



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

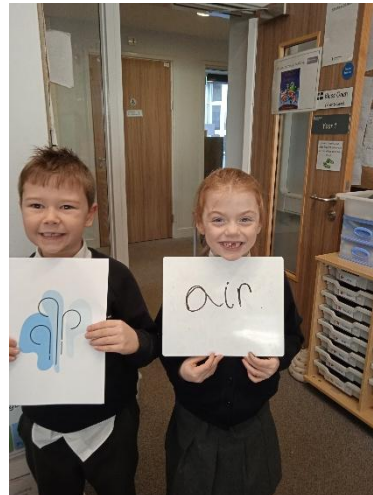
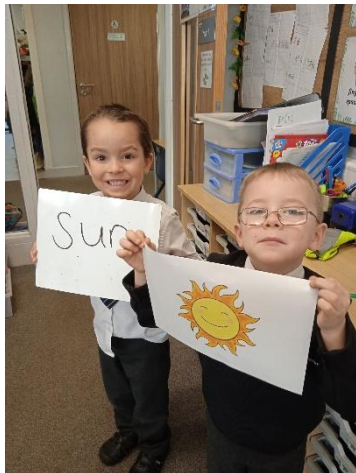
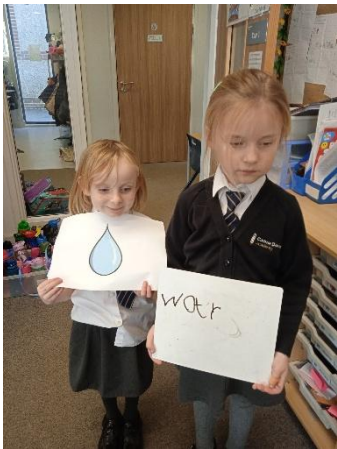
Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had a busy and exciting week in school.



## Year 1 Science

Year 1 this week, have started their science topic about plants. The children were able to explain that plants are living things and they need water, sun, soil and air to grow.



## WhatsApp advice

We all frequently see reports regarding risks associated with children accessing social media sites that are not appropriate for their age.

Recently we have become aware that some children at Connor Downs are using WhatsApp. **WhatsApp is 13+ rated App** and therefore it is advised that children of primary age should not have access to it due to the risks that they face by using such platforms when they are not socially or emotionally mature enough to make sensible choices regarding social media usage. Please use the link below to access parent advice.

[WhatsApp parent advice](#)

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## Mental Health Support Team – Parent/Carer Workshops – January and February



**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST**  
Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm  
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm  
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm  
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40) <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

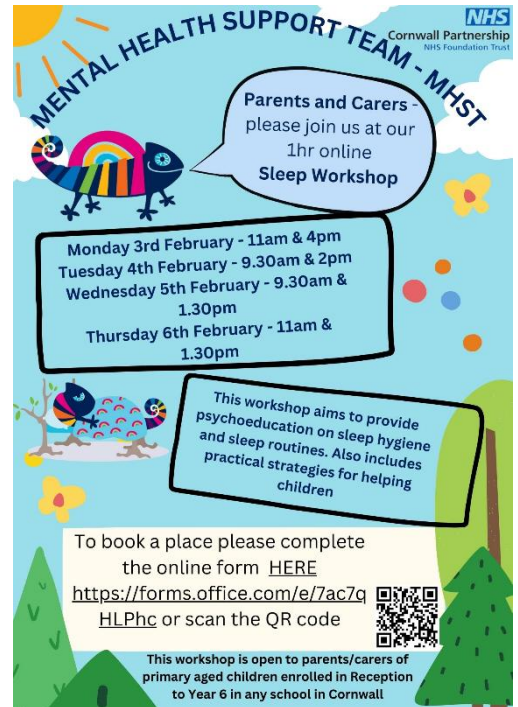
Mental Health Support Team parent/carer workshops are available online during January and February. Please see posters below on the variety of workshops available. Further details on Individual workshops and how parents/carers sign up, can be found by clicking the links below:

Behaviour Workshop

- <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40>

Sleep Workshop

- <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc>



**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST**  
Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm  
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm  
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am & 1.30pm  
Thursday 6th February - 11am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc) <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code

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## 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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements. Thank you.

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# Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 2	99.1 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 3	98.4 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year R	98.1 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 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 24<sup>th</sup> January 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 – Henry**

For his keen interest and enthusiasm when bird watching this week. Henry used his phonic knowledge to write 'robin' independently. Well done, Henry!

### **Year 1 – Amelia**

For trying hard in every lesson and never giving up, Amelia is making amazing progress, Miss Pedlar and Mrs Hackett are very proud of her. Well done, Amelia!

### **Year 2 – Jago**

For excellent behaviour for learning and making great progress, particularly in reading and writing. Well done, Jago!

### **Year 3 – Ethan**

For excellent work using his times table knowledge to solve multiplying a 2 digit by 1 digit number. Well done, Ethan!

### **Year 4 – James**

For having the courage to stand in front of the whole class and give a fantastic presentation. Well done, James!

### **Year 5 – Daniel**

For his fantastic work showing his knowledge of multiplication skills. Well done, Daniel!

### **Year 6 – George**

For completing a fabulous piece of art work of a vase. George's style and confidence is great to see. Well done, George!

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### **Writer – Alfie (Year 3)**

For showing super effort to improve his writing presentation and develop his confidence in ordering words in sentences. Well done, Alfie!

### **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Reiley (Year R)**

For her fantastic progress in phonics sessions. Reiley is reading and writing simple words and forming her letters correctly. Well done, Reiley!

### **KS2 Reader – Zachary (Year 4)**

For showing great improvement and determination with his reading. Keep it up Zachary. Well done!

### **Mathematician – Jacob (Year 6)**

For his super effort and determination to improve his arithmetic score since the beginning of this academic year. Well done, Jacob!

### **Numbots/Rock Star – Linkcon (Year 5)**

For getting 440 questions correct this week. Amazing effort. Well done, Linkcon!

### **Performer – Noah B (Year 2)**

For reading 'The Hungry Fire' aloud with great expression, pace and volume. Well done, Noah!

### **Character – Jobie (Year 1)**

For being an amazing role model to all of the children in our class. Jobie is kind, caring, has exemplary behaviour and an incredible attitude towards all his learning. Well done, Jobie!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School