



Thursday 13th February 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. The final week of this half term has been incredibly busy with lots of exciting events taking place. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 24th February 2025.



Safer Internet Day

Across the school this week, children in all classes have recognised Safer Internet Day in a variety of age appropriate ways. In Year 1, for Safer Internet Day, the children learned how to deal with pop ups on their screen. Stop, Close and Tell. They worked in small groups to decide who their trusted adults are if they need to talk to someone about what they see online.



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Swimming Success

We are delighted to share an amazing swimming achievement by one of our Year 6 pupils who swims with Truro Swimming Club. Spanning the last two weekends, he has been taking part in the County Championships. Incredibly, he achieved a total of 13 gold medals. These medals were gained over a variety of distances in a 25-metre pool and across all four strokes and 2 medleys. He was also awarded the Cornish award for the most points overall. We are so proud of all his achievements, well done!



World Book Day

World Book day this year is on Thursday 6th March 2025. To mark this day and to raise funds to go towards more Accelerated Reader books for our school library, we are inviting children, for a donation of £1 (via ParentPay), to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their book to school with them to share with their classes. We encourage all children to take part in this fun day by wearing either a purchased dress-up costume, a home made costume, or alternatively, children can wear their own clothes. There is no expectation for any family to pay out for expensive costumes unless they want to.

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DAY**

6 MARCH 2025



Every child will also be given a £1 book token supplied by the National Literacy Trust that they can use towards purchasing a book of their choice from any retailer. More information can be found by using the link below:

[Families - World Book Day](#)

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TTRS competition - Update

For the last week, Connor Downs Academy have been taking part in the Aspire Spring TT Rockstars Competition. The competition is intended to be a fun activity that will benefit children's times tables fluency.

Every child in KS2 had the opportunity at varying times during the school day to take part, thereby contributing to not only their class scores but also the whole school scores. Scoring is based on accuracy; children rushing

through with inaccurate answers will reduce both class and school scores.

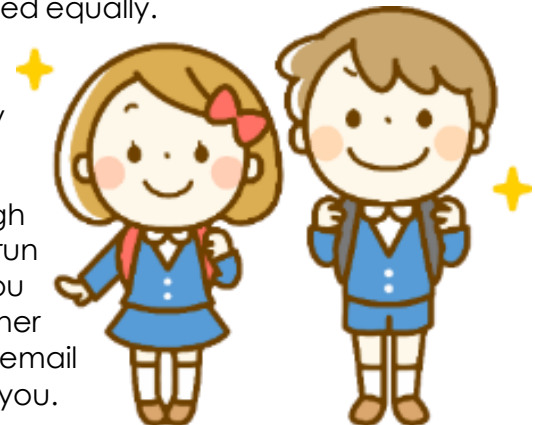
Last week, our Year 4 class was topping the leader board of 131 classes. The competition ended yesterday at 3pm, and after an incredibly strong finish from a number of classes across they Trust, they finished as runner up in second place. What an incredible achievement!

We would like to congratulate every child in Year 4 and across the school, who took part. You are all amazing!

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.



Bag2School

PLEASE BRING BAGS INTO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF COLLECTION AND LEAVE IN THE PLAYGROUND BY THE MINIBUSES WITH MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS. THANK YOU!

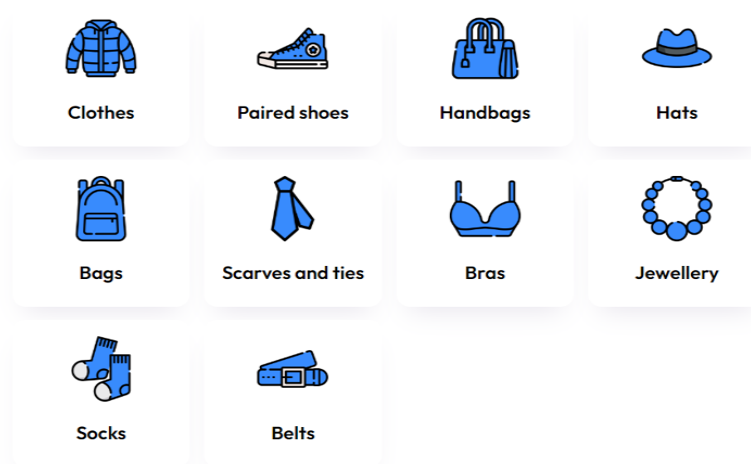
In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged a Bag2School collection after half term, on **Tuesday, 25th February 2025**. Today, bags have been sent home with children, but you do not have to use these bags. Any bin bags/black bags will be accepted.



Please encourage all your family and friends to sort through their unwanted clothing, bedding and towels. The more we collect the more funds can be raised. All funds go towards additional resources and opportunities for all children. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Please see lists of items below that are accepted and those that are not.

