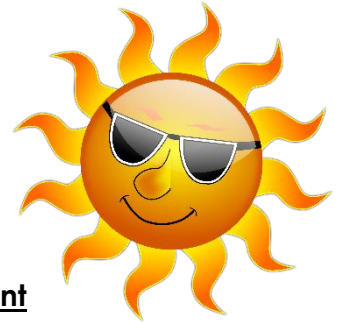


Friday 20th June 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. What a wonderfully busy, exciting and incredibly successful week we have had in school!



The ESCA Regional Under 11 Hardball Cricket Tournament

On Monday, our incredible cricket team attended the Regional Under11 Hardball Finals at King's College, Taunton. Representing Cornwall as Champions, they faced the winners from Devon, Dorset and Somerset, all of which were Prep schools. We are delighted to share that Connor Downs beat both schools from Devon and Dorset, and narrowly missed out on beating Millfield Prep, from Somerset, finishing a fantastic 2nd place. Chris Twort, Regional and National organiser of the tournament, said:

'It was an absolute pleasure to welcome the Connor Downs Academy Cricket team to the Regional Hardball Finals at King's College in Taunton yesterday. Not only did they distinguish themselves by defeating two Prep schools in Bryanston and Mount Kelly but their behaviour and conduct on and off the field of play was beyond approach. As I'm sure you know, they came runners-up to the redoubtable Millfield Prep but certainly gave them a very tough match.'



I've been involved in this competition for thirty years and can honestly say that Connor Downs are not only the first state school team to win two matches at this level but are also the most talented state school team I can remember.'



We are beyond proud of the team, for not only their incredible talent, but also for the behaviour and conduct they showed, both on and off the field.

A huge thank you must go to Mr Marion, who coached the team and all the amazing parents/carers who made the journey to support their children.

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Staffing Update

As we plan ahead for the new academic year 2025-2026, I am delighted to share with you the staffing structure.

Year group	Class teacher	Teaching Assistant
EYFS	Miss Marshall	Miss Abel
1	Miss Pedlar and Mrs Crease	Miss Pedley and new appointment tbc
2	Miss Medcalf	Mrs Hackett
3	Ms Speight and Mrs Crease	Mrs Ridge and Mrs Smith
4	Mr Foulds	Mrs Talbott
5	Mr Pascoe	Ms Scaife
6	Miss Norton	Mrs Smitheram

Outdoor learning lead	Trauma Informed Practitioner and Pastoral Support Advisor
In Mr Costello's absence, Miss Pedley, afternoons only.	Ms Scaife

Mrs Bartaby, our EYFS and KS1 lead, has accepted an exciting post in a new school, starting in September.

Mrs Kitching, our Year 2 teacher, after a long and dedicated career, is retiring at the end of the summer term.

I am sure that you will join with me in thanking both Mrs Bartaby and Mrs Kitching, for all their wonderful support to the children and families of Connor Downs Academy. We will miss them both but wish them every happiness in their futures.

Joining us in September, is Miss Marshall in EYFS. Miss Marshall will be available for the planned EYFS transition events so that children and parents/carers will be able to meet her. We are thrilled to welcome Miss Marshall.

Remaining in school will be Miss Medcalf, who is moving to Year 2. Miss Medcalf has supported the current Year 1 class so admirably this term, so we are delighted that she is now officially part of the Connor family!

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Planters

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who have kindly donated plants for the children to plant in their class planters.

This week Year 5 have been making great use outside looking after their planters!



Sports Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting a fantastic Sports Day! The sun shone, and the children participated impeccably. Congratulations to the Blue team! Photos to follow next week!

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Year 6 Surfing

On Tuesday this week, Year 6 enjoyed a surfing day at Gwithian Beach. The sun shone beautifully all day as Year 6 listened carefully to the instructions and practised their body boarding and surfing skills. Well done everyone!



