



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well.

## Year 1 – Computing

Year 1 have been very enthusiastic about their current computing topic, 'Moving a Robot'. The children loved exploring what

commands the different buttons gave to the Beebot and creating their own sequences. More recently, they have been using the commands to get from a starting point to a given end point, and the different ways this can be achieved.

We would like to thank the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for their support in obtaining a grant to support the purchase of the Beebots to enhance the learning of current and future Year 1 children.



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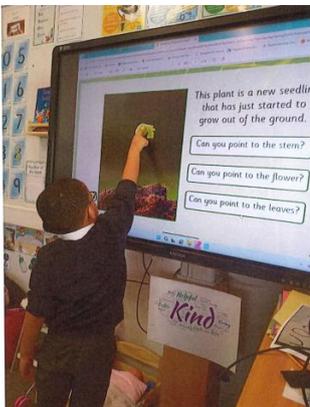
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## Year 1 - Science

This week, the children in Year 1 have been learning to identify the different parts of a flower and using their learning to correctly label a picture of a flower.



## Year 4 – Kresen Kenow

On Tuesday, Year 4 visited Kresen Kernow in Redruth as part of their Crime and Punishment topic.

The children learnt about the records that were kept there and had a tour of the archive. They

looked at court records from the Georgian and Victorian times and read about individuals that were incarcerated in Bodmin jail.

They took part in a workshop role playing some of the criminals that they had read about in the records and researched aspects of the justice system in Cornwall hundreds of years ago.

We would like to thank the staff/volunteers at Kresen Kernow for making the visit so interesting and fun and Mrs Rees for supporting the visit.



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## Swimming Success

Congratulations to one of our Year 5 pupils who won an incredible array of medals at the recent Cornwall County Swimming Championships held at Penzance and Bodmin pools.

Showing such dedication and determination, he came away with:

- Bronze in 50m Breaststroke
- Gold in 200m Front Crawl
- Gold in 100m Fly
- Gold in 200m Breaststroke



## Menu Change – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a change to the publicised menu on Parent Pay, to mark the Lunar New Year.

The options available are shown here on the poster, but the usual Jacket Potato and Pasta options will also be available.

Please book the meat or vegetarian option on Parent Pay if your child would like either of the Chinese options



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## Reminder – No afterschool clubs – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

A reminder, there are no after school clubs next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, due to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos. Thank you.

## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are being held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**.

The booking portal for Parent Consultations, via the Arbor App, will be **opening at 7:00pm, on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February and will close at 7:00pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. If you do not have access to the Arbor App, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) for a new link to be sent to you.

## Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

Parent Consultations are being held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. Appointments will run in 10-minute intervals with the first appointments at **15:30** and the final appointments at **17:50**. All appointments will take place in your **child's classroom**, with their books being available for you to review either while you wait, during the appointment or afterwards.

## Year R only

For Year R, appointments with Miss Marshall will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March only**. They will run in 10-minute intervals, with the first appointment being at **15:30** and the final appointment at **17:50**. All Year R appointments will take place in the **Year R classroom**.

## Year 1 only

For Year 1, appointments with Miss Johnson will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March only**. They will run in 10-minute intervals, with the first appointment being at **15:10** and the final appointment at **17:50**. All Year 1 appointments will be held in the **Year 1 classroom**.

Please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) if you encounter any difficulties. Thank you.

**Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Reminder****New System:**

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are trialling a new system for our termly disco's starting with the spring term disco being held **next Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> February**.

The changes are as follows:

**Disco timings:**

Years R, 1 and 2 – Straight after school from **3:30pm until 4:30pm**

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – from **4:45pm until 5:45pm**

**Payment:**

Admission price will remain the same at **£1.50 PAYMENTS NOW BEING TAKEN**

Instead of payment on the door on the day of the disco, we would encourage all those intending to attend the event to **prepay** for their child/children's place.

Payment should be made, **in cash/by card**, direct to Mrs Gallagher in the school office, who will record all those who have paid in advance and this will be shared with the staff/volunteers supporting the discos. We hope that this will benefit all children, but particularly, those in Years R, 1 and 2.

As usual, refreshments will be available to purchase, so for those in Year R, 1 and 2 particularly, we would ask for their 'spending money' to be passed to the class teacher in a named purse and this will be given to them before going into the disco.

