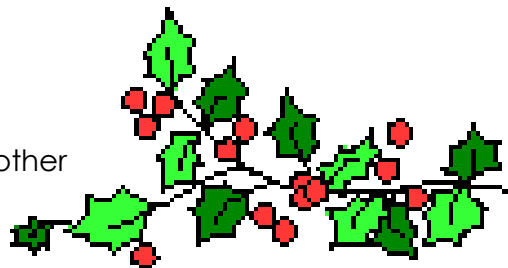


Friday 28th November 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another very busy time in school this week with lots of excitement with rehearsals for the Christmas events taking place over the next two weeks.



Aspire Schools' Parliament Day

On Wednesday this week, Mr Foulds and four children from Year 6 visited County Hall for Parliament Day. Pupils from 15 schools from across the ASPIRE Multi Academy Trust were in attendance for a day packed with learning about our democracy. Connor Downs was represented excellently by Bella-



Grace, Sydney, Carter and Emily who engaged with the fantastic learning opportunities provided by the County Hall staff. They met Leigh Frost, the Council Leader for Cornwall and asked him and the Councillor for schools and education many relevant questions. They learnt about caring for the elderly in our community, had a teamworking workshop and learnt about our voting system and how polling works. The children all had a fantastic day, and we are so proud of the way they represented Connor Downs Academy so brilliantly! Well done!



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Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival – Mounts Bay Academy

Also on Wednesday, the girls football team went to Mounts Bay Academy to take part in a Football festival. The girls showed great skill and teamwork and came away with a win, a draw and a loss. The team would like to thank Mr Foulds for taking them to the event and they are looking forward to playing some more matches in the new year! Thank you also to all the parents/carers who came along to support the girls and cheer them on!



Year 1 – Penlee Gallery and Museum

This week, Year 1 had a lovely visit to Penlee museum for an Old Toy Workshop. The children looked at the different toys that a Victorian child would have played with, exploring the trapeze, spinners, cup and ball, kaleidoscope, Jacob's ladder and flip book.

Year 1 enjoyed the flip books so much that some of them are planning to make their own at home.



They were shown some clockwork toys, which the children loved. They were surprised that it could move without batteries. They were also introduced to a doll that is



over 100 years old.

She was made of wood, porcelain and had glass eyes.

We would like to thank the staff and volunteers at Penlee Museum for a wonderful visit and also a huge thank you to Mrs Painter and Mrs Aulden who supported our trip.



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The Friends of Connor Downs Academy would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who brought their children to the disco's last night. Despite the miserable weather there was a great turn out and lots of fun was had by everyone. This event raised an incredible £246.45 which will be used to fund resources for all the children across the school.



After School Clubs

Reminder that the **final week** for school led afterschool clubs of the autumn term is **next week**, beginning Monday 1st December. There will be no Year 3-4 Football Club again on Monday due to Miss Medcalf's afternoon absence and due to the EYFS/KS1 Nativity on Thursday, Crafting Club and Cheer Club will not be running on **Thursday 4th December**.

The final sessions for ELDA Dance and Sports4Tots will be Tuesday 2nd December and Friday 5th December respectively. This is due to the KS2 Christmas Carol Service being held on Tuesday 9th December and the Christmas Fayre taking place on Friday 12th December. Thank you.

Details of Spring clubs will be shared at the beginning of next term, thank you.

Christmas Post Box

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas post box will be appearing in the main corridor in the KS2 building from next **Monday, 1st December**. This will be available until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends. **Last Day for posting will be Wednesday 18th December**.

Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the **recipient's name and their year group** is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our Year 6 prefects when sorting into year groups for delivery. Thank you.



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Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Upcoming Fundraising Events

Name The Elf!



In conjunction with our Christmas Fayre taking place from 3:15pm on Friday, 12th December, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have an Elf to name!

For **£1 a go**, you can put your name against one of the Elf names on the board next to the elf. The winner will be chosen at the Fayre on Friday the 12th and they will be able to take the Elf home with them!

