

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear parents/carers,

On behalf of myself and the staff at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to welcome all our children and families back to the final half of the summer term. I hope that you and your families are safe and well and had an enjoyable half term break. We have had a week full of fun and exciting activities.



Under 11 Hardball Cricket

On Monday this week, two teams from Connor Downs Academy took part in the U11 Hardball Cricket Tournament held at Hayle Cricket Club. Both teams played incredible cricket, playing both each other and Archbishop Benson School.

We are delighted to share that Connor Downs Team A won the tournament meaning they have made it through to the County Final being held at Truro School, next Wednesday, 11th June!

Well done to every player who took part and represented our Academy with such pride. Good Luck to Team A in the final!



Year 5 – Bread and Cookie Making

On Thursday, during their DT lesson, Year 5 made bread and cookies with the help of Mrs Allen, our school cook.

They had to weigh out all the ingredients and learn how to make the mixture to the correct consistencies and then shape their bread to their own design. The best bit was getting to taste their bread and cookies at the end!



Thank you to Mrs Allen for helping us – the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon!

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Year 2 – Disney Football

On Thursday this week, we were delighted to welcome Jack Parker, football coach from Mounts Bay Academy into school to offer football coaching sessions to our Year 2 pupils.

This is part of the Disney football scheme aiming to get young children interested in football. Jack will be coming into school on the following dates to work with both Year 2 and Year 1.

Year 2 – Session 2 – 12th June

Year 2 – Session 3 – 19th June

Year 1 – Session 1 – 26th June

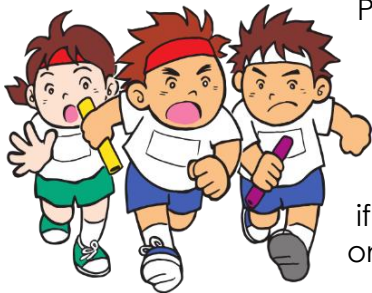
Year 1 – Session 2 – 10th July

Year 1 – Session 3 – 17th July



Sports Day – Thursday 19th June 2025

On Sports Day we are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers to join us in cheering on all the children as they take part in a variety of events.



Parents/carers should **arrive between 1:00pm and 1:15pm** and access the site **via the green gate at the top of the field**. The gate will **close at 1:15pm** to ensure we can bring the children out safely onto the field for a **prompt 1:30pm start**.

A limited number of chairs will be available for parents/carers, but if you would like to bring your own blanket/rug, please place these on the ground in front of the chairs.

Refreshments will be available to buy from the 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy'.

Please can we ask all children to have their PE kits in school every day in case of Sports Day practices, thank you.

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Tempest School Photographs – Class Photos

Reminder - Tempest will be coming into school next **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!



KS2 Camping on School Field

During the week beginning Monday 23rd June, each of our KS2 classes will be camping on the school field. As most teaching staff are involved in these activities, we will have to cancel all school led afterschool clubs that week. The only clubs that will run will be ELDA dance on the Tuesday and Sports4Tots on the Friday.

All classes should have come home with a letter detailing the camping day for their class, but please see the table below for dates:

Year 3	Monday 23 rd June
Year 4	Tuesday 24 th June
Year 5	Wednesday 25 th June
Year 6	Thursday 26 th June

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Attendance and Holidays During Term Time

A polite reminder that as per the Aspire Academy Trust Attendance policy, all absences associated with a holiday (without exceptional circumstance) during term time will be marked as unauthorised within the register.

Any parents known to have removed their child from school for the sole purpose of a holiday may be referred to the Local Authority and be issued with a penalty notice fine or referred to the Local Authority to consider prosecution.

Aspire Academy Trust believes that children need to be in school for all sessions so that they can make the most progress possible.

Lateness

We are also seeing an increasing number of children arriving late to school.

We believe that arriving at school on time is essential for children to fulfil their potential. Being on time to school ensures that children settle into the school day and prevents them from missing essential learning. Children who arrive on time are happier, less anxious, and ready to learn.

Poor punctuality not only has an impact on learning of the child who is late for school, but also on the learning of all the other children in the class. Being on time means not missing out.

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!

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We will also politely requesting donations of any of the following:

- Homemade Cakes for our cake stall. All cakes must be **nut free** and be accompanied by a list of ingredients to cover all allergens. Cakes should be delivered to the school office on the morning of the Summer Fayre please.
- Any items for the tombola
- Any items for the Teddy Tombola

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.

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	99.4 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	98.6 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	98.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 6th June 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 13th June 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 – Thomas

For his imagination and detail when completing artwork this week. Well done, Thomas!

Year 1 – Lowenna

For outstanding writing this week. Lowenna has made phenomenal vocabulary choices in her work. Well done, Lowenna!

Year 2 – Dylan

For his brilliant poetry work this week. Dylan really managed to tell a story with his poem. Well done, Dylan!

Year 3 – Cecily

For her hard work and determination to develop her maths fluency. Well done, Cecily!

Year 4 – Harriet

For her excellent biography text of Benjamin Franklin. Well done, Harriet!

Year 5 – Sydney

For his conscientious answers which make reference to our class text - The Giant's Necklace. Well done, Sydney!

Year 6 – Senara

For her fantastic effort during our writing sessions this week. Senara has taken real care with her presentation and use of fantastic grammar and vocabulary. Well done, Senara!

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Writer – Piran (Year 3)

For his super effort to improve his joined handwriting style. Well done, Piran!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Archie (Year 2)

Archie has shown such fantastic determination to improve his reading level. Well done, Archie!

KS2 Reader – Henry (Year 5)

For his engagement and enthusiasm when reading texts from Story Zoo. Well done, Henry!

Mathematician – Corey (Year 6)

For working so well in a pair during our maths games this week. Well done, Corey!

Numbots/Rock Star – James (Year 4)

For the tremendous amount of time spent on TTRs and for earning an incredible score in the process. Well done, James!

Performer – Alexis (Year 1)

For her positivity and confidence when practising for the phonics screening check with Mrs Bartaby. Well done, Alexis!

Character – Imogen (Year R)

For her kind, caring and enthusiastic manner in the reception classroom. Well done, Imogen!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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