**ANY PREPAYMENTS WILL BE REFUNDED IF A CHILD/CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT.**

**PLEASE NOTE, THEY WILL STILL BE ABLE TO TAKE MONEY ON THE DOOR IN CASE PARENTS/CARERS DO NOT HAVE THE CHANCE TO PAY IN ADVANCE.**

**Clothing:**

With the earlier start, the children in Year R, 1 and 2 should bring their disco clothes into school on the morning of the disco and hand them to the class teacher in a named bag.

On changing at the end of the day, each child will be guided to put all their school uniform back in the bag that their disco clothes have come in and these will be given to parents/carers when they come to collect at the end of the disco.

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## Diary Dates - Spring Term 2026

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 5 (Final session)  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 – Minack Theatre visit  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friends of Connor Downs Academy Disco  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> half of spring term – **Finish at 3:15pm**  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term Holiday**  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> half of spring term  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 – Tolvaddon Fire Station visit  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 1  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Consultations – More details to follow  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations – More details to follow  
 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – More details to follow  
 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 2  
 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Lego League (Year 5/6)  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – FOCDA meeting – from 3:30pm – all welcome  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 3  
 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm  
 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Last day of Term - **Finish at 2:00pm**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – First day of summer term

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 5	100 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year R	98 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 6	97 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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 13<sup>th</sup> February 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 – Kamile**

For showing wonderful kindness to her friends and always having a smile on her face. Well done, Kamile!

### **Year 1 – Isaiah**

For his reliable and accurate answers in maths. Isaiah shows brilliant mental arithmetic skills in each lesson. Well done, Isaiah!

### **Year 2 – Robyn**

For working systematically in maths and for following all the modelling stages. Robyn was able to clearly explain the inverse and the opposite operations. Well done, Robyn!

### **Year 3 – Noah V**

For sharing his knowledge in science learning about plant pollination and his thoughtful comments in our PSHE lesson about Keeping Safe. Well done, Noah!

### **Year 4 – Otis**

For his thoughtful and reflective approach to learning. This is evident in all his work, especially the beautiful artwork he has produced. Well done, Otis!

### **Year 5 – Tommy**

For his determination to improve his writing to deliver thoughtful and well-crafted texts. Well done, Tommy!

### **Year 6 – Henry**

For the brilliant maths work he has done this term, in both class and afterschool maths club! Well done, Henry!

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## **Writer – Toby (Year 5)**

For writing a balanced argument using the evidence and the language of debate. Well done, Toby!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jacob B (Year 2)**

Jacob's reading journey has progressed significantly this year. Jacob is using expression and his retrieval skills are outstanding. Well done, Jacob!

## **KS2 Reader – Joseph (Year 4)**

For consistently achieving his reading targets both at home and in school. Well done, Joseph!

## **Mathematician – Jacob H (Year 6)**

For his brilliant work this year in maths, especially with practising to solve reasoning problems. Well done, Jacob!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Nathan (Year 3)**

For his super effort and perseverance with TT Rock Stars to improve his speed, gaining 92% accuracy in answering questions. Well done, Nathan!

## **Performer – Eddie (Year R)**

For your brilliant 'champion gymnastics' in PE this half term, with safe, balanced and graceful movements. Well done, Eddie!

