

THE HALWIN HEROLD



HALWIN SCHOOL



WELCOME BACK! - FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026

It has been another busy and enjoyable week at Halwin, with plenty of opportunities for our children to learn beyond the classroom.

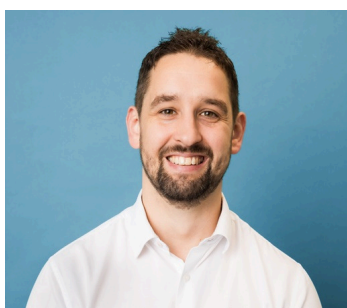
This week, our whole school visited Trinity Church for our Harvest Celebration. The children listened carefully as Father Matthew shared the story and importance of Harvest before joining together to perform a selection of Harvest songs. We were incredibly proud of how well the children represented our school; their behaviour, enthusiasm and respect throughout the visit were exemplary. We are already looking forward to returning in a few weeks' time as we come together to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Our Kingfishers class also enjoyed an exciting visit to Trenance Chocolate Factory, where they discovered how chocolate is produced and made. The visit provided a fascinating insight into the journey from cocoa bean to chocolate bar, with the added bonus of some very enjoyable taste testing along the way! This experience linked perfectly to their learning about the Maya civilisation, who were among the first people to use cacao beans to create a rich chocolate drink.

With just two weeks remaining until half term, we are looking forward to welcoming The Pasty Box to school on Thursday to deliver a pasty-making workshop for some of our children. We are extremely grateful to them for providing this opportunity free of charge. If you would like to try one of their pasty making boxes to create delicious pasties at home, please look out for the poster later in this newsletter for further details.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support. Your partnership and encouragement make such a difference, and it is wonderful to see the school continuing to go from strength to strength. Together, we are creating fantastic opportunities for our children to thrive, both in and beyond the classroom.

Have a wonderful weekend.



MR RICHES

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Wrap-Around Care link:

<https://forms.gle/kStMWpLDbPUMmaAB9>

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

Year 6 Parents and Carers

A gentle reminder to our Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline for applying for secondary school places is 31st October. If you have not yet completed your application, please ensure this is submitted before the closing date to secure consideration for your child's secondary school place. If you require any support with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

CORNWALL COUNCIL
and all our local authorities

Together for Families

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2026

Transfer to secondary school

September 2027

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance
Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

 Scan me

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Applying for a secondary school place for September 2027

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about how your child will get to school. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the admission arrangements on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your nearest or designated school as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed admissions information on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 31 October 2026

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2027. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 12/10/26

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					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
OPTION 1	Chicken and Tomato Pasta with Mozzarella	Beef Mince with Tomato Sauce and Mozzarella	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Veg	All Day Breakfast with Fruit	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
OPTION 2	Vegetable Meat Free Curry with Rice and Naan	Chicken Curry with Rice and Naan	Chicken and Tomato Curry with Rice and Naan	Vegetable Curry with Rice and Naan	Vegetable Curry with Rice and Naan
OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta with Mozzarella	Tomato Pasta with Mozzarella	Tomato Pasta with Mozzarella	Tomato Pasta with Mozzarella	Tomato Pasta with Mozzarella
HOT DRINKS ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRUIT. BAKED BREAD IS AVAILABLE DAILY.					
OPTION 4	Ham Wrap	Ham Wrap	Ham Wrap	Ham Wrap	Ham Wrap
OPTION 5	Chicken Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich
DESSERTS ARE SERVED WITH WARM SALAD.					
DESSERT	Custard	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Strawberry Jelly with Fruit	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:

86.88%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 89%

Kingfishers: 85%

THE PASTY BOX



The Pasty Box: Make Your Own Cornish Pasties

Enjoy the fun of pasty-making at home with The Pasty Box! Each box includes all the fresh ingredients needed to make 4 delicious pasties—perfect for a family of four.

Choose from three tasty options:

- **Steak:** Traditional Cornish classic.
- **Vegetarian:** Cheesy with fresh vegetables.
- **Vegan:** Wholesome seasonal vegetables.

What's included:

- Fresh, high-quality ingredients.
- Easy step-by-step instructions.

Families in our program can purchase a box for just £15, making it fun, affordable, and delicious.

Order now and bring a taste of Cornwall to your table!

The Pasty Box Crew Apron: Cook in Style!

Roll, crimp, and bake like a pro with our exclusive Pasty Box Crew Apron! Featuring the Pasty Box logo and "Crew," these aprons are perfect for budding chefs and seasoned cooks alike.

Key Features:

- Durable, high-quality material.
- Adjustable straps for a comfy fit.
- Stylish design with logo and "Crew" lettering.

Sizes:

- **Adult:** One size fits most.
- **Child:** Perfect for little chefs!
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Order your apron today and feel like part of The Pasty Box family!

