

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. The penultimate week of the summer term has been another very busy one. This week saw Years 4 and 5 take part in their respective Year group cricket finals, careers day and the first transition morning for our new Reception class children joining us in September.



### **Years 5 and 4 – Softball Country Cricket Finals**

Following on from last week's success with the Year 6 Cricket team, we are delighted to share that our Year 5 team, also won their year group's Softball County Final. In a very close fought tournament, the result came down to a 'Super Over', where each team nominated one bowler and two batsmen, with the winner being the team that scored the most runs in the one over. Congratulations to the Year 5 team!



The following day, our Year 4 team took part in their Softball County Final. Once again, every member of the team showed great skill and determination and finished third out of 10 teams. Congratulations to the Year 4 team!



We would like to say how proud we are of all the pupils representing Connor Downs Academy in the various sporting fixtures during the last academic year. They have all shown great teamwork, resilience and determination to perform at their very best!

A huge thank you must go to all the parents/carers for their unwavering support once again over this year. Without your support, attendance at some of the events would have been difficult and it means the world to the children to have you there cheering from the sidelines!

**Thank  
you!**

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## Mayor's Cup

On Friday last week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children represented Connor Downs Academy at Hayle AFC in the Mayors Cup. Every member of the team showed great teamwork and determination and we are very proud of the efforts. Well done boys! Thank you to the parents/carers who supported this event.



## Summer Fayre

Thank you to our amazing Friends of Connor Downs Academy for organising and running a super summer fayre on Friday last week.

We were delighted to see so many children and families enjoying the range of activities on offer in the beautiful sunshine

Thank you to all parents/carers who volunteered during the fayre and supported by offering gifts and or attractions. You were all amazing!

We are pleased to share that the event raised in excess of £1,000 which will be used to support with resources.



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## Careers Day 2025



On Wednesday this week, we welcomed a variety of parents/carers and members of the community to school to talk to the children about a wide range of careers. We would like to say a massive thank you to the following people for giving up their precious time to come into school to share their careers to help build aspiration and create incredible memories for all our children:



- ❖ Mr Maros – AI Company Director
- ❖ Mrs Horey – Hairdresser
- ❖ Mr Smitheram – Scania Lorry Driver/Mechanic
- ❖ Mr Miller – Scania Branch Manager
- ❖ Miss Pedley – First Responder/Paramedic
- ❖ Mrs Smitheram – Hairdresser
- ❖ Mr Dingle – Gas Engineer
- ❖ Miss Medcalf – Professional Footballer
- ❖ Miss Smith – Professional Athlete
- ❖ Mr Hollis – Yacht Captain
- ❖ Mrs Hollis – Language Teacher
- ❖ Miss Tonkin- Health Visitor
- ❖ Mr Coram – Athlete
- ❖ Mr Rees – Mining
- ❖ Mr Petrucksik – Architect and Professional Basketball Player



Year 6 were visited by professional athlete Donna

Smith, who is the captain for the Welsh hockey team. Donna returned last week from the Hockey Masters Competition in Spain where she secured a silver medal. Donna was happy to answer lots of questions the children had about hockey and her career in marketing working for Chelsea FC and a soft drinks manufacturer. Thank you, Donna, for inspiring us!



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We were also visited by Miss Medcalf who talked to Year 6 about her previous career as a professional footballer playing for England. She brought to life how the values of sport, including teamwork, punctuality, dedication and kindness are all crucial as well as skill. Next time you see her in the playground ask her to show you some of her skills!



**Thank  
You**



## Fruit Grant

We would like to say a huge thank you to GGSCF for their very generous grant that they awarded at the beginning of this academic year to provide fruit for breaktimes for our KS2 pupils. The children and staff have said:



**Gwinear-Gwithian  
Sustainable Community Fund**

*'I think having fruit at our school is an honour and that we are very lucky because there is always a big variety'.*

*'It is amazing how we get to eat healthy fruit and vegetables every day. Every other day we get a fresh batch of fruit including apples and bananas'.*



Mrs Eddy said: 'Providing free fruit for KS2 is a tremendous support for families and school. The free fruit provides a healthy snack and supports children's physical development. We are

*incredibly grateful!'*

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## Cornwall Libraries - Summer Reading Challenge

Organised by charity The Reading Agency ([www.readingagency.org.uk](http://www.readingagency.org.uk)) and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. The Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays.

Throughout the Challenge, library staff and volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

This year the challenge is open from **Saturday 5th July**.

## Attendance

In accordance with the attendance guidelines that came into effect from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, it is an offence under the Education Act 1996, for a child to be absent from school for anything other than 'exceptional circumstances'. A reminder that unauthorised absences of 5 days or more are subject to a Penalty Notice. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

Please note, from September 2025, lateness will also be tracked rigorously and can be subject to a penalty notice as well.

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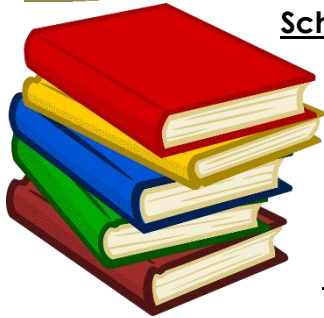
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## School Books - Reminder

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!

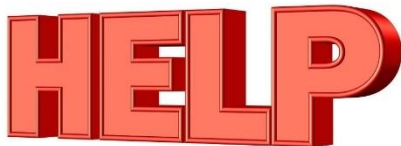
## Reports

End of year reports have been sent home today 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.



## Reminder – Last Day of Term

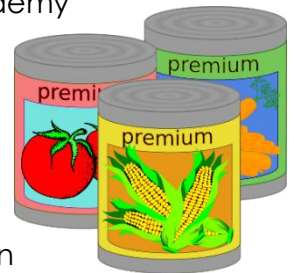
Next **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July** is our last day in school. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that School closes at **2pm**, so please ensure arrangements are in place for your child/children to be collected at the earlier time. Thank you for your continued support.



## Donations for Connor Downs Food Cupboard - Reminder

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. There is a box in the school reception area for any donations.

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.



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## Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity – Non School Uniform Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

September is Children's cancer awareness month.

Connor Downs Academy has registered to help raise funds to support in the RCHC to raise awareness of childhood cancers and raise funds for Cornwall's Children's Cancer Unit.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we will be inviting all children to come to school in their own clothes for a donation of their choice.

Please use the link below to the Charity's Just Giving Page and make your donation.

Please note, we cannot accept cash as this is not a fundraising event for School, Thank you!

## [Just Giving Non School Uniform Day for Children's Cancer Unit Fund](#)

## Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising Events – September/October

In an effort to raise funds for resources for the children, the Friends have arranged a Bag2School collection for the start of the Autumn Term.

The collection will take place on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**. If you or any of your families/friends are having a clear out over the summer holidays and you have any of the acceptable items as per the poster alongside, please bag them up and bring them into school no earlier than the morning of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September by 9am. Thank you.

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS  
In partnership with your school or organisation

Connor Downs Academy

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

**PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).**

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

**We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:**  
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.  
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

**The more we weigh the more we pay!**  
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

**Please return your Bag2School on:**

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 by 9am

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## End of Term Dates

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

<u>Attendance</u>		
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 %

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

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## 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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