



Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We have had another exciting and engaging week in school.

### Year 3 – Penlee Museum and Gallery



On Friday last week, the children in Year 3 visited Penlee Museum and Gallery. Linked to their History curriculum about Romans, the children spent the morning handling replicas of Romano British objects and searching for actual archaeological finds discovered in Cornwall. The children were excited to see the actual Roman coin hoard found in Hayle.



Later year 3 made Roman embossed coins and mosaic patterns.



Finally, the class visited the gallery to see the Newlyn school paintings including paintings by Stanhope Forbes. The children represented Connor Downs Academy beautifully and received

the following comment from one of the museum learning assistants:

***'Thank you for your recent visit – we all really enjoyed working with your class and had a brilliant day. They were such an awesome class; both the volunteers had a wonderful day. The children were super inquisitive and thoughtful in their discussions.'***  
**Katie Smith – museum learning assistant**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parent/carer volunteers who supported this visit to enable it to go ahead.



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## Year 5/6 Football

On Wednesday this week, 2 of our Year 5/6 football teams represented Connor Downs Academy in a football festival held at Mounts Bay Academy. Each team played three matches against teams from a number of other local primary schools. We were delighted to see the effort, determination and teamwork from every player and we are so proud of every one of them!



## Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel 2025



Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge, inspiring pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine, helping them arrive at school more relaxed and alert; it's great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year the challenge runs from **24<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, so we are encouraging all families, where it is safe and feasible to do so, to walk, cycle or scoot to school each day during this period.

Thank you for your support.

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## Year R – Can you help?

Year R are looking for any donations of good quality, clean toys, particularly dolls, clothes for dolls and accessories, including, but not limited to, dolls baths, cots, highchairs etc. If you have any items you would like to donate, please either pass them to the Year R staff on the door at drop off or collection time, or pass them to Mrs Gallagher in the school office. We thank you in advance for any support you can give to enhance the learning resources for our youngest children.



**THANK  
YOU**

## After School Clubs

Please note, next week is the last week of after-school clubs for this term. However, due to the girl's football festival on Wednesday, Ukulele club is cancelled and girls' football will not be running on Thursday.

The summer term after-school clubs offer will be shared with parents/carers as soon as they have been finalised and agreed.

Thank you!

## Staffing Update

We would like to update you on the staffing in Year 2 at present. As you may have noticed, Mrs Kitching has not been in school for the last 2 weeks and is currently unwell. In her absence, we have the wonderful Miss Johnson covering as a full-time teacher to offer continuity and consistency to the class. Miss Johnson is well known to all the children throughout the school having spent time in most classes over the last few years as a supply teacher. I am sure you will join myself, the staff and children at Connor Downs Academy, in wishing Mrs Kitching a speedy recovery.

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## 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.



## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	97.2 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.



## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 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 28<sup>th</sup> March 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 – Markas**

For his amazing efforts and enthusiasm during balance bike sessions. Well done, Markas!

### **Year 1 – Lilly**

For settling in so well to Year 1 and a new school. Lilly comes in smiling every day and ready to learn. It feels as though Lilly has always been a part of the class!

### **Year 2 – Robyn**

For superb class participation and being a lovely member of the class. Well done, Robyn!

### **Year 3 – Emily**

For sharing her knowledge of the Romans at Penlee Museum and showing real enthusiasm and curiosity when looking for artefacts. Well done, Emily!

### **Year 4 – Elowen**

For her excellent rewriting of a chapter from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Well done, Elowen!

### **Year 5 – Bella-Grace**

For her excellent behaviour for learning and attainment. Well done, Bella!

### **Year 6 – Senara**

For putting so much effort into her maths this year. Senara should be especially proud of her excellent arithmetic skills. Well done, Senara!

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## **Writer – Eve (Year 5)**

For creating her own Vipers comprehension text and questions to test her friends. Well done, Eve!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Charlie (Year 2)**

Charlie always has a book open when he's not working and it's lovely to see him so engaged in reading. Well done, Charlie!

## **KS2 Reader – Sarah (Year 6)**

For excellent reading of the story about the zoo. Keep up your incredible enthusiasm! Well done, Sarah!

## **Mathematician – Jack (Year 4)**

For his excellent work and showing such good understanding of fractions. Well done, Jack!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Ethan (Year 3)**

For super effort with his quick recall of accurate answers (28,901) then using this knowledge to solve White Rose fraction questions. Well done, Ethan!

## **Performer – Alexis (Year 1)**

For showing great confidence, expression, partnering skills and performance during our dance topic. Well done, Alexis!

## **Character – Noah (Year R)**

For being a fantastic role model in class, always following instructions and demonstrating impeccable manners. Well done, Noah!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School



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## Time2Move Holiday Programme – Easter 2025

The Time2Move Holiday Programme is a programme that is fully funded for those children eligible for benefits related free school meals. Please see the flyer and letter below for further details and to access your child's code.

**TIME MOVE  
Holiday Programme**

**EASTER 2025**

- Activities including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays from April 7th - 18th

Scan here to book!

[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/)  
[Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk)  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Time2Move Holiday Programme – Easter 2025

It is with great pleasure that we can inform you that the Time2Move Holiday Programme for Easter 2025 is live.

The programme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a funded meal for every child. All children are welcome to attend, and it is completely **funded** for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

As a parent or guardian of a child eligible for benefits related free school meals you will need your child's unique code in order to access the activities for free. You can access your child's code quickly and easily at:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move)

Once you have this code you can search and book on activities here:

[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)

The activities are all delivered by approved providers with the main focus on fun and enjoyment. So please search for activities near you, book your child's place and we look forward to seeing your child over the Easter holidays.

For any questions regarding the Time2Move Holiday Programme please email [Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk) or phone 01872 324287.

Yours faithfully

The Time2Move Holiday Programme Team

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This Easter Holiday with

**TIME MOVE**  
Holiday Programme

**GLOBAL BOARDERS**  
SURF SCHOOL  
SINCE 2005

**Surfing**

**Mega SUP**

Funded places for  
FSM children

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