



Friday 18th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

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



Parent/Carer Consultations



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who attended this week's parent/carers consultations. We were delighted with the number of families who turned out to see their children's work and have the chance to catch up with the class teachers to discuss how their child/ren have settled into their new year groups and the progress they are making. If you were unable to attend and would like to catch up with

your child's teacher, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and we can arrange a time after half term for you. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Further to the information emailed to all parents/carers on 23rd September and the reminder email sent on 16th October, the nasal flu vaccinations are taking place in school on **Tuesday 5th November**. Please see letter with further details. If you would like for your child to have the flu vaccination in school, please use the link on the letter to give your consent. If your child has already had their vaccination this year, or you do not wish for your child to have the vaccination, no action is required. The vaccination will not be given without consent being given. Thank you.

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ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25
CONNOR DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Cornwall and Devon
School Age Immunisation Service
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Devon
Tel: 01392 342678
Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmdevon@nhs.net
Website: www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due

Kernow Health's School Age Immunisation Service is delivering the nasal flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2024/25 all children in Primary Schools from **Reception to year 6 (inclusive)** will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link, [FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine \(live attenuated, nasal\)](https://www.nhs.uk/child-flu) ([medicines.org.uk](https://www.nhs.uk/child-flu))

We are due to visit your child's school on **5th November 2024**. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: EE142144**

Please submit your consent form by **midday on 1st November 2024** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please **telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools** and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years **you must opt into the programme**. If a consent form is not submitted your child will **not** be vaccinated.

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact us on the numbers above.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it will help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

Dr Paul Cook
Chief Medical Officer
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**ASPIRE TT ROCKSTARS: 35 SCHOOLS
COMPETITION**



ASPIRE: AUTUMN 2024

17 OCTOBER - 24 OCTOBER 2024

* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL *
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *



Tempest Photos

REMINDER: Tempest will be coming into school **next Wednesday, 23rd October** to take individual and sibling photos. If you would like a sibling photo with siblings not attending Connor Downs Academy, **please arrive at the school office at 8:20am** to sign in. The photographer will be ready to take photos from 08:30am. You will be given a number and photos will be taken first to enable parents/carers to get younger/older siblings to nursery/school. Children with siblings within Connor Downs Academy will have their photos taken during the morning. **Please can we ask that all children come to school on the day looking extra smart in their full school uniforms and black school shoes. Thank you.**



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Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school every day from **Monday 11th November until Friday 15th November 2024**. Please do come along and have a look at the fantastic offers available. All the children will be given the opportunity with their classes, to look around the book fair during the day. Please note, all payments will be online via the QR code on the poster below.

FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME to the BOOK FAIR

A pop-up book-store with hundreds of books from just £2.99

DOG MAN by Dav Pilkey. Save £3. £12.99 £9.99

Jonty Gentoo by Jonty Stratton. Save £5. £12.99 £7.99. From the creators of Zog.

WHEN JELLY HAD A Wobble by Lisa Thompson. JUST £2.99

MY BIG FAT Smelly POO DIARY by Lisa Thompson. £8.99. A work of staggering importance.

MICHAEL MORPURGO Paperback exclusive to Scholastic. **COBWEB** by Michael Morpurgo. £7.99

TOM GATES FIVE STAR STORIES by Lisa Thompson. £7.99

Date: **11th November to 15th November 2024**

Scan the QR code to pay online!

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Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have successfully applied to be put forward on the customer vote in Tesco Stores. Their bid is for Active bodies, happy minds, with the aim to purchase more equipment to encourage the children of Connor Downs Academy to play outside; from trikes and bikes through to musical playground equipment.



If you shop in Tesco Camborne, TR14 8DT, please do make use of the blue tokens and cast your votes and let's try and secure this amazing funding.

The project with the highest number of votes during the voting period will receive £1,500, the second placed project, £1,000 and the third placed project, £500.

Voting is now open and will remain open until mid-January 2025.



Asda Rewards - Cashpot for Schools

Asda have their Cashpot for Schools scheme up and running and Connor Downs Academy has been signed up. If you shop at Asda all you need to do

is:

1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select Connor Downs Academy
3. Shop in store across Asda and George or online at Asda.com
4. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to Connor Downs Academy each time you shop and scan.
5. The money raised will be donated back to Connor Downs Academy.