Below is a list of everything that we collect. If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.



We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

Please see the full list here - <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

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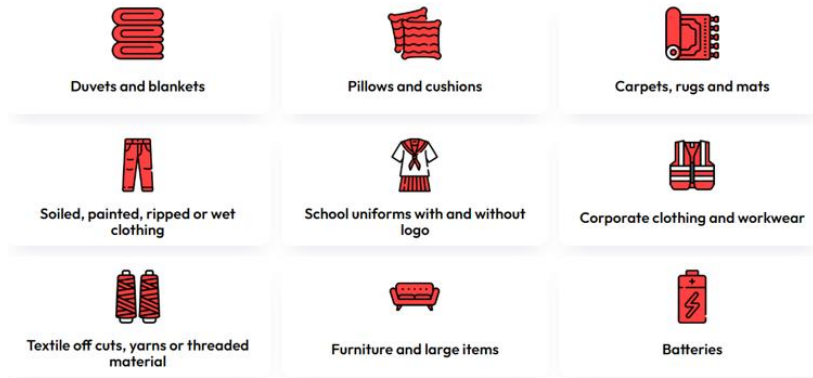
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A list of things that we **don't collect**, sorry! If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.



Inset Day – Friday 14th February

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, 14th February, is an INSET Day and school is closed to students.

Attendance

Attendance Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	98.9 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Thursday 13th February 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 28th February 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 – Olivia

For her effort to improve her letter formation. Olivia is now writing simple words clearly on a line. Well done, Olivia!

Year 1 – Emily

For excellent resilience in maths when working with numbers to 50. Emily's confidence has greatly improved she is now keen to share her answers during whole class learning. Well done, Emily!

Year 2 – Brodie

For his enthusiasm and hard work this week with his number work. Brodie always gives 100% to all his learning. Well done, Brodie!

Year 3 – Sully

For fantastic work using challenging vocabulary to answer questions in reading comprehension. Well done, Sully!

Year 4 – Colby

For continuously displaying all the virtues of kindness, caring, helpfulness and understanding that make him such a valued member of our class. Well done, Colby!

Year 5 – Linkcon

For his demonstration to the class of his knowledge of tenths during monitoring day. Well done, Linkcon!

Year 6 – Tino

For showing excellent concentration in class and excellent teamwork skills in our rugby sessions with the Cornish Pirates. Well done, Tino!

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Writer – Eryss (Year 6)

For her non-fiction writing about the heart. Eryss took her time to be accurate and to include lots of details. Well Done, Eryss!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – James (Year 2)

For excellent reading and comprehension skills and for progressing onto library books. Well done, James!

KS2 Reader – Leo (Year 5)

For his obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm when quizzing on the 13-storey treehouse series. Well done, Leo!

Mathematician – Reuben (Year 1)

For showing great understanding during length and measure. Reuben clearly explained his reasoning when using non-uniform measures to the whole class. Well done, Reuben!

Numbots/Rock Star – Mackenzie (Year 4)

For accumulating 9,387 correct answers on TTRs over the past 7 days. Well done, Mackenzie!

Performer – Malyka (Year 6)

For showing such great teamwork during the girl's football tournament this week and supporting all her team mates even when she wasn't on the pitch. Well done, Malyka!

Character – Jodie (Year R)

For always being kind and caring to all her friends in Reception Class. Jodie is also amazing at keeping the classroom tidy. Well done, Jodie!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
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Can you help support one of our parents from our wonderful Connor Downs Academy family?



Darren's fundraiser for Cornwall Hospice Care

I am taking on the challenge of running the Falmouth Half Marathon in March and then the London Marathon in April 2025, to raise much needed and vital funds for Cornwall Hospice Care. Please help me to make a difference and keep the amazing nurses giving much needed care to those people living with a terminal illness here in Cornwall. Anything you can do to support me would be very much appreciated. All the best, Darren



Help us reach our £2,000 target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**

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Dates for Diary

Monday 24th February – Back to school

Tuesday 25th February – Bag2School collection day

Monday 3rd March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 1 of 5

Thursday 6th March 2025 – World Book Day

Monday 10th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 2 of 5

Tuesday 11th March – Parent Consultations – Evening 1 of 2 – 15:30 to 18:00 – more details to follow

Wednesday 12th March – Parent Consultations - Evening 2 of 2 – 15:30 to 18:00 – more details to follow

Monday 17th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 3 of 5

Monday 17th March – Friends Meeting – All welcome – 3:30pm in main school office

Monday 24th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 4 of 5

Monday 24th March – Friday 28th March – **Last week of afterschool clubs for Spring Term**

Monday 31st March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 5 of 5

Friday 4th April – Last Day of Spring Term – **2:00pm FINISH**

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April – Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Summer Term – children and staff back to school

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