

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had a very busy start to the second half of the autumn term.

On Monday, Year 5 began the first of their 6 swimming sessions, Tuesday saw us host our Autumn term monitoring visit where we welcomed leaders from four other schools within Aspire. Every child showed super behaviour for learning, politeness to our visitors and demonstrated how proud they are of their school. Well done everyone!



Bikeability

On Thursday, our two Bikeability groups from Years 5 and 6 completed the final part of their sessions. We are delighted to share that every member of both groups passed their level 2 Bikeability and were presented with their certificates and badges in our Shine assembly today. Congratulations to them all!



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Road Safety and the Green Cross Code

Also on Thursday, we welcomed PC Joe Magurean from the Hayle Neighbourhood Policing Team into school to speak to the whole school about road safety. In particular, PC Joe talked about using the Green Cross Code to cross all roads safely, especially the road outside of school; Mutton Hill. Thank you to PC Joe for coming in and sharing this valuable information and we were delighted with the children for asking some really thoughtful questions.



Service of Remembrance

On Sunday 9th November, our School Council will lay a wreath on behalf of Connor Downs Academy at Hayle War Memorial as part of the annual service of remembrance. Mrs Eddy, Mr Foulds and Mr and Mrs Gallagher will be attending and invite all of our families to join us at the War Memorial from 10:30am. Please can all children attending wear full school uniform and a poppy if they have one. Thank you for your support.



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Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 10th November to Friday 14th November 2025

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school every day, after school next week, from **Monday 10th November until Friday 14th November 2025**. Please do come along and have a look at the fantastic offers available. All the children will be given the opportunity with their classes, to look around the book fair during the day. **Please note, all payments will be online via a QR code.**



Children in Need

Next Friday, the **14th November 2025**, is Children in Need Day. We are inviting children to come to school on this day wearing something yellow/Pudsey items for a donation of their choice which should be paid using the link below. Please note we are unable to accept cash donations. Thank you for your support.

BBC Children In Need Donations

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Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the autumn term disco will take place on **Thursday, 27th November 2025**.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. **Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected.**
Thank you.

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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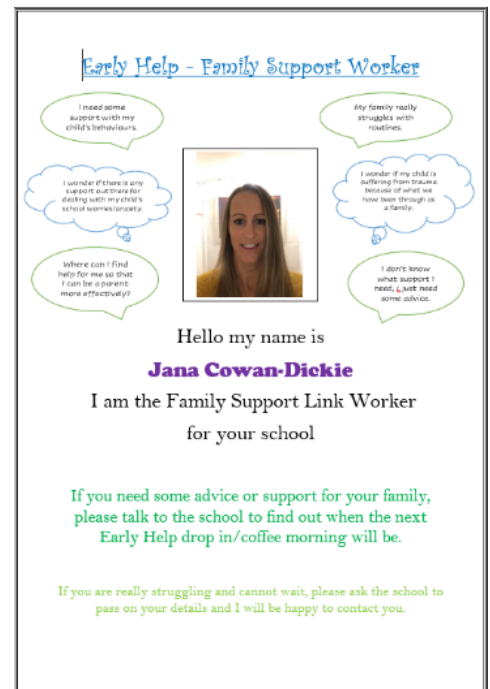
Family Link Worker Clinic

Our Family link worker from Cornwall Council, Jana Cowan-Dickie, will be available to meet with parents/carers in school on the following two dates:

- Wednesday 12th November from 2pm
- Friday 14th November from 9am

If you would like to book a 20-minute meeting with Jana, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk to make an appointment.

Jana's contact details can be found on the leaflet shown here for those parents/carers who would like to speak to Jana, but who are not able to make an appointment on either of the dates above.



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 1	99.4 %
2 nd Place	Year 3	98.3 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	97.8 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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*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 14th November 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 – Scarlett

For developing a really positive attitude towards coming into school and always having a smile on her face. Scarlett tries hard at everything she does. Well done, Scarlett!

Year 1 – Leo

For gaining in confidence and improving his independence in each lesson. Well done, Leo!

Year 2 – Lowenna

For amazing maths work this week solving addition and subtraction problems. Well done, Lowenna!

Year 3 – Hugo

For sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm in History learning about the Stone Age. Well done, Hugo!

Year 4 – Harrison

For his considered, thoughtful and beautifully presented independent writing of a newspaper report. Well done, Harrison!

Year 5 – Arthur

For his excellent behaviour for learning and the support and encouragement he gives his peers. Well done, Arthur!

Year 6 – Joseph

For showing exemplary behaviour, always being willing to help around school and working so hard every day. Well done, Joseph!

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Writer – Leo (Year 6)

For his excellent effort in their reading lesson about 'The Front Door'. Leo's answers were mature and accurate. Well done, Leo!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jack (Year R)

For his outstanding effort in reading. The progress Jack is making is a real testament to how hard he is working in phonics lessons, even asking for extra reading practice throughout the day! Well done, Jack!

KS2 Reader – James (Year 3)

For reading aloud with both fluency and expression and tackling challenging vocabulary in reading comprehension about the Stone Age. Well done, James!

Mathematician – Imogen (Year 1)

For working hard on her addition and subtraction knowledge. Imogen is showing a great understanding of the topic. Well done, Imogen!

Numbots/Rock Star – Spencer (Year 4)

For achieving an incredible recall speed of 0.56 seconds per correct answer! Well done, Spencer!

Performer – Zachary (Year 2)

For always being such a kind friend to his peers and a great role model. Well done, Zachary!

Character – Jack (Year 5)

For being a great team player and a shining example of how to work hard and behave at school. Well done, Jack!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School