



**Connor Downs
Academy**

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well!



Year 6 SATs

This week saw our Year 6 cohort sit their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. The children worked incredibly hard and showed great determination and resilience throughout the week. Well done to each and every one of you – we are so proud of you! Thank you too, to the Year 6 parents/carers for your support during this week, and to the children in all other year groups who behaved so respectfully in support of our Year 6 pupils. Thank you also to the volunteers who gave up their time to support.



Well done and Congratulations!

Last weekend, two of our Year 6 cohort, took part in the Race for Life Pretty Muddy Kids event to raise money for Cancer Research. We are delighted to share that the boys finished 13th and 4th overall and jointly raised an incredible £518. I am sure you will join with myself and all the staff and children at Connor Downs in saying how proud we are of them both for their selflessness and determination to support others. Well done boys!



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Cornish Pirates – Rugby Guard of Honour

Last Saturday we were delighted to send a number of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils for a match day experience with the Cornish Pirates. The children were invited to form a guard of honour to welcome the players onto the pitch, watch the game, play a game of tag

rugby as part of the half time entertainment and finally meet the players.

Every child behaved impeccably and represented the school

with pride. The Cornish Pirates Community Engagement Manager, Neil Smith, commented "the students were a credit to you and your school".

Thank you to the Cornish Pirates, Mounts Bay Academy and all the parents/carers who made the day so successful!



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Global Boarders After School Club

This week saw the second session of the afterschool Global Boarders Surf club. The children have all enjoyed being in the water and learning the initial steps to surfing. They have 4 more sessions to enjoy! Thanks to Miss Webster for the picture!

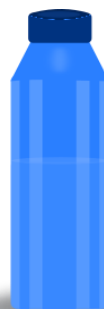
Parent/carers reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that at this time of year the weather can be quite changeable. The sun is at its strongest at present, but we can also suffer some quite heavy showers.



Please can we ask you to ensure that your child/children come to school every day with sun cream already applied and extra in their bag, a sun hat and a waterproof coat.

Please can we also remind you to ensure that your child/children bring a refillable drinks bottle with them to keep hydrated. Thank you all for your continued support.



Pre-Loved Uniform

We believe that school uniform ensures all children are treated equally. Uniform still plays a vital role in promoting the ethos of a school, setting an appropriate tone for education and providing a sense of belonging and common identity regardless of background.

With this in mind, we run a pre-loved uniform shop through the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. The Friends will run pop up sales at various times throughout the year, but you can also contact them via their Facebook Page at any other time or you can come into the school office or email hello@connordowns.org.uk with your requirements. Thank you.



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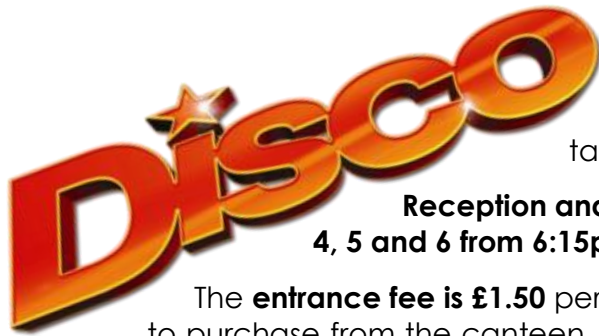
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Staffing Update – Year 1

Year 1 parents may have noticed that Miss Pedlar has not been in school for the last couple of weeks. This is just to advise that Miss Pedlar is not well at present but will be back in school again when she is feeling better. In the meantime, we will be covering Year 1 with supply teachers, to help support Mrs Hackett. Miss Pedlar is looking forward being back in school when she is able. Thank you for your support and understanding at this time.



Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that their summer term disco will take place on **Thursday, 22nd May 2025**.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

Please could we ask all parents/carers to ensure they send their child with a named wallet/purse containing their money for refreshments so that each child's money is kept safe. Thank you.

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. **Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected. Thank you.**

Tempest School Photographs – Class Photos

Tempest will be coming into school after half term on **Tuesday 10th June 2025** to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform (this also includes navy and white gingham summer dresses with a navy cardigan with the Connor Downs Academy logo), including black school shoes only.



