

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. This week again, has been incredibly busy and exciting.



## Year 5 – Global Boarders



## Year 5 – Global Boarders Surf Day

This week it was Year 5's turn to spend the day with Global Boarders, learning about beach safety and having the opportunity for some qualified surfing instruction. We are so proud of everyone for 'giving it a go', even if it isn't really 'your thing'. Well done Year 5!



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## Year 6 – Softball Country Cricket Finals

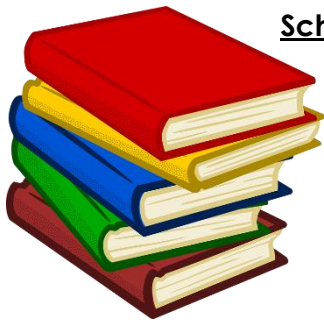
On Wednesday this week, our amazing Year 6 Cricket Team won the Softball County Finals. They played matches against, Biscovey, St Stephen Churchtown and St Hilary and won every match!



Once again, every member of the team played excellent cricket and showed great teamwork to round off, what can only be described as, a perfect season!

Well done to everyone and to all the parents/carers who supported the event.

Next week, it's the turn of Years 4 and 5 in their respective finals. Good luck!!



## School Books

On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, we will be sending your child's/children's exercise books and work folders home with them for you to keep. Please can we ask that each child brings in 2 strong shopping bags for this purpose. Thank you!

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## Reports

End of year reports will be sent home next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, with every child. We hope you enjoy reading the report and we strongly encourage parents/carers to use the comments page for feedback. Please pass the comments page back to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.



## After School Clubs – Final Week

Reminder that next week is the final week of after school clubs. As advised earlier this week, due to Year R swimming sessions, both Netball Club and Wellbeing club have now finished. Thank you!

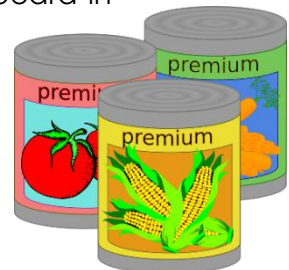
## Donations for Connor Downs Food Cupboard

# HELP

To help support our local community, we are politely asking for families from the Connor Downs Academy community to donate tinned goods for the food cupboard in the village. These donations will help many families during not only the school

holidays, but every day.

Please can we ask for any donations to be brought to Mrs Gallagher in the school office by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



## 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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## Do you have a little spare time that you could give to the children of our school?

The Friends are looking to recruit some new members to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy, to help in arranging and facilitating future fundraising events to be able to support the children in our school with resources and opportunities. With ever decreasing budgets in all schools, it is becoming even more important for charities like the Friends, to be able to help schools to support a variety of ways to extend the opportunities available to all children.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact the Friends via Mrs Gallagher in the school office or by emailing [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk). Thank you.

## End of Term Dates

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year R – Swimming – Week 2 of 3  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 – County Cricket Final  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Careers Day  
 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 – County Cricket Final  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 – St Michael's Mount trip  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year R – Newquay Zoo trip  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year R – Swimming – Week 3 of 3  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Moving Up Morning  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Books to go home – 2 strong shopping bags required for each child  
 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Prom – St Ives Harbour Hotel – 5pm – 9pm  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Phillack Church  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at school  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term – **2pm Finish**

## Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	99.2 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 4	99.1 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 6	98.2 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our final Shine assembly of the summer term, on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 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 – Imogen**

For being so brave during Year R's first swimming session. Mrs Bartaby is so proud of her! Well done, Imogen!

### **Year 1 – Conor**

For being a calm, collective and kind pupil in Year 1. Conor epitomises our school values and rules. Well done, Conor!

### **Year 2 – Maisie**

For being so focused and always giving herself an extra challenge. Maisie has currently been trying to work out her 15 times tables! Well done, Maisie!

### **Year 3 – Kingsley**

For showing courage and taking risks to participate in Sports day and dance workshops in Year 3. Kingsley surprised himself with his achievements. Well done, Kingsley!

### **Year 4 – Harriet**

For coming into school with a super positive attitude and working through all of her maths and reading assessments with great determination. Well done, Harriet!

### **Year 5 – Evelyn**

For taking on the challenge of the Gwithian waves and being a good friend to her wave jumping peers! Well done, Evelyn!

### **Year 6 – Eden-Lily**

For a fabulous costume, designed during arts week on your mannequin. Well done, Eden-Lily!

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## **Writer – Jago (Year 2)**

Jago has been working really hard on improving his handwriting and has been so pleased to recently share his work with the adults in class. Well done, Jago!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader - Isaiah Gatta-Walsh (Year R)**

For his incredible progress with his reading. Isaiah is now using tricky words in his writing. Well done, Isaiah!

## **KS2 Reader – Liam (Year 6)**

For showing great commitment to his reading throughout Year 6. Well done, Liam!

## **Mathematician – Frankie (Year 1)**

For his application of number bonds and using this when dealing with money problems. Frankie was able to solve problems with money clearly and systematically. Well done, Frankie!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Zak (Year 4)**

For achieving 4,055 correct answers on TT Rockstars within the last seven days. Well done, Zak!

## **Performer – Idy (Year 5)**

For his amazing surfing skills during the Year 5 Global Boarders Surfing session at Gwithian. Well done, Idy!

## **Character – George (Year 3)**

For being a great role model and support to his class. George completed some brilliant weaving and then helped his friends to finish theirs. Well done, George!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

## Term Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

### Autumn Term

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September – **Years 1 – 6 first day of autumn term**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – **Last day of first half of autumn term – 3:15pm Finish**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)  
**Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025**  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – **First day of second half of the autumn term**  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - **Last day of autumn term – 2pm Finish**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

**Christmas Holidays – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

### Spring Term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – **First day of spring term**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**  
**Half Term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – **First day of second half of spring term**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – **Last day of spring term – 2pm Finish**

**Easter Holidays – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

### Summer Term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - **First day of summer term**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**  
**Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – **First day of second half of summer term**  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – **Last day of summer term – 2pm Finish**

**Summer Holidays – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**

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## Churchill Cleaning Vacancies at Connor Downs Academy

Churchill Cleaning currently have vacancies for two cleaners at Connor Downs Academy. If you are interested, please see the advert below and contact Simon Hunnam for more details.



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