteers who generously give their time, energy and enthusiasm to make these occasions such a success.

We would also like to thank the Friends of Halwin for the many events and fundraising activities they have organised throughout the year. Their continued support makes a huge difference to our school and helps provide enriching experiences and opportunities for our children that would not be possible through the school's budget alone.

On behalf of all the staff, children and governors, thank you for everything you do. Your dedication, commitment and community spirit are greatly appreciated, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive Friends of Halwin team at the heart of our school community.



HALWIN HEROES OF THE YEAR

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

STARS OF THE WEEK



ALL OF YEAR 6!

**HALWIN CARE CHAMPIONS OF
THE YEAR**

CONFIDENCE: ALFIE M

ASPIRATION: AMELIA

RESILIENCE: STANLEY

ENJOYMENT: FAITH

SPORTS STAR: NICHOLAS

**HEADTEACHER AWARD:
ETHAN**











KEY DATES

Tuesday 1 st September	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 2 nd September	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 3 rd September	Beginning of term
Monday 7 th September	Parent workshop 1 - Halwin Culture Compass
Thursday 10 th September	Meet the Team - Book and Bite @ 2:45pm
Tuesday 15 th September	Individual Photographs
Wednesday 16 th September	Parent Workshop 2 - Emotional Dysregulation
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 26 th October - Friday 20 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3 rd November	Start of Autumn 2

**More dates to be shared in
September**

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%
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 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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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