The Elf is now on display in the front office, with a board full of names to choose from, so do come along and have a go, or two! Please pay Mrs Gallagher in cash, at reception for the number of goes you would like and then write your name on the board under the names you choose! Good luck to everyone – you could be the lucky of winner of the Elf!

Christmas Fayre

FRIENDS OF CONNOR DOWNS ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

3:15PM – 4:45PM

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE
FESTIVE FUN!**

- ❖ **CLASS CHRISTMAS STALLS**
- ❖ **VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS GAMES**
- ❖ **SANTA'S GROTTO TO INCLUDE A GIFT
FROM SANTA (£4.00 per child)**
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (TO BE DRAWN AT
4:30PM AT THE FAYRE)**
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE**
- ❖ **HOMEMADE CAKE SALE**
- ❖ **HOT FOOD**
- ❖ **NAME THE ELF (WINNER TO BE
ANNOUNCED AT 4:30PM AT THE
FAYRE)**



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Card Payments

PLEASE NOTE, WE CAN TAKE CARD PAYMENTS AT THE FAYRE. YOU WILL BE GIVEN TOKENS TO SPEND AT THE VARIOUS STALLS TO THE MONETARY VALUE OF YOUR CARD PAYMENT. THANK YOU!

A member of the Friends committee will be available in the main school hall to take your card payments and issue you with tokens. This facility will be situated next to the Raffle and Name the Elf! Tokens are valued at 50p each and every stall will take these tokens.

Requests for donations for the Christmas Fayre

We are looking for any donations to help with this year's Christmas Fayre.

- ❖ **Cake Sale:** Are you a home baker who would be willing to provide us with some homemade cakes/buns/traybakes/cookies to sell at the Fayre? To be allergy aware, **an ingredients sheet must be completed** to go alongside your baking. Please note, **NO NUTS**.

- ❖ **General Tombola:** Any items suitable for a general tombola.

- ❖ **Chocolate Tombola:** Anything suitable for a chocolate tombola, including chocolate suitable for Dairy Free/Gluten Free/Vegan/Vegetarian.

- ❖ **Raffle Prizes:** 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!

Please can any donations be brought to the school office and given to Mrs Gallagher, anytime between now and the morning of the Christmas Fayre.

For any cake donations, please can these be brought to the school office and given to Mrs Gallagher on the morning of the Christmas Fayre **ONLY**.

Thank you in advance to our parent/carer community for all their generosity and support.

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Christmas Events



EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Baarmy Bethlehem!

The children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 will give two performances of their Nativity, 'Baarmy Bethlehem!' The performances will take place next week on Tuesday and Thursday and tickets have been sent home with the children today.

EYFS /KS1 Christingle

The children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in their Christingle, being held at Phillack Church. This will take place on **Monday, 8th December** starting at 5:00pm. Please can we ask that children and parents/carers **arrive no later than 4:45pm**. All children to please wear full school uniform and to have long hair tied back, thank you.



KS2 Christmas Carol Concert



Silent Night, Holy Night

Children from KS2 will be taking part in their carol concert on **Tuesday, 9th December**. We are offering two performances, one starting at **2:00pm** at school. A single ticket will be sent home with each KS2 child on **Friday, 5th December**. **No additional tickets will be available**. The second will take place at Phillack Church on the same day, at **5:00pm**. Please can we ask that children and parents/carers **arrive no later than 4:45pm**. All children to please wear full school uniform, thank you. The service at

Phillack Church is a wonderful event that makes very special memories for all the children and their parents/carers/grandparents.

There will be a retiring collection at both Church events with all proceeds going to the Church. Please do donate as generously as you can, Thank you!

There will be a donations box available for the school performances for any kind donations as we do not charge for our performance tickets. All proceeds go to additional resources for the children in school. Please do donate as generously as you can, Thank you!

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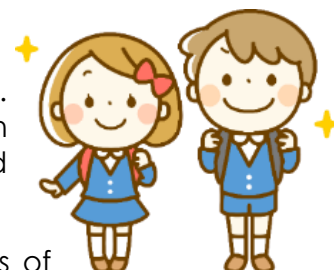
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Pre-Loved Uniform

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.



