



THE HALWIN HEROLD

WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY 10TH JULY 2026

What a fantastic week it has been at Halwin!

On Thursday morning, we held our annual Sports Day, and what a wonderful event it was. We were delighted to see so many parents and family members join us to cheer on the children. Your support helped to create a brilliant atmosphere and made the morning even more special.

I would like to say a huge well done to all of our pupils. The children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, determination and teamwork throughout the event. They participated enthusiastically in every activity and coped exceptionally well with the warm temperatures. We were incredibly proud of the way they encouraged one another, celebrated successes and showed resilience when challenges arose.

Congratulations to all four teams for their efforts, but a special well done must go to our Red Team, who were crowned this year's overall Sports Day champions!

Our house point winning teams also celebrated Thursday afternoon by taking part in an Art Workshop. The children's artistic flair was on show once again, with woodland themes being the focus during the workshop. The drawings and creations will now be published in a local authors text and become part of the illustrations for the characters. Well done Team Halwin!

Teddy Bear Picnic Reminder

A gentle reminder that our Teddy Bear Picnic will be taking place on Wednesday 15th July at 2:45pm. We look forward to welcoming families for this lovely event and hope you can join us for an enjoyable afternoon. Don't forget to bring along a favourite teddy bear!

MR RICHES

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 13/07/26

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wrap-Around Care link:

<https://forms.gle/ZndDZWf2Pq5VPRM8>

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:

93.5%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 93.33%

Kingfishers: 93.6%

FAREWELL & BEST WISHES

As we begin to look ahead to the new academic year, we also have some news to share about members of our staff team.

At the end of this term, Miss Warwick will be leaving Halwin. She is setting off on an exciting travelling adventure in August, and we would like to thank her for the enthusiasm, care and dedication she has shown during her time with us. Although her stay at Halwin has been brief, she has made a positive contribution to our school community and we wish her every success in her future adventures.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Ellis, who has secured an exciting new opportunity at Weeth Primary School. Mrs Ellis has been a valued member of our team, and her commitment, warmth and enthusiasm have had a significant impact on the children and staff alike. She will be greatly missed, and we thank her sincerely for everything she has done for Halwin. We wish her every success in this exciting next chapter of her career.

LOOKING AHEAD

On a positive note, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Humphrey to the Halwin team for the new academic year. Mrs Humphrey will be working with our Kingfishers Class and is very much looking forward to getting to know the children.

She will be visiting the school before the end of term to meet the class and begin building those important relationships ahead of September.

In the coming weeks, we are looking forward to sharing further positive staffing updates with new arrivals alongside one-page introductions for the children.

ROBINS ROUND UP

This week in Robins Class, the children continued their geography learning about hot climates, with a particular focus on tropical climates. They explored the features of tropical rainforests and compared them with desert environments, thinking about how different animals are specially adapted to live in these contrasting habitats. The children enjoyed learning about a variety of rainforest animals and discussing why they thrive in warm, wet conditions. They also investigated the rich plant life found in rainforests and discovered how these plants are suited to their environment.

In English, the children used their recent visit to Elemental as inspiration for their writing. They wrote their own versions of Lucy and Tom at the Seaside, carefully sequencing events and adding details from their experiences to create engaging stories. We were so impressed with their imagination, enthusiasm, and growing confidence as writers.

Well done, Team Robins!



HALWIN HEROES

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

STARS OF THE WEEK



 ROBINS	Carter & Aimee
 KINGFISHERS	Alfie M, Ina, Rupert & Nick



CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Hugo & Eli
Aspiration	Faith
Resilience	Freyja & Sophie
Enjoyment	Kai & Ella



TEAM POINTS



BLUE

497



RED

638



GREEN

572



YELLOW

358

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK




Maths-Whizz
by whizz EDUCATION

Carter



CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

KEY DATES

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

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 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
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	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
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	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 🌱
		OR	OR	OR	OR	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	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 5	Cheese Sandwich 🌱	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich 🌱	Cheese Sandwich 🌱	Cheese Sandwich 🌱
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		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

Community Compass



Welcome to the Time2Move
Holiday Programme -
funded by the Department
for Education



Looking for things to do this Summer Holiday?

Follow the QR code
for a list of activities
near you. There are
lots of FREE days.



◇ Community, Family, Film, Outdoor

Lilo & Stitch: Open-Air Cinema



🕒 Fri 24th Jul, 2026

📍 Coronation Park, Helston

💰 £0 — £0



Talk Learn Do



Money Helper - Parents, Kids and Money

Children learn money skills from parents and carers, and early opportunities to spend and save help build lifelong financial confidence.

This 2-hour workshop helps parents and carers build confidence in talking about money and supporting lifelong money skills and covers the following:

- Build parents' confidence to discuss money at home.
- Explore how children learn about money from adult behaviours.
- Share practical strategies for teaching about money through everyday life.
- Encourage small, realistic family actions
- Support parents to manage common challenges such as pester power
- Discuss different approaches to fostering a savings habit.
- Explore different ages to start discussions with their children about money

When/Where?

Location	Date	Time
St Austell Family Hub	Friday 17th July 2026	9:30-11:30am
Virtual/Microsoft Teams	Tuesday 24th September 2026	9:30-11:30am
Virtual/Microsoft Teams	Thursday 26th September 2026	6:00-8:00pm
Hayle Family Hub	Wednesday 14th October 2026	12:30-14:30pm
Bodmin Family Hub	Monday 25th January 2027	12:30-14:30pm

To book visit
parentbooking.cornwall.gov.uk/home/understanding-your-child/

Contact us
Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk
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Together for Families
www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

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There are more FREE
open air cinema days
at Coronation Park.
Check out the QR for
dates and times.



ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT