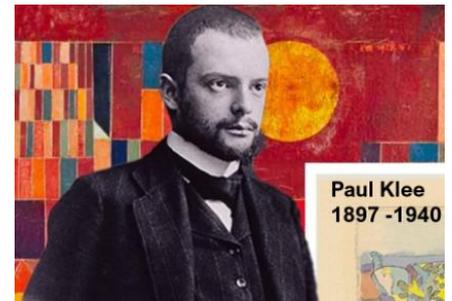


Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had an incredibly busy and exciting week at school.

### Art Assembly



The children and staff were all busy drawing in a special assembly before half term, led by Art lead: Ms Speight. The children were introduced to the famous artist: Paul Klee, who created drawings and paintings by "Taking a line for a walk".



It was amazing to see the whole school involved in drawing, developing their mark making and then practising their skills to draw their hands with some amazing results.



### Year 4 – Art

Year 4 have completed their unit of work looking at the art of Sonia Delaunay. They have been working in groups, developing their teamworking skills to produce a joint, large-scale piece of work in the style of the artist.



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## Cross Country



On Wednesday this week, on a very damp and drizzly evening, runners from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the rearranged cross-country event held at Hayle Academy. Every member of the team showed great resilience and determination to finish their respective races. We are proud of every single one of you!

Special congratulations go to Spencer from Year 4, Barney from Year 5, both of whom won their respective races and a gold medal, and Mackenzie from Year 5 who came a really impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a bronze medal!

A huge thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support the children. It was wonderful to see such incredible support from our Connor Downs Community.

## NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshops



The NSPCC visited school on Tuesday to develop the children's knowledge and understanding about how to keep themselves and others safe. They learnt about their right to feel safe and what to do if they feel unsafe. The children in Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed making chatterboxes afterwards and reflecting on their own thoughts and feelings. Vanessa, the volunteer who held the workshops, thought the children were all 'full of empathy' and was impressed with their impeccable manners and respect.



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**Your**  
Speak out. Stay safe.  
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A massive thank you and a big well done to all pupils for being such great listeners and taking part in *Speak out*. Stay safe. with Buddy.

*On [signature]* Chris Sherwood  
Chief Executive

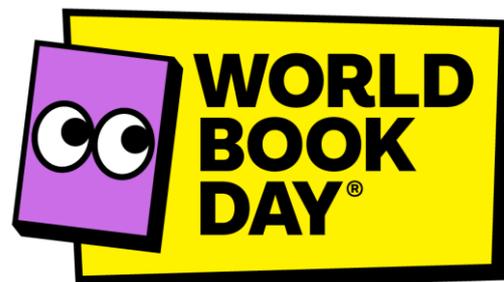
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**NSPCC**

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## World Book Day

World Book day this year is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. To mark this day and to raise funds to go towards more Accelerated Reader books for our school library, we are inviting children, for a donation of £1 (via ParentPay), to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their book to school with them to share with their classes. We encourage all children to take part in this fun day by wearing either a purchased dress-up costume, a home made costume, or alternatively, children can wear their own clothes. There is no expectation for any family to pay out for expensive costumes unless they want to.



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Every child will also be given a £1 book token supplied by the National Literacy Trust that they can use towards purchasing a book of their choice from any retailer. More information can be found by using the link below:

[Families - World Book Day](#)

## Menu Change – World Book Day

Next Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, to mark World Book Day and St Piran's Day, there will be a menu change to the menu published on ParentPay. The meat and vegetarian options will be meat or veg pasties, as well as the usual Jacket Potato and Pasta options.



## Cultivating Futures – We need your help!!

The outdoor area at Connor Downs Academy is a very special place for your children and much loved animals.

Due to the exceptionally wet winter, the raised flower and vegetable beds, polytunnel and outdoor garden space is looking rather sad.

We are kindly requesting for any parents/carers, grandparents who would be available to support tidying these areas on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any time spare on this day, and would be willing to lend us a helping hand, please contact Mrs Gallagher in the school office to share your details and times available.

Thank you in advance for your support!



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## Year 5 – Junior Life Skills



On Thursday, Year 5 were invited to take part in a Junior Life Skills workshops, held at Tolvoddon Fire Station, as part of the PSHE curriculum. The children learned about:

- Internet Safety
- Basic CPR
- Electrical Safety and Fire Alarms
- Dangers around water
- Road safety
- GWR – safe behaviours in and around train stations

At the end of the session, the children were tasked by the fire service, with testing their fire alarms at home this week and every month thereafter.

We would like to thank Mrs Lane, Mrs Richards and Mrs Richardson for supporting the visit.



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## Parent Consultations

### Booking via the Arbor App – closes at 7:00pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Final Reminder: 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, tonight, 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.

### Year 6 – Maths Sessions and After School Clubs – CANCELLED – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

A reminder that due to Parent Consultations, there will be no Year 6 afterschool Maths session on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and no afterschool clubs on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support.

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## Diary Dates - Spring Term 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 1  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Consultations – Details above  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations – Details above  
 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 3	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year R	99%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 5	98.1 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.



## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 27<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 6<sup>th</sup> March 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 – Elton**

For always demonstrating our school values and being such a good role model for his peers. Well done, Elton!

### **Year 1 – Imogen**

For being an excellent role model in every aspect of our classroom. Imogen always follows our school rules with kindness. Well done, Imogen!

### **Year 2 – Jackson**

For his incredible efforts in phonics and his motivation with spelling patterns. Jackson is determined to give his best and demonstrates this throughout every area of the curriculum. Well done, Jackson!

### **Year 3 – Zoey**

For her fantastic use of adverbs and fronted adverbial phrases, in an opening description of 'Theseus and The Minotaur'. Well done, Zoey!

### **Year 4 – Remy**

For showing excellent teamwork skills during his collaborative art project. Well done, Remy!

### **Year 5 – Mackenzie**

For her effort and determination to complete the cross country and win a bronze medal. Well done, Mackenzie!

### **Year 6 – Theo**

For his excellent, empathetic responses during the Year 6 workshop with the NSPCC. Well done, Theo!

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## **Writer – Reuben (Year 2)**

For showing such a secure understanding of their unit on poetry. Reuben's innovation poem was catchy and repetitive. Well done, Reuben!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Lola (Year R)**

For her dedication to reading, both in school and at home. Well done, Lola!

## **KS2 Reader – Linkcon (Year 6)**

For working hard in his phonics and reading lessons. We are so proud of the progress he is making. Well done, Linkcon!

## **Mathematician – Jacob (Year 1)**

Jacob's maths work is excellent. He follows the patterns of questions really well and is careful and accurate with his answers.

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Sonnie (Year 5)**

For playing every other day for a month and registering over 5,000 correct answers. Well done, Sonnie!

## **Performer – Archie (Year 3)**

For performing well in the Year 3 PE problem solving lesson, showing that he was part of a team. Well done, Archie!

## **Character – Bella-Grace (Year 6)**

For supporting her fellow athletes from other schools to finish the cross country together. Well done, Bella-Grace!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School