THE HALWIN HEROLD

HALWIN SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK! - FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

What a fantastic week it has been at Halwin, filled with creativity, challenge and memorable learning experiences both in and beyond the classroom.

Today, we held our first Feel-Good Friday, with a focus on outdoor learning. The children embraced every opportunity to learn in the fresh air, taking part in a range of exciting activities throughout the day. Orienteering challenges encouraged teamwork, navigation and problem-solving skills, while our outdoor art sessions saw children creating wonderful pieces using clay and natural materials. Pupils also enjoyed sculpting with vegetables, demonstrating impressive creativity and imagination. During the afternoon, children tackled a variety of problem-solving challenges before finishing the day with some seasonal cookery, designing and creating their own autumn-themed snacks. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, resilience and collaboration on display.

Earlier in the week, we were delighted to host The Pasty Box for the first workshop in a series planned for some of our pupils. The session put children's crimping skills to the test as they learned how to create their own pasties from scratch. Alongside this, pupils designed unique pasty creations to be entered into a competition, with the exciting possibility that a winning design could be added to The Pasty Box menu. We look forward to hearing how our budding pastry chefs get on!

Across the school, learning has continued at pace. In Kingfishers, pupils have been developing their understanding of light and shadow, carrying out investigations and making careful observations about how shadows are formed and changed. Meanwhile, Robins Class have been exploring the life and achievements of Lady Aethelflaed of Mercia, discovering the important role she played in shaping early English history.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wrap-Around Care link:
Please contact the school office

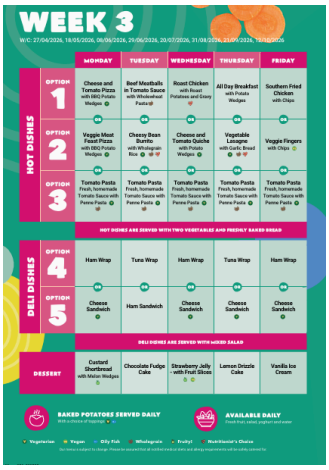
Year 6 Parents and Carers

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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Week Beginning: 19/10/26
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.



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:

81.56%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 87%

Kingfishers: 79.09%

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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!

Order your apron today and feel like part of The Pasty Box family!

ORDER HERE:

www.thepastybox.com/shop

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POPPY APPEAL

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at Halwin School

We are delighted to once again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal here at Halwin School!

We have received a lovely selection of Poppy Appeal items which will be available for children to purchase during morning breaktimes and lunchtimes from Monday 19th October, giving everyone the opportunity to support this important cause.

As in previous years, and as part of our commitment to being environmentally conscious, we will be offering a selection of Poppy Appeal items, including the traditional paper poppies. Children will be able to choose from a range of items to show their support for this important cause.

We are proud to continue supporting the Royal British Legion and would like to thank our wonderful school community for their continued kindness and generosity. Every contribution, however small, helps to make a difference.

HALWIN SCHOOL

Poppy Appeal

Items available for purchase and suggested donations:

Paper Poppies – 50p
Stickers – 50p
Reflectors – 50p
Pencils – 50p
Wrist Bands – £1.00
Snap Bands – £1.50
Fabric Wrist Bands – £1.50

FRIENDS OF HALWIN

Halloween Disco Reminder 🎃👻

A friendly reminder that our Halloween Disco will be taking place on Wednesday 21st October. We are looking forward to an evening of spooky fun, music, dancing and games for all our children!

Children are welcome to come in their favourite Halloween costume or party clothes. Please ensure costumes are suitable for primary-aged children and allow them to move safely while dancing and taking part in activities.

Further details regarding timings and ticket information can be found in the letter previously sent home. We can't wait to see everyone there for a frightfully fun evening! 🕸️🦇🎶

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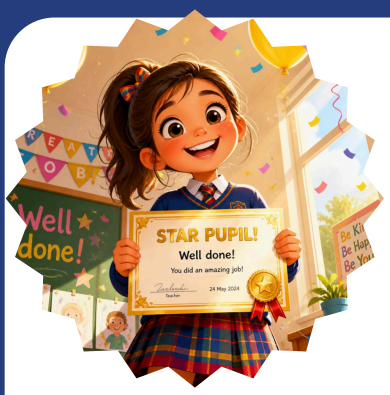
STARS OF THE WEEK

ROBINS	Freyja
KINGFISHERS	All our Year 6's



CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Eleanor
Aspiration	Chari
Resilience	Zephyr
Enjoyment	Aimee

