

# THE HALWIN HEROLD



## WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026

As we move towards the end of another wonderful year, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the success of our final Wellbeing Wednesday. This week, children enjoyed an action-packed day at Swanpool Beach with the team from Elemental, taking part in paddleboarding, kayaking and coasteering activities.

It was fantastic to see so many children embrace new challenges with enthusiasm and determination. Throughout the day, they demonstrated incredible resilience, teamwork and courage, supporting one another, overcoming fears and stepping well outside their comfort zones. Experiences such as these help our children develop confidence, independence and a belief in their own abilities, and we are extremely proud of every single one of them.

As we approach the final weeks of term, I would also like to remind families of the importance of maintaining regular attendance. Every school day provides valuable learning opportunities, as well as chances to enjoy special events, celebrate achievements and spend time with friends. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Teddy Bears' Picnic on Tuesday 15th July at 2:45pm, which forms part of our final transition day celebrations. This will be a lovely opportunity for families to join us, share in the excitement of transition and celebrate another successful year together. We hope to see many of you there—and don't forget to bring a teddy bear!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we continue to create memorable experiences and opportunities that help our children thrive.

**MR RICHES**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 06/07/26

Week choices **1** 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:

**89.75%**

Attendance for each class this week:

**Robins: 90.67%**

**Kingfishers: 89.2%**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Wrap-Around Care link:**

<https://forms.gle/ZndDZWf2Pq5VPRM8>

# ROBINS ROUND UP

We have had another busy and enjoyable week in Robins!

In PE, the children took part in a range of invasion games, developing their teamwork, communication and ball skills. They worked hard to find space, pass accurately and think strategically, showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the sessions.

In Maths, we began learning about telling the time and exploring the months of the year. The children enjoyed discussing special events that happen in different months and have started to build their understanding of how we measure and organise time.

Our Geography learning has continued with our topic on different climates around the world. This week, we focused on hot climates, exploring the weather and landscapes. We then compared hot climates with the tundra climate that we learned about last lesson. The children noticed many differences, including temperature, rainfall and the types of plants and animals that can survive in each environment. They asked some excellent questions and demonstrated a growing understanding of how climate can shape the world around us.

Well done to everyone for their hard work and positive attitude this week! We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning.



# KINGFISHERS CATCH-UP

This week, the children began an exciting poetry unit exploring the work of Michael Rosen and Joseph Coelho. They have engaged enthusiastically with the poems and produced some thoughtful responses.

The class also thoroughly enjoyed using Music Lab to create and remix *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, demonstrating creativity and excellent collaboration skills.

Some of our Year 6 pupils have started their transition visits to secondary school and have returned feeling excited and positive about the next stage of their education, with all Year 6s having visits to look forward to next week.

In French, the children continue to impress, confidently translating larger and more complex paragraphs and showing how much their language skills have developed. Well done to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm this week!



# HALWIN HEROES

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

## STARS OF THE WEEK



 <b>ROBINS</b>	<b>Carter</b>
 <b>KINGFISHERS</b>	<b>Alfie M and Ina</b>



# CARE CHAMPIONS

<b>Confidence</b>	<b>Hugo</b>
<b>Aspiration</b>	<b>Faith</b>
<b>Resilience</b>	<b>Freyja</b>
<b>Enjoyment</b>	<b>Kai</b>



# TEAM POINTS



BLUE

137



RED

121



GREEN

199



YELLOW

103

# HALL OF FAME

## WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



**Aimee**



# KEY DATES

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
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bristol Residential
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Teddy Bears Picnic at 2:45pm (All families welcome)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 Cricket event @ Constantine Cricket Club
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of School Year

# 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 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
	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 🍷
	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
	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



## Helston Water Carnival



**Free**  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July**  
**12:30 - 5:00 pm**  
**Coronation Park,**  
**Helston**  
(see website for more details and timings)



**WHERE:** THE COVE MACMILLAN CENTRE, TRURO  
**WHEN:** THURS 9TH JULY 2026

**PARENTING WITH CANCER IS HARD.**

FEELING GUILTY  
NO ENERGY  
FEELING ANXIOUS  
WHAT DO I TELL MY KIDS  
ARE MY KIDS OK?

Come together for a day with other parents, who 'get it'.

Learn tools & practical solutions to help you .

Lunch & refreshments provided and resources to take home.



Book online at [www.fruitflycollective.com/toolshed](http://www.fruitflycollective.com/toolshed)



## Mental Health First Aid



Gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to recognise when someone may be struggling and help guide them towards the right support.

 **Carnkie Village Hall**

 **Multiple options**

Follow the QR for full list of courses, dates and more information



## Helston Bark in the Park



 **Coronation Park**

 **5<sup>th</sup> July 12pm**

# ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# YOUTUBE

SHORTS  
CLICKBAIT  
TRENDING  
AUTOPLAY

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- UNDER 18 INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
- CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
- TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
- SUGGESTED CONTENT
- EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT
- SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

- CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS
- CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS
- WATCH TOGETHER

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