

THE HALWIN HEROLD



HALWIN SCHOOL



FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our pupils, staff and families for what has been a fantastic start to the year.

We have had another brilliant week at Halwin, with children completing their topic work and taking part in assessments that have given them the opportunity to demonstrate just how much they have already learned this half term. We are incredibly proud of the effort, enthusiasm and progress shown by all of our pupils.

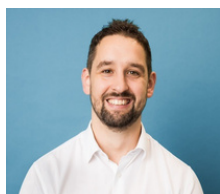
This week we also hosted our annual Halloween Disco, which was wonderfully attended by both our pupils and their younger siblings. A huge thank you goes to the Friends of Halwin for organising and running such a successful event. Your hard work and dedication help create memorable experiences for our children and are greatly appreciated by the whole school community.

A reminder that next week is half term. We also have a planned INSET day taking place on Monday 2nd November, meaning that pupils will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Following half term, we will also be moving to our new Chartwells school menu. Families can find details of the menu later in this newsletter and on the school website. We encourage parents and carers to take a look at the new options available to our pupils.

Looking ahead, when we return after the break, we will be selling poppies in school as part of our remembrance activities. We also have our planned visit to Trinity Church taking place on 11th November, where pupils will have the opportunity to reflect on the significance of Remembrance Day.

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout this first half term. Working together helps ensure the very best experiences and opportunities for our children. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November.



MR RICHES

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Wrap-Around Care link:

Please contact the school office

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.



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

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2026

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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: 19/10/26

Week choices 1 from the Autumn / Winter term menu.

Please see Chartwells meal menu on the school website for details or scroll to the end of the Newsletter.



DAY	MEAL	VEGETARIAN	HALAL
Monday	Chicken and Potato Curry with Naan Bread	Bean and Cheese Curry with Naan Bread	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy
Tuesday	Pork Meatloaf with Potato and Peas	Beef and Cheese Meatloaf with Potato and Peas	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy
Wednesday	Tomato Pasta with Minced Meat and Cheese	Tomato Pasta with Minced Meat and Cheese	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy
Thursday	Tomato Pasta with Minced Meat and Cheese	Tomato Pasta with Minced Meat and Cheese	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy
Friday	Tomato Pasta with Minced Meat and Cheese	Tomato Pasta with Minced Meat and Cheese	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy

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:

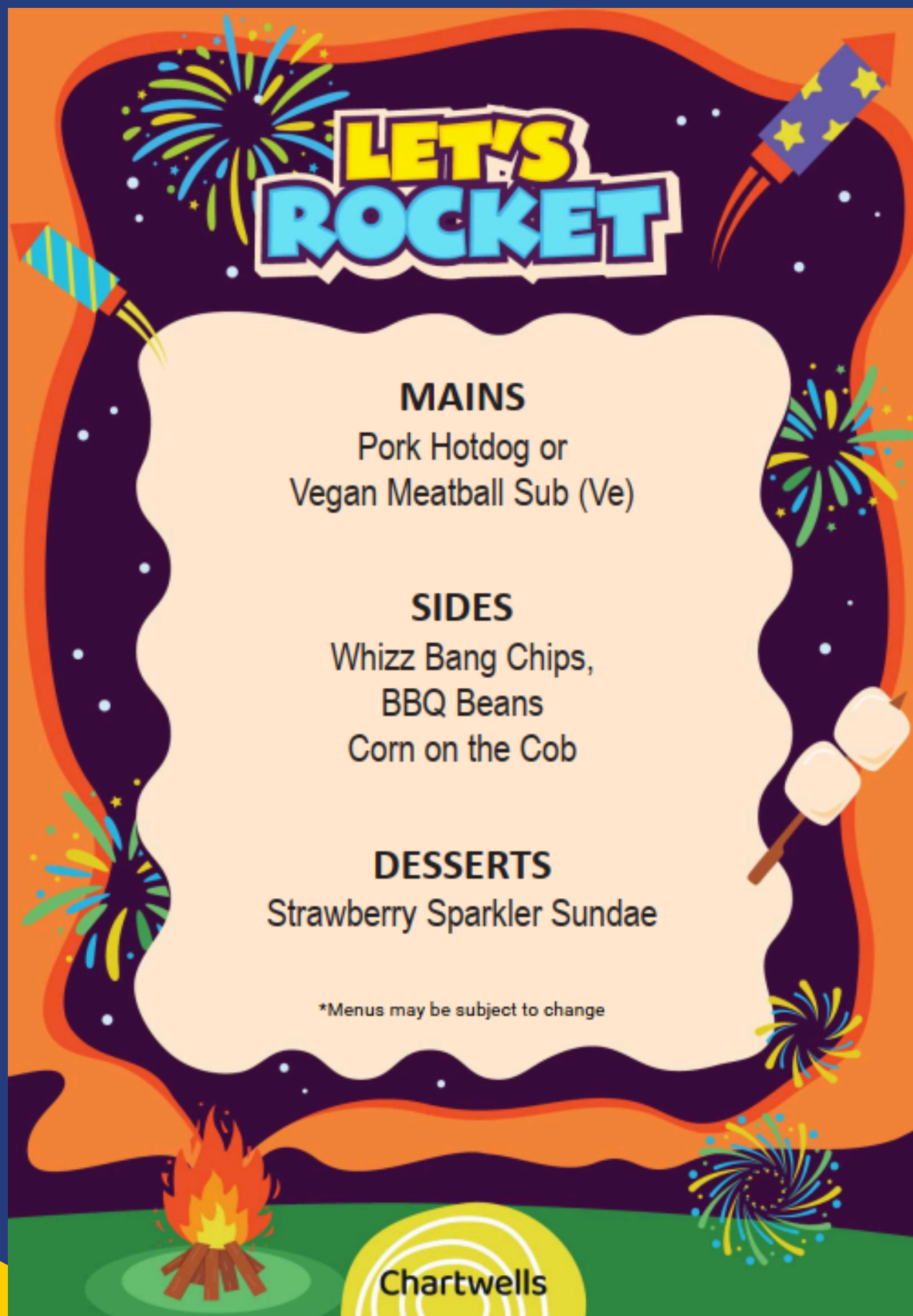
90.63%

Attendance for each class this week:

Robins: 100%

Kingfishers: 86.36%

SPECIAL MENU - NOVEMBER 5TH



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

🌟 Join Us for a Wonderful Christmas Wreath Making Night! 🌟

The Friends of Halwin School are delighted to invite you to our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, a festive evening of creativity, community and Christmas cheer while raising money for our school.

📅 Wednesday 25th November 2026

🕒 7:00pm - 9:00pm

💷 £20 per person

Whether you're an experienced crafter or trying wreath making for the very first time, this is a fantastic opportunity to create your own beautiful Christmas wreath to take home and proudly display throughout the festive season.

🌟 Mince pies and refreshments available

🌟 Raffle on the night with great prizes

🌟 A fun and friendly evening supporting Halwin School

Places are limited, so be sure to book early!

✉️ To reserve your place, please contact: friendsofhalwin@gmail.com

We would love to see as many members of our school community as possible come along and support this wonderful event. Bring a friend, enjoy a festive evening, and help raise valuable funds for our children at Halwin School.



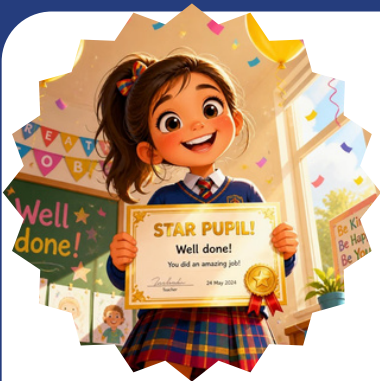
HALWIN HEROES

CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

STARS OF THE WEEK



 ROBINS	Skylar
 KINGFISHERS	Ina



CARE CHAMPIONS

Confidence	Carter
Aspiration	Amber
Resilience	Ella
Enjoyment	Charlie



TEAM POINTS



BLUE

691



RED

520



GREEN

755



YELLOW

468

HALL OF FAME

WHIZZ OF THE WEEK



Marley & Amber



CONFIDENCE ASPIRATION RESILIENCE ENJOYMENT

KEY DATES

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
Thursday 10 th December	Pantomime at The Hall for Cornwall
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.

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 1

FRESH!