TEAM POINTS

B	R	G	Y
BLUE	RED	GREEN	YELLOW
691	520	755	468

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK

Ina & Rupert

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KEY DATES

Wednesday 21st October	Halloween Disco
WB 19.10.26	Star Plan reviews
Friday 23rd October	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 26th October - Friday 20th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3rd November	Start of Autumn 2
Wednesday 11th November	Rememberance Service at Trinity Church
Friday 13th November	Children in Need 'Celebrate with Spots!' + Pudsey Fun Run
Monday 16th November	Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 25th November	Christmas Wreath Making
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas visit to Trinity Church
Thursday 10th December	Pantomime at The Hall for Cornwall
Tuesday 15th 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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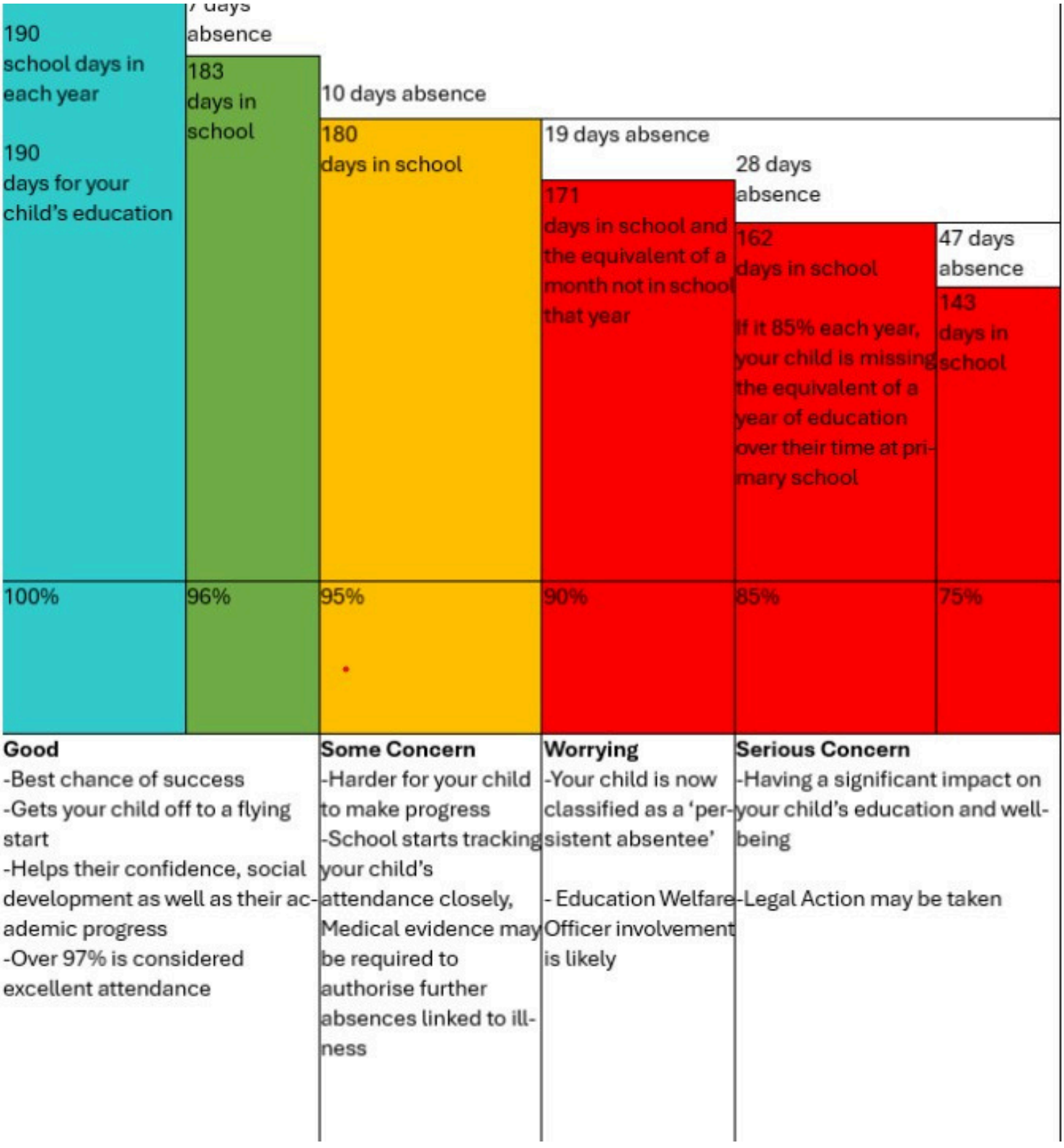
There are 175 non-school days in a year and 190 school days each year.



CHARTWELLS MENU

WEEK 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
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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
	OR	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	OR
	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

Vegetarian · Vegan · Oily Fish · Wholegrain · Fruity! · Nutritionist's Choice

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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

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