KS2 Camping on School Field and Afterschool Club Cancellations



During the week beginning Monday 23rd June, each of our KS2 classes will be camping on the school field. As most teaching staff are involved in these activities, we will have to cancel all school led afterschool clubs that week. **The only clubs that will run will be ELDA dance on the Tuesday and Sports4Tots on the Friday.**

Camping Timetable

Year 3	Monday 23 rd June
Year 4	Tuesday 24 th June
Year 5	Wednesday 25 th June
Year 6	Thursday 26 th June

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Please see below a reminder of the kit list your child will need. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled, thank you!

Please ensure that all kit is clearly labelled.

1. Medication
2. Sleeping bag or duvet.
3. Pillow
4. Roll mat to sleep on (we do have PE mats if you don't have a mat).
5. Warm bed clothes e.g. a onesie, pyjamas and socks to wear in the tent.
6. Book a school dinner via ParentPay.
7. Picnic tea and drink for the evening.
8. Change of clothes and underwear for the following day (school uniform and underwear).
9. A warm hat and coat.
10. Sun hat and sun cream individually named.
11. An extra refillable bottle of water.
12. Toothbrushes and toiletries.
13. Back pack.
14. Trainers for walking (not flip flops)
15. Casual clothes to wear at camp e.g. T-shirt, trousers/shorts and a hoody.
16. Torch.
17. A plastic bag for dirty items.
18. No expensive electrical items e.g. phones.
19. Order a school dinner for the second day or drop in a packed lunch.

Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 4th July 2024 from 3:30pm**. Further details to follow.

As part of the Fayre, we will be holding a raffle. With this in mind, we are politely requesting that if you or anyone you know owns a local business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office.

All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



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We will also politely requesting donations of any of the following:

- Homemade Cakes for our cake stall. All cakes must be **nut free** and be accompanied by a list of ingredients to cover all allergens. Cakes should be delivered to the school office on the morning of the Summer Fayre please.
- Any items for the tombola
- Any items for the Teddy Tombola

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.



Newspapers

If anyone has an old newspaper that they no longer need, Year 5 are looking for some for their next DT project; making paper mâché volcanoes. Please bring any donations to the school office or Year 5 for Tuesday next week. Thank you!

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 2	98.4 %
2 nd Place	Year 1	98.3 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 20th June 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 27th June 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 – Reiley

For being so brave during sports day. Reiley gave 100% in all races, demonstrating excitement and perseverance. Well done, Reiley!

Year 1 – Phoenix

For being the kindest person he could ever be. Phoenix is always thinking of others and follows our school values with such pride and determination. Well done, Phoenix!

Year 2 – Alvah

For his brilliant work on pictograms and tally charts. Well done, Alvah!

Year 3 – Oliver

For always having a positive attitude to maths lessons and maths assessments. Oliver is always keen to challenge himself Well done, Oliver!

Year 4 – Lola

For demonstrating excellent team working skills with her group whilst constructing an electronic contraption in science. Well done, Lola!

Year 5 – Linkcon

For his concentration and determination to write his version of "Snack Attack". Well done, Linkcon!

Year 6 – Kostia

For showing such enthusiasm and confidence this week during our surfing session at the beach. Well done, Kostia!

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Writer – Tino (Year 6)

For putting an incredible amount of effort into his writing this half term. Well done, Tino!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Greyson (Year R)

For his amazing drawings and writing about a range of sea creatures having been inspired by our class reading this week. Well done, Greyson!

KS2 Reader – Lois (Year 5)

For making great progress in her reading comprehension which was reflected in her amazing assessment score. Well done, Lois!

Mathematician – Ben (Year 1)

For successfully using the stem sentences in the classroom and using fantastic maths oracy to compare numbers to 100. You are a mathematician. Well done, Ben!

Numbots/Rock Star – William (Year 2)

For over 5,000 correct answers on TTRS. Well done, William!

Performer – U11 Hardball Cricket Team

For their exceptional performance at the Regional Country Cricket Finals finishing a close 2nd to Millfield Prep. Well done Team, we are so proud of you all!

Character – Lyla (Year 3)

For being an outstanding, kind and supportive partner when working in class and also with her friends at playtimes. Well done, Lyla!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

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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