

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. This week has seen Year 6 attend an activities morning at Mounts Bay Academy, and Year 5 visited Rough Tor as part of their topic on Sir Ernest Shackleton. Please see next week's newsletter for a report and on pictures of their very wet and windy expedition!



Year 6 – Mounts Bay Academy Activities morning

On Wednesday 1st October, Year 6 were invited to Mounts Bay Academy for a fun morning of activities. The children enjoyed taking on the MBA cycling course and using their fabulous fitness suite.

Lots of fun was had by all as the pupils challenged themselves with their fitness, balance and teamwork.

Thank you to Mounts Bay Academy for inviting us!



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Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising Events – October

Camel Trail Staff Sponsored Walk/Ride – 1 Week to go!!!

A brave group of Connor Downs Academy staff have set themselves a huge challenge and they need your support.

On **Saturday 11th October**, this group will be cycling 18 miles along the whole length of the Camel Trail. Not content with that, they will then be walking the 18 miles back to where they started!

Everyone involved in this attempt are doing so to raise funds to enhance our reading provision in school. We are looking to raise enough money to purchase resources and help to create inviting and comfortable book corners within all classrooms to help nurture a love of reading.

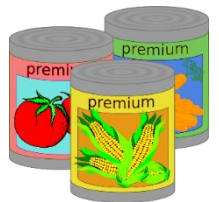
Please dig deep and sponsor our pupils and staff in this endeavour. There has been talk of dressing our staff up during their event if we can raise enough money!

[Connor Downs Go Fund Me Page](#)

Harvest Assemblies



We will be holding our Harvest Assembly for our pupils on Wednesday 15th October. This year, we are politely requesting parents/carers to send in either a tin or packet of food with their child/children that we can then donate to the Connor Downs Food Cupboard as part of the Harvest celebrations. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support to our Academy and our local community.



Tempest Photos

Tempest will be coming into school on Wednesday, 22nd October to take individual and sibling photos. If you would like a sibling photo with siblings not attending Connor Downs Academy, **please arrive at the school office at 8:20am** to sign in. The photographer will be ready to take photos from 08:30am. You will be given a number and photos will be taken first to enable parents/carers to get younger/older siblings to nursery/school. Children with siblings within Connor Downs Academy will have their photos taken during the morning. Please can we ask that all children come to school on the day looking extra smart in their full school uniforms and black school shoes. Thank you.



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Flu Immunisations

Further to the information emailed to all parents/carers on 29th September, the nasal flu vaccinations are taking place in school on **Thursday 16th October**. If you would like for your child to have the flu vaccination in school, please use the link below to give your consent.

If your child has already had their vaccination this year, or you do not wish for your child to have the vaccination, no action is required.

The vaccination will not be given without consent being given. Thank you.

Date of Session: Thursday 16th October

Flu Link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code: EE142144

Deadline to submit: Tuesday 14th October, noon

Parent/Carer Meetings

This term's parent/carers consultations are scheduled for Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd 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 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

Please also note that **Ms Scaife, our TIS Practitioner and Senior Mental Health Lead** will be available to any parents/carers on **Tuesday 21st October** during the parent consultation period from 3:30pm to 6:00pm.

Early Help - Family Support Worker

I need some support with my child's behaviours.

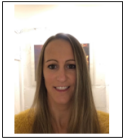
My family really struggles with routines.

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 Uniform Reminder

- Navy jumper with school logo
- White shirt (white polo shirts for reception class children only)
- Navy and gold stripe tie (long or elasticated) (not required for YR children)
- Dark grey skirt or dark grey trousers for girls (No pinafore dresses)
- Navy and white gingham dresses and navy cardigans (Summer term/early autumn term)
- Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts for boys
- Grey tights or white socks for girls
- Grey long or short socks for boys
- **Black school shoes (No trainers or boots)**
- White PE t-shirt with embroidered logo
- Navy shorts
- Trainers (plimsoles for Key Stage 1 children only if preferred)
- Navy book bags with embroidered logo



General appearance

Hair styles

If your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Children must not have artificially coloured hair or extreme hair styles such as patterns shaved into hair. No coloured or oversized hair bows or ribbons. Navy ribbons or scrunchies or small bows are allowed.

Make up

The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, by children is not permitted.

