

THE HALWIN HEROLD



HALWIN SCHOOL



WELCOME BACK! - FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

It has been another busy and exciting week of learning at Halwin, with pupils across the school showing fantastic enthusiasm, curiosity and determination in their lessons.

Our Kingfisher Class have reached the culmination of their writing unit, completing their own captivating dystopian narratives. Drawing on everything they have learned over the past few weeks, pupils created stories in which a secret was being hidden from the public and brave characters raced against time to uncover the truth. The imagination, creativity and quality of writing on display has been impressive, and the children should be incredibly proud of their finished pieces.

In Science, Kingfisher pupils have continued exploring the fascinating world of light, learning more about how light is reflected. Our Year 5 and 6 children have also been investigating materials and developing their understanding of which substances dissolve and why, carrying out practical enquiries to deepen their scientific thinking.

Meanwhile, in Robin Class, pupils have continued their learning about significant British leaders from the past, developing their understanding of how individuals have helped shape our country's history. In Science, they have become true material detectives, investigating the properties of different materials and thinking carefully about their suitability for different purposes.

As always, it has been wonderful to see our children demonstrating our CARE values and embracing new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm.

A reminder for parents and carers: please keep an eye on the Key Dates section of this newsletter for upcoming events. You can also find all forthcoming dates and school events at the bottom of the homepage on our school website.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we wish you all a wonderful weekend.



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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: 21/09/26

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.

WEEK 3					
W/C 27/09/2024, 28/09/2024, 29/09/2024, 30/09/2024, 01/10/2024, 02/10/2024, 03/10/2024					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Cheese and Tomato Pasta with BBQ Sauce and Chopped Onions	Beef Minceballs in Tomato Sauce with Chopped Onions	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Carrots	All Day Breakfast with Chopped Onions	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
	OPTION 2 Vegetarian Meat Free Pasta with BBQ Sauce and Chopped Onions	Chicken and Tomato Pasta with Chopped Onions	Chicken and Tomato Pasta with Chopped Onions	Vegetarian Lasagne with Chopped Onions	Vegetarian Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 3 Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Chopped Onions	Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Chopped Onions	Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Chopped Onions	Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Chopped Onions	Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Chopped Onions
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FREELY SAVED DRINK					
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 SALAD DRESSING					
DESSERT	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Chocolate Fudge Cake

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:

94.06%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 91%

Kingfishers: 95.45%

Congratulations Kingfishers!

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 our Friends of Halwin (FOH) for their continued support of our school community. This week, another delivery of exciting new books arrived for our children to enjoy, helping to nurture a love of reading and ensuring our pupils have access to a wide range of engaging texts. We are incredibly grateful for the difference these contributions make to our children's learning and enjoyment.

The Friends of Halwin Annual General Meeting (AGM) also took place this week. During the meeting, members reflected on the fantastic support provided to the school over the past year, reviewed the considerable funds raised through community events and activities, and outlined an exciting programme of events planned for the year ahead.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Friends of Halwin, whether by joining the committee, helping at events, or simply supporting their work, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office for more information. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, helps make a positive difference to our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can continue to provide enriching opportunities and create lasting memories for every child at Halwin.



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STARS OF THE WEEK



 ROBINS	lone
 KINGFISHERS	Paisley



CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Billy-Joe
Aspiration	Ina
Resilience	Harry
Enjoyment	Harper



TEAM POINTS



BLUE

222



RED

142



GREEN

174



YELLOW

148

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Ben & Amber



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KEY DATES

Tuesday 29 th September	Parent Workshop 3 - Emotional Regulation
Wednesday 30 th September	Reception 2027 Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents
Friday 2 nd October	Bake Sale - After School
Tuesday 6 th October	Kingfishers to Trenance Chocolate Factory
Wednesday 21 st October	Halloween Disco
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
Wednesday 25 th November	Christmas Wreath Making

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ^{1/4}

CHARACTER.AI



Character.AI is an entertainment platform where users create and chat with AI-powered characters. These chatbots can act like existing favourite characters from movies or books, or like friends, mentors, or even romantic partners, responding in an emotional, personally engaging way. Although this can encourage creativity, it can also make a generated conversation feel like a genuine relationship, which is concerning if it takes the place of human relationships.

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SWIPE FOR TIPS →

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? ^{2/4}



- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
- EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY
- BLURRED BOUNDARIES
- PRNACY CONCERNS
- UNRELIABLE ADVICE
- UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT

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Advice for Parents & Carers ^{3/4}



- KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN
- PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK
- CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS
- NOTICE AND RESPOND

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OPEN AFTERNOON

*Small School. Big Dreams.
Endless Possibilities.*

**Wednesday 30th
September**
3:30pm



Why choose Halwin School?

- ✓ Values that shape success
- ✓ Helping every child shine
- ✓ Exciting learning every day
- ✓ A community where children belong

For more info:



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Is your child due to start School in September 2027?

Where every child is known, nurtured and inspired to shine. Our Reception children thrive through exciting learning, caring relationships and high expectations that help them achieve more than they ever thought possible. Come and see where great journeys begin.

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