As a reminder, if your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Any hair accessories must be small and navy in colour. Thank you!

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Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 4th July 2024 from 3:30pm**. Further details to follow.

As part of the Fayre, we will be holding a raffle. With this in mind, we are politely requesting that if you or anyone you know owns a local business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office. All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Reminder – Last day of half term

Next **Friday, 23rd May**, is the last day of this half term. School finishes at the usual time of 3:15pm. We look forward to welcoming pupils back into school on **Monday 2nd June** for the final half of the summer term.



Super Saturday
Egg Drop Challenge

Put your problem solving and engineering skills to the test in this fun and creative challenge!

Saturday 7th June 2025 10am - 12pm

Book your child's place here:
<https://forms.gle/ZTARdT2YzuZLJRot8>

Hayle Academy – Super Saturday Event

Please see poster for the next Super Saturday event being held at Hayle Academy on Saturday 7th June. This is open to current Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Please use the link below to book:

<https://forms.gle/NeiFm1BTz2WVcs5t5>

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Free Cricket Sessions – Chance to Shine – Street Cricket



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IT'S FREE!

SIGN UP HERE!

- TAPE BALL CRICKET
- FREE CRICKET COACHING
- NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED
- WEAR WHAT YOU WANT
- ALL GENDERS WELCOME
- PLAYER LED SESSIONS
- DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS

AGE 8-15 | EVERY MONDAY | 6.15PM - 7.30PM
HUMPHRY DAVY PLAYING FIELDS PENZANCE TR18 2TG

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT KELLIE WILLIAMS:
KELLIE.WILLIAMS@CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK | 07842 765445

This programme is designed to provide young people (**aged 8-15**) the opportunity to develop their cricket and life skills, whilst also taking part in informal matches and activities.

Participants are given ownership of the sessions to make the club their own – whether they want to progress their skills, or just want to have a fun time with their friends, our coaches will look to accommodate it, no matter the age or ability.

Weekly sessions will take place on Monday evenings, from **18:15 - 19:30 @ Humphry Davy School, Penzance.**

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 6	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	98.2 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	98.1 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 16th May 2025

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our next Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 23rd May 2025** to see their child receive their certificate.*

*Please come along to the main reception **no earlier than 2:35pm**. A special well done to:*

Year R – Reiley

For her amazing progress with her writing. Reiley is now writing tricky words in her sentences independently. Well done, Reiley!

Year 1 – Jobie

For always showing a great attitude for learning and being a great role model for Year 1. Well done, Jobie!

Year 2 – Noah B

For being so helpful around the classroom and showing kindness to his friends. Well done, Noah!

Year 3 – George

For super effort to improve a paragraph of writing with interesting verbs and adverbs. Well done, George!

Year 4 – Zak

For his improved focus and determination to learn to the best of his ability. Well done, Zak!

Year 5 – Isaac

For his mature attitude and sense of pride when he pulls on a Connor Downs sports shirt. Isaac always plays with great energy and enthusiasm. Well done, Isaac!

Year 6 – Whole Year 6 Cohort!

For showing relentless determination this week and doing their best. Everyone should be very proud of all they have achieved. Well done Year 6, we are proud of you!

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Writer – Lowenna (Year 1)

For amazing independent sentence writing during English. Well done, Lowenna!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – George (Year R)

For working really hard in his phonics lessons, showing great knowledge of his sounds and applying these in his writing. Well done, George!

KS2 Reader – Hunter (Year 6)

For his determination to answer every question in the KS2 SATs Reading test. Well done, Hunter!

Mathematician – Joseph (Year 5)

For his precision and accuracy when translating shapes. Well done, Joseph!

Numbots/Rock Star – Zoey (Year 2)

For spending the most amount of time playing TTRS this week. Well done, Zoey!

Performer – Miriam (Year 4)

For the fantastic presentation she gave to the whole class on Brazil. Well done, Miriam!

Character – Dylan M (Year 3)

For confidently sharing his knowledge and expertise of his faith during our RE lesson. Well done, Dylan!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School