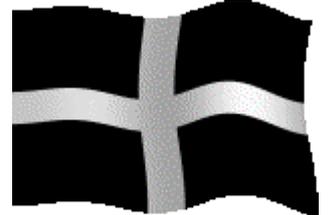


Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had another incredibly busy and exciting week at school. We hosted leaders from three other schools within the Aspire Academy Trust, at our termly monitoring day. The children all showed how proud they are to be part of the Connor Downs Academy family in their politeness to our visitors and their incredible behaviour for learning. We also held our spring term parent consultations and on Thursday we marked St Piran's Day and World Book Day!



## World Book Day



On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day, and all the children were invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their own books to share with their classes.



During the day, the children from our Key Stage 2 classes joined together with the younger children to share their love of reading together.



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We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who took the time to arrange outfits for their children, they looked amazing! The variety across the classes was fantastic to see and we hope that the day helped to cement a love of reading in every child!



## **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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## Parent Consultations



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who attended this weeks' parent/carer consultations. We were delighted with the number of families who turned out to see their children's work and have the chance to catch up with the class teachers to discuss how their children are progressing.

## Trophy Textiles Uniform Savings Club – Secondary School Information

Now that the Year 6 students have found out which secondary school they are going to in September, Trophy Textiles have asked us to share their savings club for secondary school uniforms.

The jump from primary school uniform to secondary school is a significant difference in price and over the years we have helped parents/carers with our savings club payment scheme.

The savings club helps parents/carers gradually put money away with us so that when it comes to the big school uniform shop they have already begun saving.

Many parents/carers have found this helpful as it helps break up the cost.

For example, we had a previous customer put £10 a month away with us from the beginning of the year, so by August they had saved £80.

Here is the link to the payment plan on our website:

<https://www.trophytextiles.co.uk/product/savings-club-payment/>



**Start saving now!**

Join our back to school savings club.

Add as little as £5  
in store or  
online today!



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## Diary Dates - Spring Term 2026

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 4	97.7 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.3 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 3	97.1%

## 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> March 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> 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 – Jack**

For working so hard to practice his proper pencil grip. Jack's handwriting is improving every day from his hard work. Well done, Jack!

### **Year 1 – Markas**

For the great progress he has made, particularly since half term. Markas is now able to recognise 14 phonics sound cards. We are all very proud of him! Well done, Markas!

### **Year 2 – Freddie**

For the impressive progress Freddie has made in his phonics this term. Freddie is showing growing confidence when recognising sounds and applying them with increased accuracy. Well done, Freddie!

### **Year 3 – Isaac**

For his effort and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum and for supporting his friends at playtime to make good choices. Well done, Isaac!

### **Year 4 – Joseph**

For listening to feedback and applying the knowledge to his learning. Well done, Joseph!

### **Year 5 – Colby**

For his organisation and determination to reach his targets. Well done, Colby!

### **Year 6 – Peyton**

For giving 100% in all lessons and in his homework. Peyton is making super progress and it is a joy to see! Well done, Peyton!

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## **Writer – Greyson (Year 1)**

For excellent effort in improving his handwriting and being able to increase his stamina for writing. Well done, Greyson! Keep up the great work!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Lowenna (Year 2)**

For showing true grit and determination to read regularly at home. Lowenna has improved her accuracy with trickier vocabulary, and she is able to use her retrieval skills to discuss what she has read. Well done, Lowenna!

## **KS2 Reader – Cecily (Year 4)**

For her love of reading. Cecily is a great role model to her peers, by consistently reading every night at home and is an avid reader in school. Well done, Cecily!

## **Mathematician – Maeson (Year 3)**

For explaining his knowledge of a fraction's numerator and denominator to the class and special visitors. Well done, Maeson!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Bella V (Year 6)**

For correctly answering 75,194 answers on TT Rockstars. Wow! Well done, Bella!

## **Performer – Mia (Year 5)**

For a fantastic run down the wing during our Pirates coaching session. Well done, Mia!

## **Character – Charlotte (Year 1)**

For the excellent care she takes with her friends and our classroom. Well done, Charlotte!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School