ELDA IS COMING TO CONNOR DOWNS!

EMMA LOUISE DANCE ACADEMY IS AT CONNOR DOWNS. JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL FOR A FUN FILLED DANCE CLASSES !

DANCE CLASS FOR ALL AGES!

**TUESDAYS 3.15-4.15PM, JUST £5.00 A SESSION
RUNNING THROUGH TERM TIMES.
PROFESSIONAL DANCE TRAINING!
PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.**

**PLEASE CONTACT
07902196544 OR
THE SCHOOL
OFFICE TO RECEIVE
A SIGN UP INFO!
LIMITED SPACES!**



ELDA – After School Club – Tuesday from 3:15pm – 4:15pm

ELDA afterschool dance club has been running on a Tuesday at Connor Downs since the summer term, continuing into this academic year, numbers have dropped.

To ensure that this club is still viable to run in the Spring term, please do sign up with ELDA.

Attendance

Attendance		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	100.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 28th November 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 5th December 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 – Louie

For working really hard in phonics lessons, particularly when reading tricky words and spotting digraphs. Well done, Louie!

Year 1 – Noah

For showing excellent behaviour for learning and for always setting a great example to his peers. Well done, Noah!

Year 2 – Caleb

For his increasingly positive attitude to his learning and the effort he gives to everything. Caleb is becoming a great role model in the Year 2 classroom. Well done, Caleb!

Year 3 – Levan

For showing great skill in calculating in his recent maths assessments. Well done, Levan!

Year 4 – Lyla

For her resilience, drive and determination to complete tasks and progress with her learning. Lyla always gives 100% to every task and is a shining example to all her peers. Well done, Lyla!

Year 5 – Toby

For consistently reaching his target in maths and making good progress. Well done, Toby!

Year 6 – Bella V

For her commitment to reading and for showing outstanding problem solving skills in maths. Well done, Bella!

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Writer – Freddie Ow. (Year 3)

For his super effort to improve his presentation and joined handwriting. Well done, Freddie!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Henry (Year 1)

For showing excellent work in phonics and showing such super enthusiasm during our daily phonics sessions. Well done, Henry!

KS2 Reader – Elowen (Year 5)

For her great effort in this week's Year 5 Reading assessment. Well done, Elowen!

Mathematician – Noelle (Year 6)

For working so hard and gaining a superb score in the Year 6 fractions unit test. Well done, Noelle!

Numbots/Rock Star – Emily (Year 2)

For showing excellent fluency on your TT facts. Emily has made the conscious effort to understand the four operations and link them into everyday life. Well done, Emily!

Performer – Millie (Year R)

For throwing her all into the nativity rehearsals and showing great confidence and enthusiasm on the stage. Well done, Millie!

Character – Emily (Year 4)

For being a great friend to everyone and always being a shining example of showing super behaviour for learning. Well done, Emily!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2025

Monday 1st December – Swimming – Year 5 – week 5

Tuesday 2nd December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 2pm start – **arrival from 1:30pm**

Thursday 4th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 5pm start – **arrival from 4:30pm**

Monday 8th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle – 5pm start – **arrival from 4:30pm**

Tuesday 9th December – KS2 Carol Concert – 2 performances – 2pm start at school and 5pm start at Phillack Church – **arrival from 1:30pm at school and 4:30pm at the Church**

Friday 12th December – FOCDA Christmas Fayre – 3:15pm start – **see main newsletter for more details**

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day – book in the normal way via ParentPay – **all bookings must be made by Friday 5th December.**

Thursday 18th December – Last Day of Term – **2pm Finish**

Friday 19th December – INSET DAY – School closed

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2025 – FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026

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TIME MOVE
Holiday Programme

CHRISTMAS 2025

Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:

- Bissoe Trail
- Seaton Country Park
- Pentewan Trail

Rides are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays between 22nd Dec and 2nd Jan

Meet time is 1000
Bike check optional
For all ages & abilities

Scan here to book!

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