

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed the summer holidays!



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils in Year R, Year 3 and Year 4 and their parents/carers who have joined our Connor family this week. All the children have been settling in well and have been making friends whilst exploring and getting to know their classrooms and the school.



Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thankyou to the wonderful parents/carers and their families who helped to care for our animals over the summer holidays. We are so very grateful for all your continued support.

After School Clubs

The autumn term after school clubs offer has been emailed to all parents/carers this afternoon. Places on all clubs are available on a first come first served basis and are bookable via the Arbor App.

The clubs portal will open at 7pm this evening and close at 7pm on Sunday. This is for teacher led clubs **only**.

Our external providers of ELDA Dance and Sports4Tots are bookable and payable direct with them. The contact details for both have been shared on the clubs list.

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Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity – Non School Uniform Day – Friday 26th 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 26th 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](#)

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.

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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

01609 780 222 | www.bag2school.com | helpdesk@bag2school.com

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

In an effort to raise funds for resources for the children, the Friends have arranged the following events:

Bag 2 School Collection

The collection will take place on **Tuesday 23rd September 2025**. Bags have been sent home with every child this week, but you can use any bags/bin liners. Please do encourage all family and friends to have a sort through and see if they can help with a donation of clothing. The more bags we collect, the more money we raise! Please see the poster alongside for a list of acceptable items and bring them into school no earlier than the morning of **Tuesday 23rd September by 9am**. Thank you.

Camel Trail Staff Sponsored Walk/Ride

On **Saturday, 11th October**, members of staff will be attempting to either walk and cycle the full length of the Camel trail (36 miles).

We will shortly be setting up a Go Fund Me Page for your sponsorship and we will be looking for children/families and local business to sponsor the event to raise much needed funds to enrich every child's journey during their time here at Connor Downs Academy. Thank you!

More details will be shared next week!



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Cauliflower Cards – Christmas Fundraising!



Cauliflower Cards is back!

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are pleased to be involved with this annual fundraising project once again.

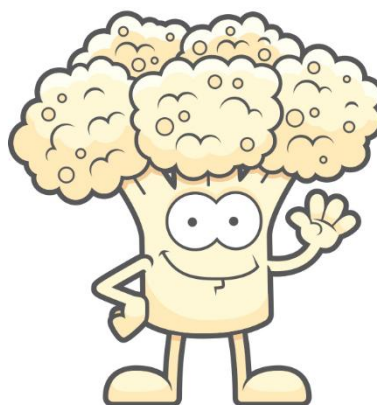


The children will be busy next week, creating their designs, which will be sent home for you to see.

If you would like to order a product with your child's design printed on it, the artwork needs to be returned to school, once you have placed the order online. There is a very tight deadline for the return of artwork so we can maximise the fundraising opportunity. All artwork **must** be back to school by **Wednesday 24th September**.

Please note, any order raised, where the artwork is not returned will receive blank cards, mugs etc as the company will not have any artwork to print on the order.

This is always a very popular fundraising event and we hope that you will enjoy seeing your children's artwork printed on a variety of items and at the same time raising funds for your child's school.



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PE Timetable

Year R	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Thursday
Year 4	Monday – Tennis to October half term then Friday after October half term
Year 5	Thursday up to half term then Monday – Swimming after October half term
Year 6	Monday – Swimming to October half term then Tuesday after half term

Open Evenings

Hayle Academy



**HAYLE ACADEMY
OPEN EVENING**
Thursday 18th September 2025
5 - 7:30pm

Join us for an inspiring evening where curiosity meets opportunity. Explore our vibrant community, meet passionate staff, and discover what makes us truly unique. Whether you're considering your next steps or simply want to learn more, we'd love to welcome you.

★ Tours - Talks - Refreshments ★

No need to book - just come along!
We can't wait to meet you.

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WWW.HAYLEACADEMY.NET
Enquiries@hayle.tpacademytrust.org

Camborne Science and International Academy



**CAMBORNE SCIENCE
& INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY**
**OPEN EVENING
WEDNESDAY 24TH
SEPTEMBER**

The whole school will be open for self-guided tours from 5.30-8.00pm. You can also click here to book a slot for the welcome address with Principal Mrs Emma Haase.

Please use the link below to book your place:

[CSIA Open Event Booking](#)

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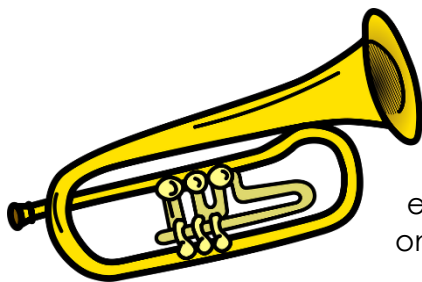
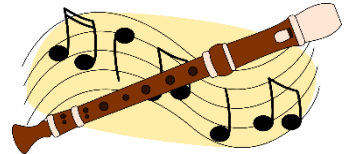
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Cornwall Music Service Trust – Brass and Woodwind opportunity

On Wednesday this week, we were lucky enough to have 2 professional musicians visit the school. Mrs Burden and Mrs Blake came in to talk about learning Brass and Woodwind instruments.



