



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had a busy and exciting time in school this week.



## Year 2 – The Monarchy and The Lieutenancy

On Monday, the children in Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed a lesson on the monarchy, delivered by Mrs Shilston, where they gained a wonderful insight into the current royal family and lines of succession.

The children were actively involved and able to share their learning on famous monarchs. Mrs Shilston also shared with the class an exciting story based at Buckingham Palace.

Finally, the children and adults in the class learned so much about Mrs Shilston's Lieutenancy role in Cornwall and feel very honoured to have learnt more about the monarchy's role in our home county.



We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Shilston for giving up her time to come into school and give such an interesting and informative presentation.



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## Cauliflower Cards – Christmas Project

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.

**Today**, 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 on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parent/carer communication – Whats App and other social media platforms

It is our aim, that all children feel happy and safe at school and that they flourish both socially and academically.

At times, especially around transition when starting school or moving to a new year group, children can require additional support whilst settling and learning new routines and expectations. This can cause upset or uncertainty for the children and in turn the parents/carers.

We operate an 'Open door' policy and urge all parents/carers to share their concerns with the class teacher in the first instance. This can be verbally, via email using the school email account [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) or during a face to face mutually convened meeting. The vast majority of concerns can be quickly addressed by the teacher and through working collaboratively with the parent/carer.

Where concerns remain outstanding, an appointment can be made to meet with myself as Head of School, SENDCo and DSL.



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Please can I urge all parents/carers to utilise this school communication offer for the benefit of your child/children. I understand that many parents/carers within the school community use various social media platforms, including Whats App, to communicate with fellow parents/carers. This method of communication can cause unnecessary anxiety for parents/carers. Please always speak to your class teacher. We are here to help and will endeavour to address any concerns raised through the appropriate school channels of communication.

## Parent/Carer Meetings

A reminder that our scheduled parent/carers meetings for this term are Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th October. Further details of booking appointments will be shared next week. Thank you.

At the start of each parent/carers evening, Jana Cowan-Dickie, Family Worker for Cornwall Council, will be available in the hall to meet with parents/carers to introduce herself as the Family Support Link Worker for Connor Downs Academy. Please see information below. If you would like to book an appointment to speak with Jana, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk)

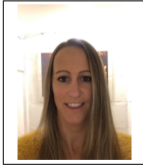
Early Help - Family Support Worker

I need some support with my child's behaviours.

My family really struggles with routines.

I wonder if there is any support out there for dealing with my child's school worries/anxiety.

I wonder if my child is suffering from trauma because of what we have been through as a family.



Where can I find help for me so that I can be a parent more effectively?

I don't know what support I need, I just need some advice.

Hello my name is  
**Jana Cowan-Dickie**  
I am the Family Support Link Worker  
for your school

If you need some advice or support for your family,  
please talk to the school to find out when the next  
Early Help drop in/coffee morning will be.

If you are really struggling and cannot wait, please ask the school to  
pass on your details and I will be happy to contact you.

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# Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

## Reminders



### Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have successfully applied to be put forward on the customer vote in Tesco Stores. Their bid is for Active bodies, happy minds, with the aim to purchase more equipment to encourage the children of Connor Downs Academy to play outside; from trikes and bikes through to musical playground equipment.

If you shop in Tesco Camborne, TR14 8DT, please do make use of the blue tokens and cast your votes and let's try and secure this amazing funding.

The project with the highest number of votes during the voting period will receive £1,500, the second placed project, £1,000 and the third placed project, £500.

**Voting will commence in store from the first week in October 2024 until mid-January 2025.**

### Asda Rewards

#### Cashpot for Schools

Asda have their Cashpot for Schools scheme up and running and Connor Downs Academy has been signed up. If you shop at Asda all you need to do is:



1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select Connor Downs Academy
3. Shop in store across Asda and George or online at Asda.com
4. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to Connor Downs Academy each time you shop and scan.
5. The money raised will be donated back to Connor Downs Academy.

Please note, signing up to this Cashpot will not affect your own Cashpot earn.

**The Cashpot is now open and will remain open until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

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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.

## Parking

An increasing number of parents/carers are now using the road behind the school, Trevarnon Lane, to park when picking up their children. This is a narrow lane and is only just wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass safely. Please can we kindly request all parents/carers using Trevarnon Lane ensure that they are parking to ensure local residents can access their properties further up the lane and also leave access for emergency vehicles. Thank you for your support and understanding.

## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 2	99.2 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 6	99.0 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year R	98.2 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> October 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 – Henry**

For having a very happy and positive week in school. Henry has arrived every morning with a smile. Well done, Henry!

### **Year 1 – Ava R**

For making an excellent start to Year 1 and always giving 100% effort in every lesson. Well Done, Ava!

### **Year 2 – Hugo**

For taking care with his work and reading his targets to improve his writing. Well done, Hugo!

### **Year 3 – Evelyn**

For great work in comprehension using a dictionary and editing her spellings and response independently. Well done, Evelyn!

### **Year 4 – Arthur**

For listening carefully to the features that he needed to include in his writing and creating sentences with thought and care. Well done, Arthur!

### **Year 5 – Noelle**

For her insightful contributions in every lesson. Well done, Noelle!

### **Year 6 – Isla**

For being a superb role model and for practising your handwriting independently in class. What a star! Well done, Isla!

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**Writer – Billy (Year 5)**

For weaving a variety of sentence types and dialogue into his version of "Wing it."  
Well done, Billy!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Maisie (Year 2)**

For meeting her daily targets and skilfully interpreting a range of genres. Well done, Maisie!

**KS2 Reader – Alfie (Year 6)**

For showing such enthusiasm with reading every day. Well done, Alfie!

**Mathematician – Phoenix (Year 1)**

For his amazing effort and knowledge of his number bonds to 10. Well done, Phoenix!

**Numbots/Rock Star – Isaac (Year 4)**

For averaging a playing time of 11 minutes and 56 seconds a day. Well done, Isaac!

**Performer – Emily (Year 3)**

For performing excellent chest passes during Netball in our PE session this week. Well done, Emily!

**Character – Charlotte (Year R)**

For being a kind and thoughtful member of Reception Class. Charlotte is always keen to help her friends. Well done, Charlotte!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School



## Santas on the Run – Sunday 1 December 2024 – The Eden Project

Walk, jog or run with Children's Hospice South West at [The Eden Project](#) on Sunday 1 December to complete a Christmas themed 2k route with your family, friends or work colleagues whilst enjoying a festive day out for you all to remember. Along the route you will stop at a selfie station with the Elf, snow station, choir station and treat station before crossing the finish line to receive your bespoke Santas medal.

Participants get inventive with their festive themed costumes - you choose whether you want to sleigh it like Santa, rock it like Rudolph, sock it like a snowman or twinkle like a Christmas tree, get your favourite Christmas jumper or even Christmas themed movie Characters! There will be on the day competitions for the best outfits - how Christmassy can you make them?

For more information or to register visit: [Santas on the Run Eden Project 2024 | Childrens Hospice South West \(chsw.org.uk\)](#)

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**Save 30%**  
if you sign up  
before midday on  
2 October 2024

Walk, jog or run 2k at the Eden Project  
on Sunday 1 December 2024

Sign up today [www.chsw.org.uk/santas](http://www.chsw.org.uk/santas)

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## 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.

Visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system.



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**Starting school  
September 2025**

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021



**Attending a nursery or pre-school**  
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**Information and guidance**  
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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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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



**Information and guidance**  
Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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#### 2 Submit your application by 31 October 2024

Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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: 3 March 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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