

Friday 14th 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.



Service of Remembrance



Last Sunday, representatives from our School Council attended the annual service of Remembrance at Hayle War Memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of the Connor Downs Academy community. The service was attended by Mrs Eddy, Mr Foulds, Mrs Crease, Mr Pascoe and Mr and Mrs Gallagher, along with families and children from across the school. We are so proud of the respect that all our children showed and particularly in those laying the wreath. A big thank you to all those parents/carers who gave up their time to attend along with their children and to Mark and his team at The Big Pink Tree for once again providing us with a beautiful wreath.



Remembrance Assembly



On Tuesday, to mark Armistice Day, KS1 and KS2 joined together for an assembly to mark this occasion and to hold a two-minute silence in memory of those service men, women and animals who have given and continue to give their lives during conflicts.



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Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Upcoming Fundraising Events



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.

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 will be on display in the front office from next week, 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!

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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)**



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.

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- ❖ **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**.



- ❖ **Teddy Tombola:** Do you have any good quality teddies that your children no longer want and are happy to donate?

- ❖ **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.

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 during the first week of December. Letters with details of how to book tickets have been sent home with children.

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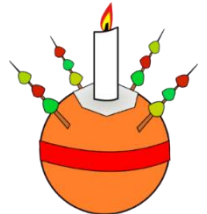
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EYFS /KS1 Christingle

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. **Letters have been sent home to parents/carers this week with full details.**



KS2 Christmas Carol Concert



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. **Letters have been sent home to parents/carers today.**

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!

Mr Costello – Rescheduled visit

Mr Costello will be visiting school next Tuesday, 18th November in the morning so that the children and staff can say a heartfelt thank you and farewell.

Any gifts that have been kept in school since September, will be given back to the children who brought them in so they can pass them to Mr Costello themselves.

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Reminders

Jumpers/Warm Waterproof Coats

Please can we remind parents/carers to ensure their child comes to school with a school jumper and a warm, waterproof coat every day. We are encouraging the children to get some fresh air at all break and lunch times as well as taking advantage of our amazing outdoor area during lesson times, so it is vital that your child has a coat to wear to keep them as dry and warm as possible.

Illness

Naturally, with the colder weather comes more illness, in terms of colds, sickness bugs etc. If your child/children has/have a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, the school policy is the requirement for them to be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last occurrence.

Please can we also remind parents/carers, that if your child/children is/are absent from school due to illness, please ensure you telephone the school **every morning** they are absent and leave a message **detailing the full reason for absence** on the absence line. Thank you.

Medication

Medicines should only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to the child's health or school attendance not to do so.

Prescription medicines can only be administered if prescribed for a child by a doctor or a dentist. The medicine must be:

- In date
- Labelled with the child's name
- Provided in its original container as dispensed by a pharmacist
- Include instructions for administration, dosage and storage.

The medicine must be accompanied by a completed 'Parental Agreement for setting to Administer Medicine' form. This form can be obtained from the school office.

All medicines must be passed to/collected from an adult in the school office.
Medicine must never be sent to school with a child in their bag.

Attendance

Attending school regularly and on time is **so important**, both academically and socially. Children who are absent from school:

- Miss vital learning
- Miss their friends
- Can find it difficult to catch up when they come back

Please see attached to this newsletter, the Aspire School Attendance Booklet, detailing what we will be doing as a school to monitor attendance.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school office by emailing hello@connordowns.org.uk . We thank you for your support and understanding.

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.

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	98.5 %
2 nd Place	Year 4	98.4 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	98.2 %

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 21st 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 – Kiera

For participating in the nativity rehearsals and showing great enthusiasm when singing the songs. Well done, Keira!

Year 1 – Zennor

For working really hard during phonics. Zennor has also shown excellent work on shapes. Well done, Zennor!

Year 2 – Lilly-Rose

For her amazing progress in phonics and great attitude for learning. Well done, Lilly-Rose!

Year 3 – Alvah

For his super progress in both his confidence and independent learning. Alvah is a great role model to his friends and is always working hard. Well done, Alvah!

Year 4 – Piran

For his proactive, determined and focused attitude in class and his excellent listening and reflection to be able to make links to previous learning. Well done, Piran!

Year 5 – Mia

For her amazing swimming and trying so hard to improve during our swimming lessons. Well done, Mia!

Year 6 – Perran

For contributing to our school every day by being thoughtful and helpful. Well done, Perran!

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Writer – Nola (Year 2)

For using some excellent sentences about materials used on a farm. Well done, Nola!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Isaiah (Year 1)

For his excellent effort with reading and his enthusiasm about books. Well done, Isaiah!

KS2 Reader – Sully (Year 4)

For his super efforts in reading consistently every night. Well done, Sully!

Mathematician – Robyn (Year 3)

For her excellent perseverance and effort learning to exchange 3-digit numbers in column addition and subtraction. Well done, Robyn!

Numbots/Rock Star – James (Year 5)

For playing for 5 days in a row for 3-5 minutes and therefore keeping his skills sharp. Well done, James!

Performer – Lola (Year R)

For showing great behaviour during the nativity rehearsals and singing beautifully to all the songs. Well done, Lola!

Character – Idy (Year 6)

For always being prompt coming into class each day and starting your morning work. Well done, Idy!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2025

Monday 17th November – Swimming – Year 5 – week 3

Monday 24th November – Swimming – Year 5 – week 4

Thursday 27th November – FOCDA – Disco's – **see main newsletter for more details**

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

Tuesday 2nd December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 2pm start – **letters sent home 14.11.2025**

Thursday 4th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 5pm start – **letters sent home 14.11.2025**

Monday 8th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle – 5pm start – **letters sent home 13.11.2025**

Tuesday 9th December – KS2 Carol Concert – 2 performances – 2pm start at school and 5pm start at Phillack Church – **letters sent home 14.11.2025**

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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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Connor Downs Residents Association

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Deadline extended to Monday 17th November. Please bring your entries into school on Monday and pass to Mrs Gallagher in the school office.

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**

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