

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. This week has seen lots of Christmas cheer with the EYFS/KS1 Christingle on Monday and the KS2 Carol Service on Tuesday, both in school and at Phillack Church.



## EYFS /KS1 Christingle

On Monday, our EYFS and KS1 children were delighted to visit Phillack Church in Hayle to share a Christingle Service, kindly hosted by Revd Michelle.

Building on their RE learning, the children enjoyed sharing their knowledge of the Christingle in the Church setting, impressing Revd Michelle, parents and carers with their understanding of all that the Christingle represents to Christians.

During the celebration, our children performed Nativity songs, along with telling the story of the Nativity, and culminating in the lighting of the Christingle's and singing Away in a Manger.

Thank you to all the parents/carers, family and friends who brought their children back for the Christingle service and joined with us to make this such a memorable event.



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## KS2 Christmas Carol Concert



On Tuesday afternoon we were delighted to host our KS2 Carol concert in school in the afternoon and in the evening at Phillack Church. The children from each class sang carols, interspersed with traditional Nativity readings from our Year 6 children. We are so proud of every child who took part and performed so beautifully.

We would like to thank the parents/carers, family and friends who either came to school for the afternoon performance and/or brought their children back for the carol service in the evening and joined with us to make this such a memorable event.

A final thank you must go to Revd Michelle who oversaw

the event and the Phillack Church community for welcoming us so warmly to Church.



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## Christmas Post Box

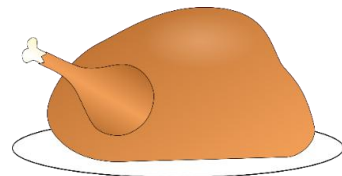
A final reminder that the Christmas Post Box is in the main corridor in the KS2 building. This is available until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends. **Last Day for posting will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

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.

## Christmas Dinner

A reminder that Christmas dinner is being served next **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.** All bookings have been shared with the kitchen and any bookings that were made after 8am on Monday this week, 8<sup>th</sup>

December will be cancelled and you will be notified that your child will require a packed lunch on Christmas Dinner day. Children will be able to replace **only** their school jumper on this day with a Christmas Jumper if they wish to. This is **not** a non-school uniform day. Thank you for your support.



## End of Term

A reminder that the final day of term is next **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – this is a **non-school uniform day**.

Classes will hold their Christmas parties in the morning, and children are invited to wear their own party clothes/Christmas jumpers.



Please note as previously advertised, we will be **finishing** school at the **earlier time of 2:00pm** on the last day.



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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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements. Thank you.



## Staffing Update

For information, Miss Medcalf will be absent from school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 due to a scheduled operation. During this time, Mr Kitto, a trusted supply teacher, will be covering Year 2. Mr Kitto is an experienced teacher who the children are familiar with.

I am sure you will join with myself and the rest of the staff and pupils in wishing Miss Medcalf a speedy recovery and we look forward to welcoming her back to school after her recovery. Thank you for your support and understanding.

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 5	97.6 %

Kind Regards,



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