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Nut-Free Pesto Pasta 🌱 🌱	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover with Herby Diced Potatoes 🌱	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Stuffing and Gravy 🌱 🌱	Vegan Meatball Baguette with Potato Wedges 🌱	Veggie Fingers with Chips 🌱
	OPTION 2	BBQ Wrap with Rice 🌱 🌱	Pork Meatball Sub with Herby Diced Potatoes	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Lasagne with a Garlic Doughball 🌱 🌱	Fish Fingers or Chicken Goujons 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 Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich 🌱	Chicken Sandwich	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Egg Sandwich 🌱
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich 🌱	Ham Wrap	Cheese Wrap 🌱	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese and Cucumber Wrap 🌱
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Lemon Cookie 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱 🌱	Chocolate Marble Cake 🌱	Chocolate Crispy with Fruit 🌱

AVAILABLE DAILY

FRESH FRUIT, SALAD, YOGHURT AND WATER

BAKED POTATOES

With a choice of topping 🌱 🌱

🌱 Vegetarian

🌱 Vegan

🌱 Oily Fish

🌱 Fruity!

🌱 Wholegrain

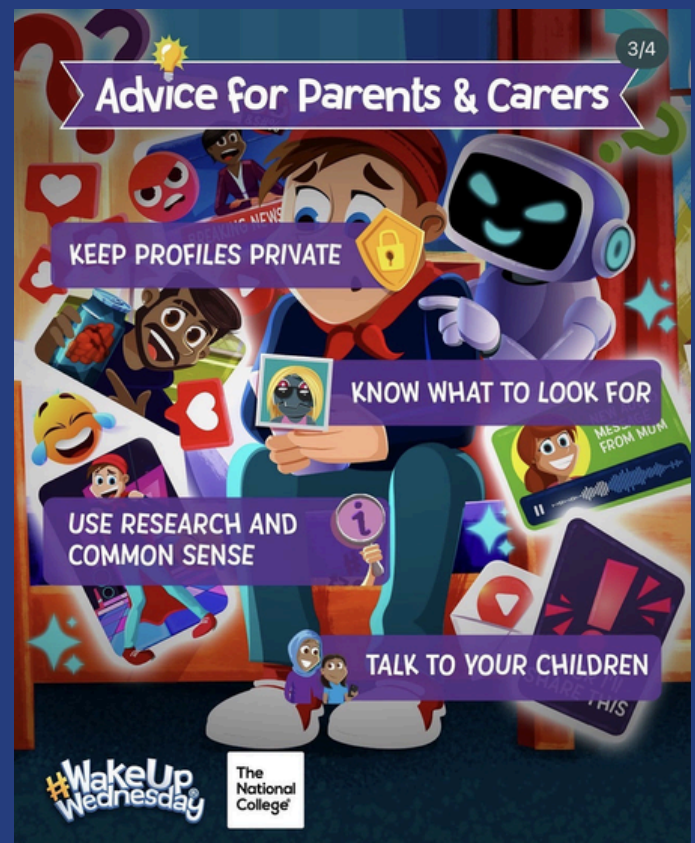
🌱 Nutritionist's Choice

🌱 Halal Available

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

W/C: 02/11/2026, 23/11/2026, 14/12/2026, 04/01/2027, 25/01/2027, 08/03/2027

ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE



ADDITIONAL NEWS

Wasson Wednesday
Allantide
Weds 28th October 10am - 3.30pm
Children's Craft Activities
FREE Entry FREE Trail
'Tree Folklore'



£5 to do all 3 Allantide crafts - Willow crowns, wands & faery doors

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Allantide
28th Oct | 10am - 3.30pm | Free Entry
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Tree Folklore Trail
Autumnal Crafts
Pop up Cafe
Plant sales



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ADDITIONAL NEWS



Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Join us for our 5-week online
Parent-Led CBT or Behavior as
Communication.

Sessions are available on Tuesdays or
Wednesdays beginning 12 January 2027
at 10am or 1pm.

Parent-led cognitive behavioural
therapy (CBT) is a short psychological
intervention that helps parents and
carers apply CBT principles in their
child's daily life, to support with
childhood worries.

Behaviour as communication provides
parents with some practical strategies
to foster positive behaviour and
communication at home.

Please sign up via the online form
here:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/XF4BNsCjsF>



Sign up closes 09/12/2026 at 5pm

All sign ups will require an individual pre group
assessment phone call