Jewellery

Children may wear small, plain, stud earrings, and a watch. Children remain responsible for these items and the school will not be held liable for any loss.

Request - Grapes

Please can we ask parents/carers that when sending your child to school with grapes, please ensure that any large grapes are cut in half as the large grapes we are currently seeing can cause a choking hazard. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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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 with your requirements.

Thank you.



Starting Secondary School – September 2026 – Application Deadline 31st October 2025



Together
for Families

The deadline for applications is
31 October 2025

Transfer to secondary school

September 2026

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



Information and guidance
Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Applying for a secondary school place for September 2026

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 your child will get 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 31 October 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: 2 March 2026. 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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Starting School – September 2026 – Application Deadline – 15th January 2026



CORNWALL COUNCIL Together for Families

**Starting school
September 2026**

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that 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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2 Submit your application by 15 January 2026

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If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2026.** 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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Friends of Connor Downs Academy – AGM

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their AGM on **Monday, 13th 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. 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.

If you are interested in either becoming a committee member, 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

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Connor Downs Residents Association

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**CDRA
HALLOWEEN
KIDS PARTY**

31ST OCTOBER 2025

WI HALL, CONNOR DOWNS

5:30 – 7:00 PM

£3 PER CHILD

PARTY BAG INCLUDED

**CONTACT PARM ON 07496 513998
TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS**

Registered Charity No. 1108024

ART COMPETITION

**OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SCHOOL
CHILDREN WHO ATTEND
CONNOR DOWNS ACADEMY
OR LIVE IN CONNOR DOWNS**

The Connor Downs Residents' Association along
with the Gwithian/Gwinear Parish Council
are asking the children to

**CREATE A SPEEDWATCH/ANTI-SPEEDING
POSTER TO
HELP MAKE THEIR VILLAGE SAFER**

The Poster must be A4 size on White Paper,
Please write your name and age on the back,
and if you do not attend the school,
please add a contact number.

There will be two classes
AGES 4 to 7 years old & 8 to 11 years old

The Winner of each class will win a £20 VOUCHER

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SENT IN BY
MONDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER, 2025**

At School or to No 26 Turnpike Road, Connor Downs

THE COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED BY EVERYONE
ATTENDING THE COFFEE MORNING ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2025

And the WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON ON 7TH DECEMBER

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 3rd October 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 autumn term, on **Friday 10th October 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 – Jack

For always being an excellent role model to his peers. Jack puts 100% into everything he does. Thank you for being you, Jack!

Year 1 – Thomas

For being so enthusiastic in all lessons and being a really kind friend to the whole class. Well done, Thomas!

Year 2 – Jobi

For his commitment to learning, attention to detail and determination to succeed. Jobi consistently approaches all tasks with diligence, focus and perseverance. Well done, Jobi!

Year 3 – Freddie Ox.

For showing us his knowledge of times tables on a White Rose times table game. Well done, Freddie!

Year 4 – Evelyn

For her dedication to challenge herself to complete more homework and produce it to such a high standard. Well done, Evelyn!

Year 5 – Oscar

For his effort and determination to write his engaging version of 'Wing it'. Well done, Oscar!

Year 6 – Annabelle

For her brilliant maths this week with multiplication. Annabelle really shone when doing her tests this week. Well done, Annabelle!

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Writer – Mackenzie (Year 5)

For her attention to detail and powerful descriptions that took the reader on a magical journey. Well done, Mackenzie!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Missy (Year 2)

Missy reads with fluency, expression and enjoyment. Her dedication and hard work bring stories to life and demonstrates a clear love of reading. Well done, Missy!

KS2 Reader – Ella (Year 6)

For her marvellous reading comprehension answers about the story, 'The Silver Sword'. Well done, Ella!

Mathematician – Kamile (Year R)

For joining in with maths sessions and spotting which objects belong in different groups. Well done, Kamile!

Numbots/Rock Star – Daniel (Year 5)

For an amazing 514 correct answers on Numbots over the past week. Well done, Daniel!

Performer – Penelope (Year 4)

For the fantastic progress she is making learning the Ukulele. Well done, Penelope!

Character – Rilie (Year 3)

For being a great role model showing great independence skills and always stepping in to help her friends in class. Well done, Rilie!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School