

THE HALWIN HEROLD



HALWIN SCHOOL



WELCOME BACK! - FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back to Halwin this week and to see our school buzzing with energy, excitement and enthusiasm once again. The start of a new academic year always brings a sense of optimism, and it has been wonderful to see our children settle quickly into their new classes, reconnect with friends and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

I would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined the Halwin community this year. We have especially loved seeing our new starters settle into school life with such confidence and enthusiasm. It has been a joy to watch them begin their journey at Halwin, making new friends, exploring their learning environments and becoming part of our school family.

A special highlight of the week has been opening our doors to parents and carers for our Culture Compass launch and 'Meet the Teacher' event. It was fantastic to share our vision and values for the year ahead, as well as the important role our Culture Compass will play in shaping the experiences, behaviours and aspirations of our children. We are incredibly grateful for the positive engagement and support shown by families, and we firmly believe that strong partnerships between home and school are key to ensuring every child thrives.

Today also marked a significant milestone for our Year 6 pupils as they proudly received their prefect ties. This has been a much-anticipated moment and one that reflects the responsibility, leadership and positive role modelling expected of our oldest children. We know they will wear their ties with pride and make excellent ambassadors for our school values throughout the year. As we begin this new chapter together, I would like to thank our entire school community for the warm welcome back, the encouragement given to our children and the continued support you provide to our staff. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences for all.



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CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

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A REMINDER ABOUT SAFE PARKING

As our routines become established once again, I would like to remind all parents and carers to use the school car park safely and considerately. Please ensure that vehicles are parked appropriately within designated spaces and avoid blocking access routes. We also ask that all drivers switch off their engines while waiting during drop-off and collection times. These small actions help to keep our school community safe, reduce congestion and improve air quality for everyone on site. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 14/09/26

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.

		WEEK 2				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pasta with Potato Wedges	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Carrots	Tandoori Chicken with Aloo Gobi, Rice and Chutney	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Seafood Vegetable Fajitas with Mango and Rice	Beef Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast BBQ Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Carrots	Macaroni Cheese	Spaghetti Carbonara with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta with Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta with Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta with Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta with Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta with Potato Wedges
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FREELY SEASONED SALAD						
COLD 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
COLD DISHES ARE SERVED WITH SEASONED SALAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Cookie - with Fruit Slice	Sticky Gut Slice	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie	Strawberry Ice Cream

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:

92.69%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 98.18%

Kingfishers: 92.08%

Congratulations Robins!

CULTURE COMPASS

Our Culture Compass

At Halwin, our Culture Compass provides the direction for everything we do. It is built around four simple affirmations:

We Are Safe • We Expect • We Take Ownership • We Matter

These affirmations help children understand how to learn, behave and contribute positively to our school community every day. They provide a clear framework that supports our pupils to grow, succeed and develop strong character.

Through living out our Culture Compass, we aim for every child to leave Halwin embodying our CARE Values:

Confident in who they are and what they can achieve
Aspirational about their future and opportunities ahead
Resilient when facing challenges and setbacks
Enjoyful in their learning and experiences

Together, our Culture Compass and CARE Values ensure that every child is known, valued and equipped to thrive both at school and beyond.



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FRIENDS OF HALWIN

A Huge Thank You to Friends of Halwin

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Friends of Halwin for their generous support in purchasing a range of exciting new books for our school.

Reading opens doors to imagination, knowledge and opportunity, and these fantastic new titles are already creating a buzz amongst our children. We are delighted to be able to offer even more opportunities for our young readers to discover new authors, explore different worlds and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you, Friends of Halwin, for helping us inspire a passion for reading across our school community. 📚☀️



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HALWIN HEROES

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STARS OF THE WEEK



 ROBINS	Eleanor Chari
 KINGFISHERS	Amber Ina



CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Valencia
Aspiration	Marley
Resilience	Ella
Enjoyment	Arlo



TEAM POINTS



BLUE

130



RED

80



GREEN

75



YELLOW

95

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Harry



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KEY DATES

Tuesday 15 th September	Individual Photographs
Wednesday 16 th September	Parent Workshop 2 - Phonics Workshop
Tuesday 29 th September	Parent Workshop 3 - Emotional Regulation
WB 19.10.26	Star Plan reviews
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

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 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
	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 🌱
	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	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

