

Friday 20th September 2024

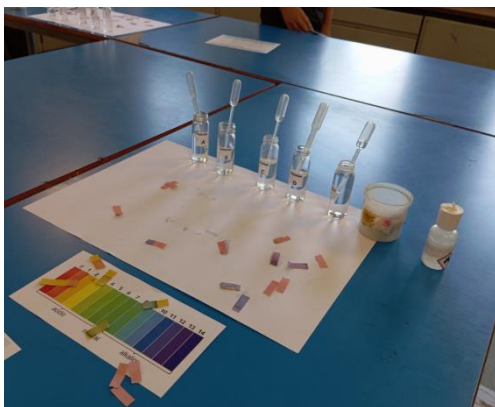
Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. This week, it looks as though summer has returned! Year 2 enjoyed the first of their Tennis sessions with Penzance Tennis Club and Year 6 spent the day at Hayle Academy introducing them to what Hayle has to offer as a Secondary School.

Year 6 – Hayle Academy Transition Day



This week, Year 6 were invited to Hayle Academy to take part in a number of lessons and to become more familiar with the idea of starting secondary school next year. To start, the children had a catering lesson where they learned to use a sharp knife safely to make a fruit and vegetable animal. After that, they performed an experiment in science, where they tested different solutions to find out if they were acids or alkalis. After a delicious lunch, the children enjoyed bench ball and football. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to prepare for the next stage of their education. Thank you to Hayle for inviting us!



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Art Club News

Art club got off to a great start this week with the children from Years 1 – 4 creating pictures about road safety.

The project, commissioned by our local police force, was to create pictures to encourage drivers

in the village to observe the speed limit as they drive past the school.

There was a great discussion from the children about what would be eye catching and effective pictures and road signs to keep the children and all pedestrians safe in the village.

When completed the winning work will be posted on the Police Facebook page.

Cauliflower Cards – Christmas Art & Design Fundraising

After a break last year, we are returning to offering parents/carers the chance to purchase a variety of items with their child's design printed on them. They have Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Mugs, Wrapping Paper and Spiral Bound Books. The children have been busy in school working on their fabulous Christmas designs.

CAULIFLOWER CARDS

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Next **Friday, 27th September**, your child/children's artwork will be sent home with them along with an order form and accompanying letter. If you would like to place an order, please complete the order form and ensure this, along with the artwork, is returned to school the following **Monday, 30th September**. The deadlines for collection are very tight to ensure orders are received well before Christmas.

For all orders, Cauliflower Cards pay commission to the school and so, we would encourage as many parents/carers to place an order to help with this fundraising event. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Menu Change – Thursday 26th September

Next Thursday, there will be a change to the menu advertised on ParentPay. Please see poster for the meat and vegetarian options. The usual Jacket Potato and Pasta will also be available. The options on ParentPay cannot be changed once bookings have been made, so please book in the normal way via ParentPay using the existing menu. Thank you.

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.

Friends of Connor Downs Academy – AGM

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their AGM on **Monday 7th October at 3:30pm**. They are looking to recruit some new members, to help in arranging and facilitating fundraising events to be able to support the children in our school with resources and opportunities. **The Friends are in desperate need of someone to volunteer for the Secretary role, without which, the organisation cannot continue.** 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. No experience is required and a full hand over will be in place with lots of support from current committee members.

If you are interested in either becoming a committee member or in becoming the new secretary, in the first instance, please contact the Friends via Mrs Gallagher in the school office or by emailing hello@connordowns.org.uk. Thank you.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 20th September 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 27th September 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 – Thomas

For his cheerful and positive attitude to all areas of his learning in Reception Class. Well done, Thomas!

Year 1 – Jacob

For always trying his best in every lesson and for being a kind and caring friend. Well done, Jacob!

Year 2 – Dylan

For an excellent start to Year 2 and for the thorough and dedicated way he approaches all areas of the curriculum. Well done, Dylan!

Year 3 – Rupert

For showing outstanding thoughtfulness, stepping in to help his friends with their work and organising equipment every lesson. Well done, Rupert!

Year 4 – Sonnie

For excellent reading during a group session and having a fantastic attitude to learning to retrieve information. Well done, Sonnie!

Year 5 – Sydney

For making such a great transition to Year 5 and consistently making positive contributions in all of our lessons. Well done, Sydney!

Year 6 – Corey

For taking part in the activities at our Hayle Academy transition day with such enthusiasm and for always being so polite. Well Done, Corey!

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Writer – Robyn (Year 2)

For an excellent piece of writing about Amelia Earhart and showing great use of expanded noun phrases to write about Amelia's flying journey. Well done, Robyn!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Emily (Year 1)

For working really hard in our phonics lessons, showing great knowledge of her sounds and applying this to her sentence writing. Well done, Emily!

KS2 Reader – Annabelle (Year 5)

For showing such fantastic independence by reading every day and sharing how proud she is of the progress she is making. Well done, Annabelle!

Mathematician – Archie K (Year 6)

For showing excellent listening skills in maths and making good progress with rounding. Well done, Archie!

Numbots/Rock Star – Dylan M (Year 3)

For super effort and practice on times tables challenges set, earning 14,889 coins and answering 2000+ questions correctly this week. Well done, Dylan!

Performer – Remi (Year R)

For showing lots of enthusiasm and enjoyment during our dance and singing sessions. Well done, Remi!

Character – Amelia (Year 4)

For being such a great role model in class, always showing such kindness and a willingness to support everyone. Well done, Amelia!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Starting School – September 2025

CORNWALL COUNCIL Together for Families

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2025**

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2025 for your child by the deadline of **15 January 2025**.




Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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Starting school

September 2025

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Information and guidance

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Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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Applying for a reception class 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 you will get your child 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 15 January 2025

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: 16 April 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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Transfer to Secondary School

CORNWALL COUNCIL 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



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2 Submit your application by 31 October 2024

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