If your child would like to learn any of these instruments, you can do so by signing up for lessons on the CMST website here <https://cmst.co.uk/signup>

or if you have any queries about signing up for lessons you can email Mrs Burden on kburden@cmst.co.uk and Mrs Blake on hblake@cmst.co.uk

Hayle RFC Mini Juniors Registration and Kit Day



HAYLE RFC MINI JUNIORS
REGISTRATION
& KIT DAY
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Times:
9:30 – 10:30am. U7s – U10s
10:30 – 11:30am. U11s – U14s

Come along to get registered for the new season, sort kit and catch up with teammates before the season kicks off!

Parents – please bring £10 cash deposit for playing shirts.

GMS help will be available on the day for anyone struggling to register their child online.

We can't wait to see everyone back.

***REGISTRATION MUST BE PAID BEFORE RECEIVING ANY KIT**

***IF YOU WANT DIFFERENT SIZE SHORTS, PLEASE BRING EXISTING PAIR TO SWAP**

HAYLE RFC - MEMORIAL PARK, MARSH LANE, HAYLE, CORNWALL, TR27 4PS

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Term Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025

Wednesday 3rd September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

Thursday 4th September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

Friday 5th September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

Monday 8th September – **Years 1 – 6 first day of autumn term**

Thursday 23rd October – **Last day of first half of autumn term – 3:15pm Finish**

Friday 24th October - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

Half Term – Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Monday 3rd November – **First day of second half of the autumn term**

Thursday 18th December - **Last day of autumn term – 2pm Finish**

Friday 19th December - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

Christmas Holidays – Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term

Monday 5th January 2026 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

Monday 5th January – **First day of spring term**

Friday 13th February - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**

Half Term – Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February – **First day of second half of spring term**

Thursday 2nd April – **Last day of spring term – 2pm Finish**

Easter Holidays – Friday 3rd April 2026 to Friday 17th April 2026

Summer Term

Monday 20th April 2026 to Thursday 23rd July 2026

Monday 20th April - **First day of summer term**

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (**School Closed**)

Friday 22nd May - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**

Half Term – Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June – **First day of second half of summer term**

Thursday 23rd July – **Last day of summer term – 2pm Finish**

Summer Holidays – Friday 24th July 2026 – Wednesday 2nd September 2026

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Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 5	99.7 %
3 rd Place	Year 4	99.3 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 12th September 2025

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our first Shine assembly of the autumn term, on **Friday 19th September 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 – Eddie

For always following class routines and being a great role model for his peers. Well done, Eddie!

Year 1 – Charlotte

For always offering to help and showing great enthusiasm and super behaviour for learning. Well done, Charlotte!

Year 2 – Ava H

For returning to school so beautifully, embedding our school rules and showing a great attitude to learning across all subjects! Well done, Ava!

Year 3 – Nathan

For being a great role model, showing excellent behaviour for learning and a brilliant effort to complete his work. Well done, Nathan!

Year 4 – Rupert

For having the confidence to stand in front of the class and perform a poem independently. Well done, Rupert!

Year 5 – Zachary P

For his super concentration and behaviour for learning. Well done, Zachary!

Year 6 – Jacob H

For being a super role model to others and being so full of enthusiasm for Year 6. Well done, Jacob!

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Writer – Robyn (Year 2)

Wow! Robyn has started to follow the five stages of the class narrative, 'The Great Fire of London', with wonderful handwriting and presentation. Robyn's presentation is a great start to the school year. Well done, Robyn!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Bailey (Year 1)

For his excellent work during phonics lessons. Bailey is showing great knowledge and fluency. Well done, Bailey!

KS2 Reader – Carter (Year 6)

For the beautiful reading Carter did with Miss Norton this week. Well done, Carter!

Mathematician – Sienna H (Year 3)

For her excellent explanations of her answers during Spiral maths. Well done, Sienna!

Numbots/Rock Star – Adam (Year 2)

Adam's recall of the 2's and 5's timetables were truly outstanding this week. Adam showed this confidently during the class times tables battle and was eager to do more! Keep up the good work, Adam!

Performer – Miriam (Year 5)

For reading aloud the Year 5 shared text to the class with great clarity. Well done, Miriam!

Character – Scarlett (Year R)

For showing amazing kindness and being a wonderful friend to her new classmates. Well done, Scarlett!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School