



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. On behalf of myself and all the staff at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to thank you all for your support over the past term. We hope that you will all have a very Happy Easter holiday and make the most of spending time with family and friends!



As you are aware, at the end of each term, we produce a termly newsletter encompassing all the exciting and engaging work that has taken place in classes during this term. Each class has produced their own 'newsletter' which can be accessed using the following link. Please do take the time to have a look at all the amazing work happening across the academy:

### [Spring Term Newsletter](#)

#### **EYFS and KS1 – Outdoor Learning**

This week the children in Years R, 1 and 2 had great fun during their outdoor learning session learning about fire lighting.

The children learned to understand the fire triangle, and what a fire needs to start. They discussed what fire is and why it must be handled by adults. They also talked about where we see fire safely in everyday life, for example candles, campfires, lanterns.

We would like to thank Mr Turnham, the Aspire Academy Trust Outdoor Education Lead, for supporting their outdoor learning.



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## Year 2 – Safari Dance

On Monday, the children from Year 2 treated the rest of the school and their parents, to a fantastic performance for their Safari dance to finish their PE topic this term.

We are so proud of every child who took part and gave the performance their all.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support the children.



## Songfest

On Tuesday, our school choir took part in the Songfest event held at the Hall for Cornwall in Truro!

The children joined with a number of other schools from around Cornwall to take part in the annual singing extravaganza. The children learned the songs prior to the event and then joined with the Cornwall Youth Choir in a truly magical event.

Thank you to Mrs Eddy (Elowen's mum) and Mrs Heard (Billy and Piran's Nan) for supporting this visit.



## Year 5/6 Football

Our Year 5/6 boys and girls football teams visited Mounts Bay Academy on Wednesday this week to take part in a football tournament.

Both teams showed exemplary behaviour, teamwork and dedication to each other in all the matches they played.

We are incredibly proud of each and every player who represented Connor Downs Academy with such pride. Well done to you all!

Thank you to Mr Smitheram and Mrs Rothero for supporting this event.



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## M&M Theatrical Productions

On Tuesday afternoon we were delighted to welcome the amazing performers from M&M Theatrical Productions into school to give a fantastic performance of Treasure Island.

All the children and an afternoon filled with laughter and learning and the

children in Year 6 took part in a theatre workshop at the end of the performance.

Thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy who made this visit possible by subsidising the ticket costs. If you have not already paid the £3 for your child/children to watch the performance, the payment item is still open on ParentPay.



## Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Egg Raffle/Name The Bunny

Thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for arranging the fantastic Easter events that the children have enjoyed over the last two days of term.

Thank you to all the parents/carers and staff who donated Easter Eggs for the raffle.



Congratulations to Maisie in Year 3, who won the Easter Hamper, and all the other children who won an Easter Egg.

Congratulations to Scarlett-Rose in Year R who correctly guessed the name of the bunny, 'Oreo'!

**The Friends of Connor Downs Academy wish all the children and their families a very Happy Easter!**

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## After school clubs – Summer Term

A list of the after-school clubs on offer for next term was emailed to all families yesterday. Please book your child's space via the Arbor App. **The portal will open for bookings from 7:00pm tonight, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and close at 7:00pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April.**

Sports4Tots will begin in the first week back after Easter, beginning **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. All school led clubs will begin in the week beginning **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

## Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

## The Turnpike Inn

The Turnpike Inn are now under new management, and we would like to welcome them to the village.

Ashley and the team have very kindly offered to continue the kind gesture of offering parents/carers the opportunity to use their car park for drop offs in the morning.

Now we are entering the summer season, please can we ask parents/carers **not** to use their car park for **afternoon collections**. The Turnpike will be open all day and become busier, requiring their car park for their patrons. We kindly ask our parent/carer community to respect this and use alternative parking, also being respectful of local residents. Thank you for your support.

