

Friday 21st 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.



Mr Costello

This week, we were delighted to welcome Mr Costello back to Connor Downs Academy for the children and staff to say a heartfelt thank you and farewell.

In an emotional assembly, some of the children from Year 6 read out their special memories of their time spent with Mr Costello, followed by each of the classes presenting a special gift they had prepared. Final gifts from staff and school were presented with the assembly ending with a beautiful song sung by Year 6 and accompanied by Year 5, Year 4 and Mr Foulds on guitar.

Mr Costello then visited each of the classes individually and spoke to all the children, some of whom had brought in their own special gifts.

I am sure you will all join with myself, staff and school community at Connor Downs Academy, in wishing Mr Costello a happy and healthy future!



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Year 3 – Penlee Museum and Gallery

On Wednesday, Year 3 spent a fantastic day at Penlee Museum and Gallery where they participated in a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop. The workshop involved learning about the chronology of the Stone Age period on a timeline and researching artefacts in the museum.

The children were excited to handle replicas of Stone Age pots and tools before making their own Iron Age pinch pot and embossed copper badge.

Finally, they were fortunate to spend time in the gallery to view paintings and art created by artists of West Cornwall.

Thank you to Mrs Young and Mrs Annis, Mr Lewis and Mr Gallagher for supporting the trip.



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Football Festival – Mounts Bay Academy

Also on Wednesday, our Year 5/6 Football Team took part in a football festival hosted by Mounts Bay Academy. Despite the cold temperatures, the enthusiasm from all the players made it such an enjoyable event. There were over 100 children taking part, from 10 teams across 8 different schools. Every single member of the team played brilliantly and showed great teamwork and super sportsmanship. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all!



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents/carers and relatives who visited our book fair last week. Your purchases raised almost £200 in rewards for school to purchase more books for the school library. Thank you once again!



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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 **next 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 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!

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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 MONETRAY 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.

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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.

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.

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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.



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.

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!

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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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!



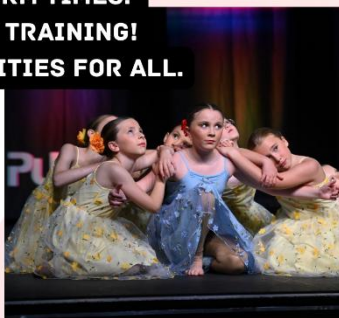
ELDA – After School Club – Tuesday from 3:15pm – 4:15pm

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.

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!



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	97.8 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 21st 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 28th 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 – Elton

For being a kind, considerate and helpful member of the class. Elton always challenges himself and tries new things during playful learning time. Well done, Elton!

Year 1 – Jesse

For being a lovely member of the class. Jesse knows the routines of the classroom so well and this visibly supports his learning. Well done, Jesse!

Year 2 – Phoenix

For his amazing phonics and knowing all his phase 3 sounds and tricky words. Well done, Phoenix!

Year 3 – Brodie

For showing great listening, concentration and success when learning how to make stone age pots. Well done, Brodie!

Year 4 – George

For his insightful ideas and being ready to add his thoughts and suggestions to class discussions. Well done, George!

Year 5 – Lissi

For her amazing newspaper report about the sinking of the Titanic. Well done, Lissi!

Year 6 – Idy

For brilliant skills adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. Well done, Idy!

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Writer – Charlotte (Year 1)

For excellent work during the Year 1 weekly spellings and her effort with her presentation during English. Well done, Charlotte!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Connor (Year 2)

For his exceptional effort in reading every night. Connor consistently reads well above his target and this week has read over 100 pages in one night. Well done, Connor!

KS2 Reader – Lola (Year 5)

For her contributions to our reading comprehension lesson and sharing her ideas with such clarity. Well done, Lola!

Mathematician – Florence (Year R)

For working really hard on her recognition of numbers one to five and showing great subitising skills. Well done, Florence!

Numbots/Rock Star – Ruan (Year 6)

For getting the highest number of correct answers on TT rockstars over the last month. Well done, Ruan!

Performer – Dylan (Year 3)

For sharing his super knowledge and great vocabulary in a stone age workshop at Penlee Museum. Well done, Dylan!

Character – Daisy (Year 4)

For her fantastic 'can do' attitude and always being ready to learn. Daisy is a brilliant role model to the whole class. Well done, Daisy!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2025

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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