

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had a busy week with all children settling back into the daily routine after the weather disruption last week.



Connor Downs Eco Delegates



The Connor Downs Eco Delegates have set themselves the task of finding out just how much energy and water we, as a school, are using. They are also looking at the amount of waste we are producing in order to build a comprehensive picture and complete an accurate overview of our school's carbon footprint.

To do this, the Eco Delegates will interview each member of staff responsible for each aspect of the school's footprint.

This week the children have interviewed Mrs Allen, our school's catering manager, to find out about where our food comes from and where the waste goes, how much is collected and how Mrs Allen measures it.



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Year 5/6 Football Festival

On Wednesday this week, our Year 5/6 Football Team had the delight of going to Mounts Bay Academy to take part in a football festival.

The team was split into 2 even teams and played 4 games each. They had a great time and would love to do it again next term! They played on astro turf which enabled them to run really fast and score lots of goals.

Thank you to Mr Pascoe, Mr Foulds and Mr Gallagher for taking us.

Thank you to Isaac for his report above. All the team worked brilliantly together and once again made us all proud!

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.

Friends of Connor Downs Academy

Next Monday, 19th January, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their next meeting. FOCDA are always looking to welcome new members, so if you have a little time free from 3:30pm, to come along and see what's involved and if you can help, we would be delighted to welcome you! No expectations of commitment!

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Diary Dates - Spring Term 2026

Monday 19th January – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 2

Monday 19th January – FOCDA meeting – all welcome – from 3:30pm

Tuesday 20th January – Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Monday 26th January – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 3

Tuesday 27th January – Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Monday 2nd February – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 4

Tuesday 3rd February – Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday 3rd February – Year 4 – Kresen Kernow visit

Wednesday 4th February - Cross Country – Years 5 and 6 only

Monday 9th February – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 5 (Final session)

Tuesday 10th February – Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 12th February – Friends of Connor Downs Academy Disco – more details to follow

Friday 13th February – Last Day of 1st half of spring term – **Finish at 3:15pm**

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February – Half Term Holiday

Monday 23rd February – First day of 2nd half of spring term

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
Joint 1 st Place	Year 1	100.0 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year R	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	97.6 %
3 rd Place	Year 6	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.



Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars
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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 spring term, on **Friday 23rd January 2026** 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 – Willow

For always following classroom expectations and being a wonderful role model for her peers. Well done, Willow!

Year 1 – George

For showing excellent behaviour for learning and always rising to a challenge and giving 100%. Well done, George!

Year 2 – Freddie

For creating a detailed fact file about Florence Nightingale. Well done, Freddie!

Year 3 – Rilie

For demonstrating consistently great behaviour for learning. Rilie is a super role model in Year 3. Well done, Rilie!

Year 4 – Ollie

For his quiet, consistent approach to his learning. Ollie is always focused and ready to learn showing great behaviour for learning and drive to succeed. Well done, Ollie!

Year 5 – Isaac

For his rapid improvement in his long multiplication skills. Well done, Isaac!

Year 6 – Tegen

For having an all round excellent week. Tegen has tried really hard this week and every piece of work has been brilliant! Well done, Tegen!

Writer – Millie (Year R)

For her improving letter formation. Millie is really challenging herself during phonics lessons to write new words every day. Well done, Millie!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jago (Year 2)

For consistently reading every night showing his love for reading and making super progress. Well done, Jago!

KS2 Reader – Zander (Year 3)

For excellent reading aloud in reading comprehension showing fluency and expression. Well done, Zander!

Mathematician – Sully (Year 4)

For excellent an understanding of using related multiplication and division facts and being able to apply his learning to solve mathematical problems. Well done, Sully!

Numbots/Rock Star – Elowen (Year 5)

For her accuracy and precision in getting 778 questions correct this week. Well done, Elowen!

Performer – Oscar (Year 5)

For volunteering to play for the opposition in order to make the teams even at the football festival. Well done, Oscar!

Character – Jesse (Year 1)

For being such a dedicated learner. Jesse is an excellent role model for his peers, taking care and being diligent in every lesson. Well done, Jesse!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School