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	97.4 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.1 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 4	97.0 %

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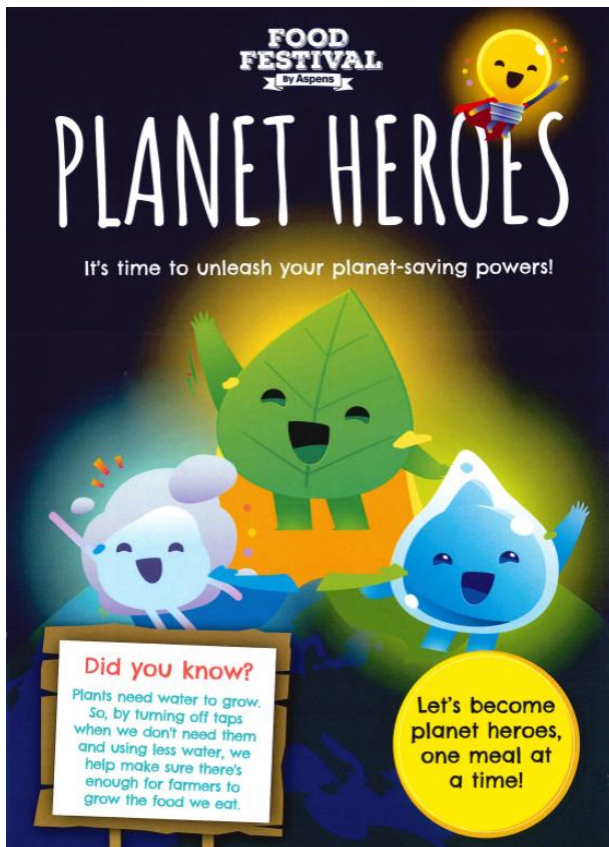
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## Themed Menu Day – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

- Eat the Rainbow Chicken Noodles
- No Waste Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake
- Hot Pasta, plain, with homemade tomato sauce, cheese or both
- Jacket Potato

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026** for the start of the summer term.



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## 2026 Summer Cricket – All Stars and Dynamos

Registrations are now open for All Stars and Dynamos Cricket across Cornwall. There are over 40 club centres across the county giving every child the opportunity to get active, learn new skills and make new friends, in a safe, fun environment this summer.

- **All Stars Cricket (Ages 5-8):** Perfect for beginners, focusing on big hits and fun.
- **Dynamos Cricket (Ages 8-11):** Developing skills through countdown cricket matches.

**Link: Find a Local Cornwall Club & Register Here - <https://shorturl.at/1nhDc>**

## Making Cricket Accessible: The Support Fund

Cornwall Cricket believe finances should never be a barrier to sport. They are proud to continue their Support Fund, offering fully subsidised (free) places for families in need.

These funded places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please use the link below to apply for support.

**Link: Apply for the National Programmes Support Fund Here –**

<https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/boys-girls/ecb-national-programmes-all-stars/cornwall-cricket-support-fund-national-programmes.html>



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**EASTER  
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ACTIVITY PROGRAMME**

★ HAYLE ★ ST IVES ★ HELSTON ★ PENZANCE ★ LUDGVAN

### FOR AGES 5 - 16

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

### FUNDED

Funded places available for those eligible for free school meals with lunch included

### TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Full or half days available  
Scan the QR code to see full list of locations and times

### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

AND SO MUCH MORE



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## EASTER 2026

- Activities including water sports, forest schools, circus skills, day trips and lots more - for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays from 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Scan here to book!



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**MBFDC FOOTBALL CAMPS**

**EASTER HOLS**

All children welcome from any school or club, come & have some fun at Easter!

**4 DAYS - THURS & FRIDAYS**  
**9TH, 10TH, 16TH, 17TH APRIL**

- ✓ UEFA/FA Qualified Staff & DBS Checked
- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Fun activities, matches & tournaments
- ✓ Penalty shootouts, prizes & more!

SOCCER PROS:	PLAYERS NEED:
10am-3pm	Packed lunch & drinks
School Year(s) 2-8   U7s-U13s	Wet weather clothing & spares!
1 day £18, 2 days £33, 3 days £45	Football boots & shin pads
4 days £55 - Super Saver Deals!	Indoor footwear (in case of poor weather!)

**MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G PITCH**  
Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

**Online Registration Link**  
[www.mbfdc.co.uk](http://www.mbfdc.co.uk)

Please visit the MBFDC website for further info & to register online!

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