Please note, signing up to this Cashpot will not affect your own Cashpot earn.

The Cashpot is now open and will remain open until 30th November 2024

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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 with your requirements.



Thank you.

Transfer to Secondary School – Deadline for applications: 31st October 2024



Together
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2024**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2025

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



scan me

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a secondary school place for September 2025

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 2024

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: 3 March 2025. 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.

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Wear it Pink Day 2024

Friday 18th October is Wear it Pink Day! Run by the UK's largest breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Now, Wear it Pink Day raises money to support breast cancer research. All staff today came to school wearing pink to show support and admiration for our amazing Miss Pedlar who is currently battling secondary breast cancer. Miss Pedlar, you are an inspiration to us all!



Attendance

Attendance		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	99.6 %
2 nd Place	Year R	98.1 %
3 rd Place	Year 3	98.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 18th October 2024

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 autumn term, on **Friday 25th October 2024** 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 – Alice

For showing fantastic enthusiasm when making patterns with leaves and pumpkins. Well done, Alice!

Year 1 – Ailla

For being a really kind and caring friend. Ailla is always on hand to support her peers when they need a hug! Well done, Ailla!

Year 2 – Levan

For excellent writing based on our class book, Samson's Titanic Journey. Well done, Levan!

Year 3 – Piran

For showing super patience and effort to create a repeating William Morris wallpaper design. Well done, Piran!

Year 4 – Reuben

For showing a great attitude to his learning. Reuben has been giving 100% to everything he has done this week. Well done, Reuben!

Year 5 – Emilie-Rose

For having the confidence to join in class discussions across the curriculum. Well done, Emilie-Rose!

Year 6 – William

For showing great behaviour for learning in his swimming lesson this week. Well done, William!

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Writer – Isaiah (Year R)

For showing great progress with his letter formation during phonics. Well done, Isaiah!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Caleb (Year 1)

For his hard work and perseverance in his phonics lessons and reading at home every night. Well done, Caleb!

KS2 Reader – Sophie (Year 4)

For excellent comprehension skills in guided reading and for always achieving her reading targets. Well done, Sophie!

Mathematician – Cayden (Year 6)

For developing his understanding of part whole models in maths. Well done, Cayden!

Numbots/Rock Star – Isaac (Year 2)

For earning a high star count and consistently completing Numbots challenges. Well done, Isaac!

Performer – George (Year 3)

For his super effort and resilience to improve his passing and defending in PE Netball skills. Well done, George!

Character – Bella-Grace (Year 5)

For being such a good friend and always managing to find the right words and a listening ear to support her peers. Well done, Bella-Grace!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Dates for Diary – Autumn Term 2024

Monday 21st October – Swimming – Year 6 – Final Session

Wednesday 23rd October – Tempest Individual and family photographs

Friday 25th October – Last day of first half of autumn term – **3:15pm FINISH**

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term – School Closed

Monday 4th November – First day of second half of autumn term

Monday 4th November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 1 of 6

Monday 4th November – Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Re-scheduled AGM to appoint Secretary role – 3:30pm – all welcome.

Tuesday 5th November – NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations – all year groups

Monday 11th November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 2 of 6

Monday 11th November – Monday 18th November – Scholastic Book Fair (more details to follow)

Monday 18th November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 3 of 6

Thursday 21st November – Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Disco's (more details to follow)

Monday 25th November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 4 of 6

Wednesday 27th November – Open afternoon for parents/carers (all classes) and Internet Safety Information session 2:00pm

Monday 2nd December – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 5 of 6

Tuesday 3rd December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 1 – 2:00pm start

Thursday 5th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 2 – 5:00pm start

Monday 9th December – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 5 of 6

Monday 9th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at Phillack Church – 5pm start

Tuesday 10th December – KS2 Carol Concert – Performance 1 – in school – 2pm start

Tuesday 10th December – KS2 Carol Concert – Performance 2 – at Phillack Church – 5pm start

Friday 13th December – Christmas Fayre – 3:15pm start (more details to follow)

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner – (more details to follow)

Friday 20th December – Last Day of autumn term – **2:00pm FINISH**

Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January 2025 – Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January – 1st day of spring term

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