

THE HALWIN HEROLD



HALWIN SCHOOL



WELCOME BACK! - FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

We have had yet another busy and wonderful week at Halwin!

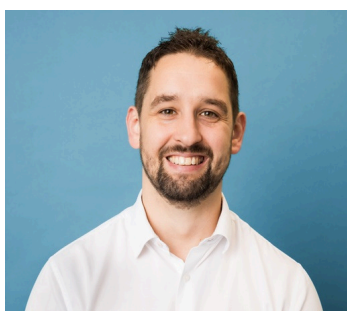
Firstly, you may have noticed that I have been away from Halwin a few days this week. This was due to me having to complete vital and training linked to both First Aid of both pupils and staff, while also attending further training in supporting pupils when they are feeling not ready to learn. As you can imagine, this professional development is vital in ensuring that we continue to provide the highest levels of care, support and safety for all of our children.

In other news, Kingfishers Class have begun their new writing unit focused on explanation texts. They have started developing their understanding of this genre by exploring its key features and purpose. I am looking forward to seeing how their writing develops over the coming weeks as they begin to create their own detailed explanations. They have also been learning about the Maya cities and how they were developed, with the focus on geographical features that supported their development and location. It is safe to say that this ancient civilisation was ahead of its time!

Meanwhile, in Robins Class, the children have been busy practising their balancing skills in PE, demonstrating excellent determination and resilience as they developed their coordination, team work and control. Alongside this, they have been learning about how Christians believe in forgiveness, exploring parables that reinforce this important value and helping them to understand how forgiveness can be shown in everyday life.

It is always a pleasure to hear and be involved in the delivery of the learning at Halwin. Our children consistently show enthusiasm, curiosity and a love of learning that is truly infectious. As always, I am incredibly proud of all our learners.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone next week.



MR RICHES

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Wrap-Around Care link:

<https://forms.gle/kStMWpLDbPUMmaAB9>

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

Parent Workshop 3: Understanding Emotional Dysregulation

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week for our next workshop. This session will focus on emotional dysregulation, helping to develop understanding around:

- The signs that a child may be becoming dysregulated.
- Possible causes and triggers.
- Practical strategies and approaches to support children when they are struggling to regulate their emotions.
- Ways in which home and school can work together to provide consistent support.

These workshops are always a valuable opportunity to share ideas, strengthen our partnership with families and support the wellbeing of our children.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 28/09/26

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.

WEEK 3					
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY					
HOT DISHES	Option 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza with BBQ Sauce	Beef Mince in Tomato Sauce with Mashed Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Peas	All Day Breakfast with Fruit	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
	Option 2 Veggie Meat Free Burger with BBQ Sauce	Cherry Bean Burger with Mashed Potatoes	Cheese and Tomato Casserole with Mashed Potatoes	Vegetable Lasagne with Mashed Potatoes	Veggie Fingers with Chips
	Option 3 Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Parmesan	Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Parmesan	Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Parmesan	Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Parmesan	Tomato Pasta with Tomato Sauce and Parmesan
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND POTATO BAKED BEANS					
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				
DESSERT	Custard	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit Straws	Lemon Cheesecake	Vanilla 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:

91.88%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 96%

Kingfishers: 90%

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

Friends of Halwin Bake Sale

We are excited to announce the first Friends of Halwin event of the school year.

Bake Sale

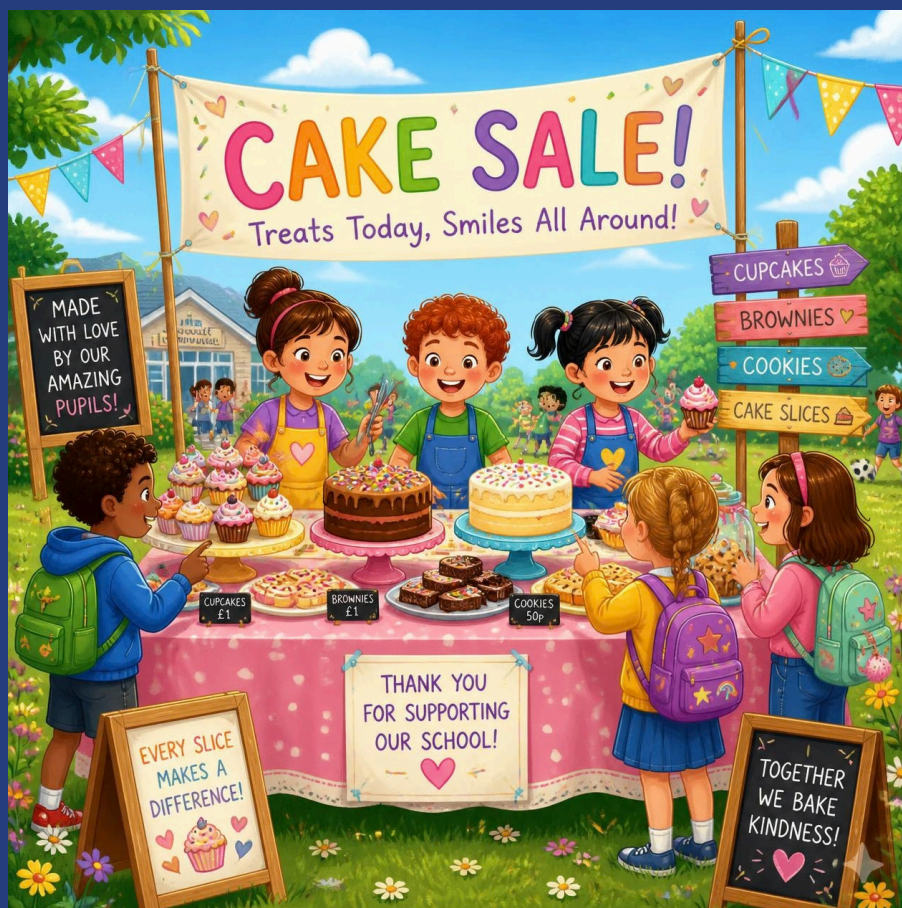
 Friday 2nd October

 3:15pm (at collection time)

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits or other sweet treats. Whether you are able to bake something at home or simply come along to purchase a treat, your support will help raise valuable funds for our school.