## **Character – Zennor (Year 1)**

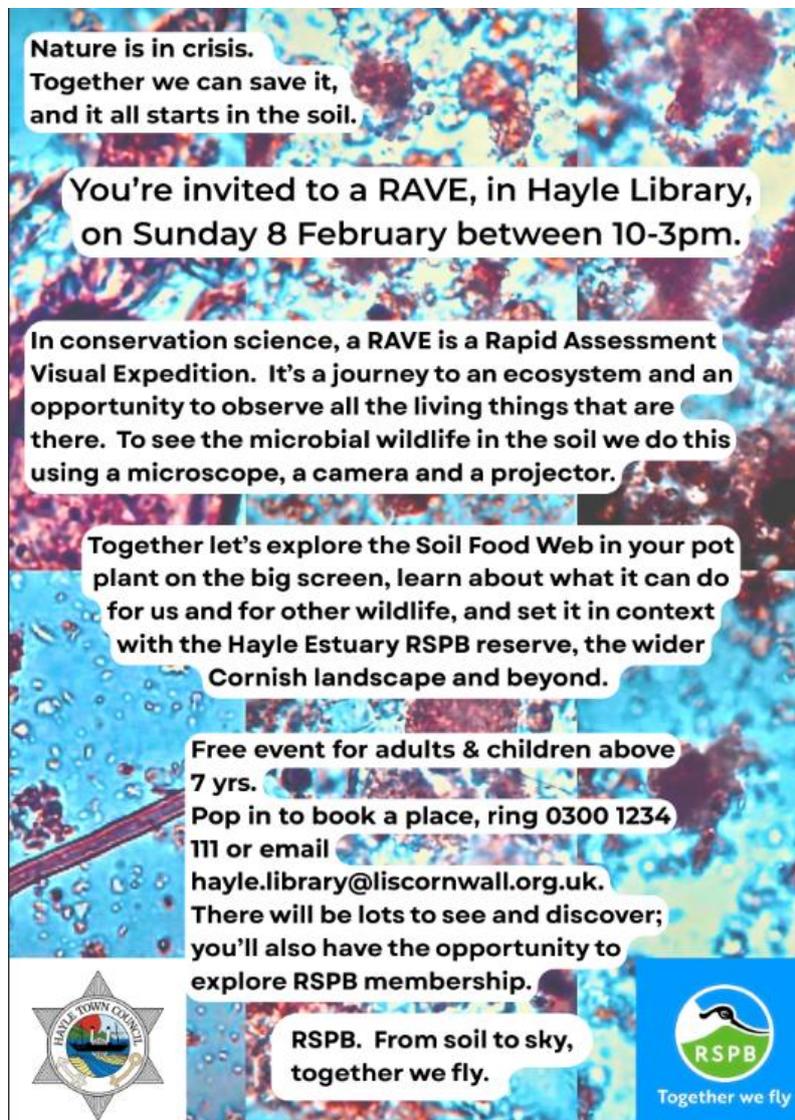
For showing great behaviour for learning during phonics and for his enthusiasm during the current English topic. Zennor is a great role model to his peers. Well done, Zennor!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

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**RAVE (Rapid Assessment Visual Expedition) – Hayle Library**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 10:00am – 3:00pm**



**Nature is in crisis.  
Together we can save it,  
and it all starts in the soil.**

**You're invited to a RAVE, in Hayle Library,  
on Sunday 8 February between 10-3pm.**

**In conservation science, a RAVE is a Rapid Assessment  
Visual Expedition. It's a journey to an ecosystem and an  
opportunity to observe all the living things that are  
there. To see the microbial wildlife in the soil we do this  
using a microscope, a camera and a projector.**

**Together let's explore the Soil Food Web in your pot  
plant on the big screen, learn about what it can do  
for us and for other wildlife, and set it in context  
with the Hayle Estuary RSPB reserve, the wider  
Cornish landscape and beyond.**

**Free event for adults & children above  
7 yrs.**

**Pop in to book a place, ring 0300 1234  
111 or email  
hayle.library@liscornwall.org.uk.**

**There will be lots to see and discover;  
you'll also have the opportunity to  
explore RSPB membership.**

**RSPB. From soil to sky,  
together we fly.**



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## February Half Term Activities – Coast Community CIC at Ludgvan Community Centre

# HALF TERM WITH

**FOR AGES 5 – 16**

Fun sports and activity sessions throughout the day for children in Reception to year 11



**ADD LUNCH FOR £5**

A balanced meal with a pudding

# LUDGVAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

**16<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 10-2PM £20**

During half term, Coast are once again offering fun active session for children aged 5 – 16, running from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February between 10am and 2pm. There will be themed activity days throughout the week. There is also an option to add a balanced lunch for £5.



**MONDAY**

**COLOUR FUN**



**TUESDAY**

**BEACH THEME**



**WEDNESDAY**

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## Be part of Cornwall's most colourful 5k fun run this summer

Rainbow Run returns to RAF St Mawgan Newquay on Saturday 20 June 2026 and is open to anyone aged 5 years old and over.

You can run, walk, or jog whilst being showered in powder paint at 8 different colour stations.

Included in the price is a bespoke 2026 Rainbow run medal, an event village full of stalls, games, food vendors and entertainment and 8 colour stations.

As well as making memories on this fun-filled day out, you will be raising vital funds for Children's Hospice South West. By taking part, you're pledging to raise £35 as an individual or £93 as a family. Last year £107,000 was raised!

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Contact Number for enquiries: 01726 871800

Email for enquiries: [kiley.pearce@chsw.org.uk](mailto:kiley.pearce@chsw.org.uk)

Keep up to date with the latest announcements on our Facebook page: [Rainbow Run Cornwall 2026 | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/rainbowruncornwall2026)

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