ORDER HERE:

www.thepastybox.com/shop



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FRIENDS OF HALWIN



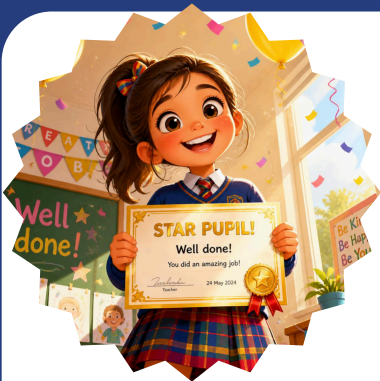
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STARS OF THE WEEK



 ROBINS	Charlie
 KINGFISHERS	Tate



CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Harry
Aspiration	Paisley
Resilience	Billy
Enjoyment	Valencia



TEAM POINTS



BLUE

606



RED

499



GREEN

525



YELLOW

400

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Amber & Harry



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KEY DATES

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 11 th November	Remembrance Service at Trinity Church
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need 'Celebrate with Spots!' + Pudsey Fun Run
Monday 16 th November	Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 25 th November	Christmas Wreath Making
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas visit to Trinity Church
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner

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:

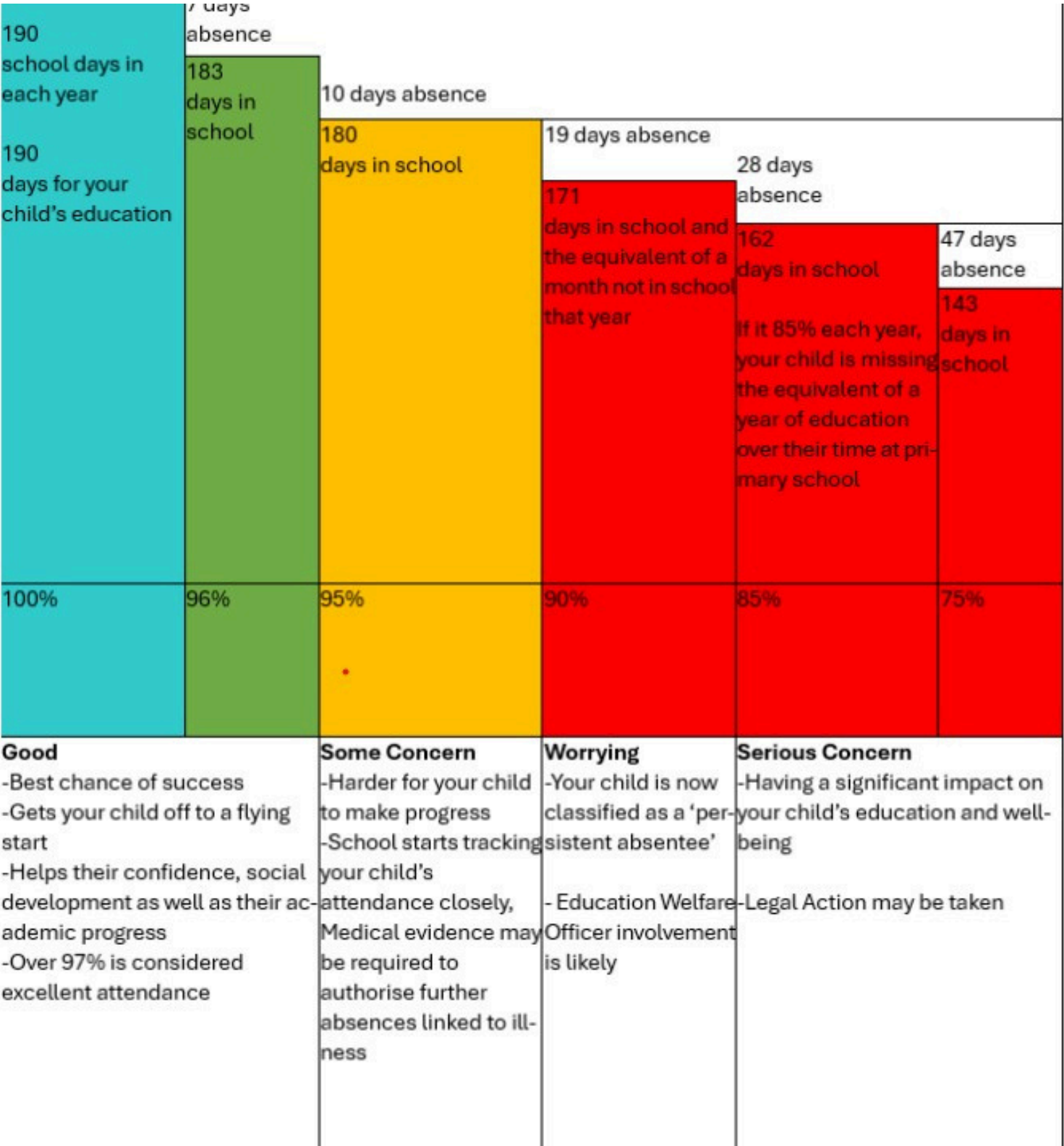
If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, 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 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
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	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 🍷
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	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		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🍷	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Strawberry Jelly - with Fruit Slices 🍷 🍷	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Ice Cream



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY

With a choice of toppings 🍷 🍷



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE



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