Please do join us after school to enjoy some delicious baking, catch up with other families and support the wonderful work of the Friends of Halwin.

We look forward to seeing you there! 🍰 🧁



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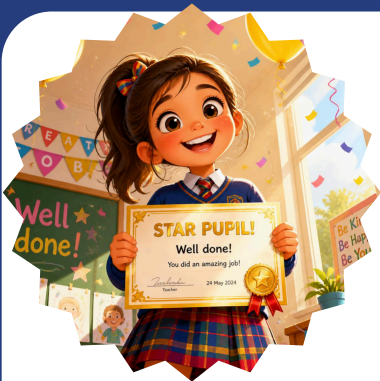
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STARS OF THE WEEK



 ROBINS	Eleanor
 KINGFISHERS	Mason



CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Aimee
Aspiration	Ione
Resilience	Stan
Enjoyment	Harper



TEAM POINTS



BLUE

320



RED

220



GREEN

208



YELLOW

203

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Marley & Ina



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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:

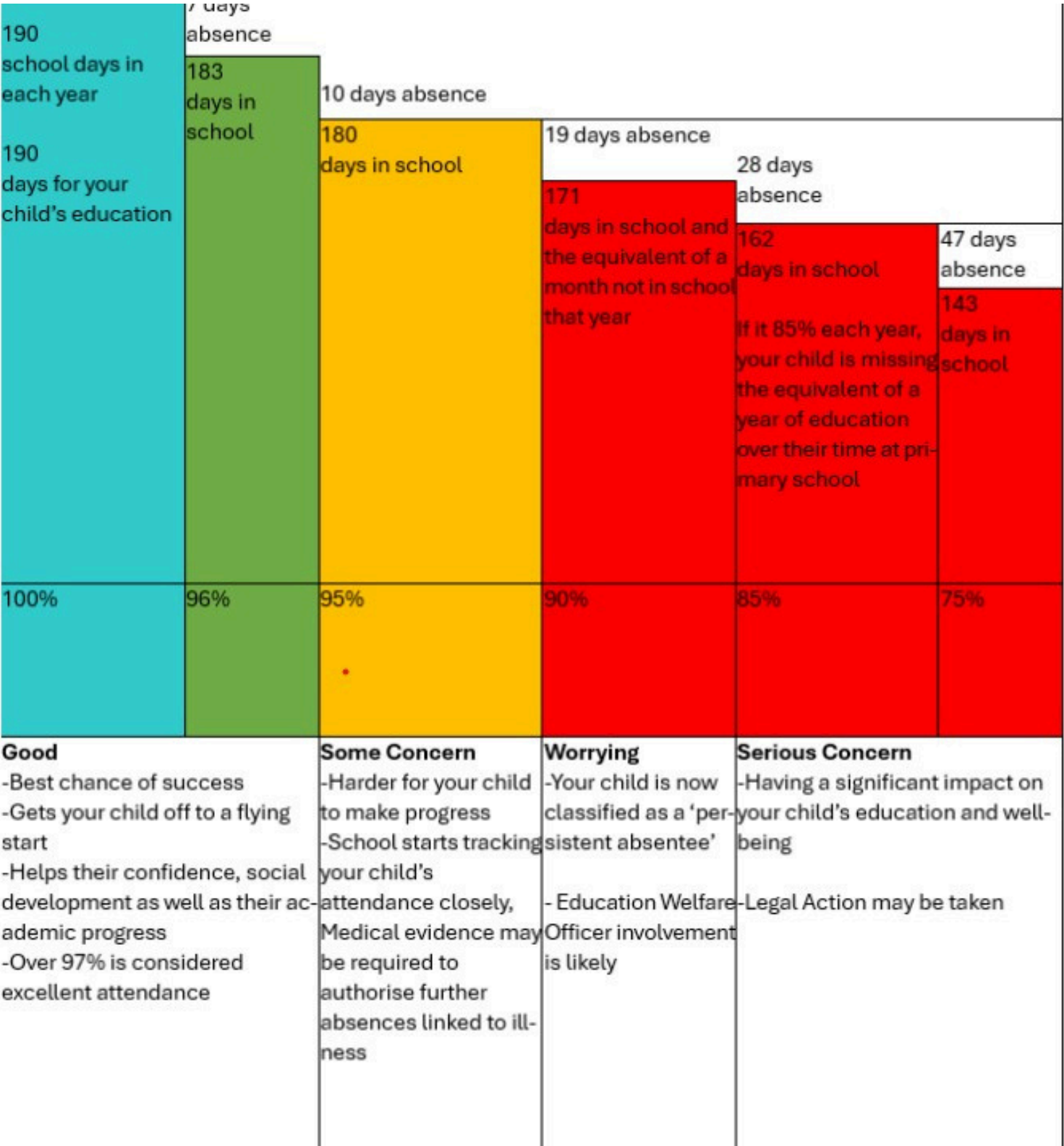
If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, 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.



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 🍦



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings 🍌🥗



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE





HALWIN SCHOOL

Porkellis, Helston, TR13 0EG



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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