



Friday 1st May 2026

Dear parents/carers,

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



Year 1 – Outdoor Learning



This week, Year 1 have had an introduction to animal husbandry, looking at how we care for animals, meeting their basic needs and how to behave safely and respectfully around animals.

The children had a great time looking at and feeding our rabbits and chickens, noticing how they move, eat and behave.

The children learnt how to hold a chicken correctly, practising being calm, gentle and steady. They discussed why animals can feel nervous or startled and why we must always move slowly, keep our voices quiet and wait for an

adult before touching any animal.

Finally, the class talked about general safety when spending time near animals, including listening to adults, staying in safe areas and washing hands after touching animals.

Year 4 – PE



This week in their PE session, Year 4 were using their problem solving and teamwork skills to move whilst covering their eyes, relying on their teammate to direct them safely.



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Cornish Pirates Samworth Brothers Community Cup Final



A huge thank you to all the parents/carers, families and friends, local businesses and sporting teams that supported our team to get to the Community Cup Final, sponsored by Samworth Brothers and arranged by the Cornish Pirates.

We are delighted to say that the Connor Downs team will be taking to the field at The Mennaye, tomorrow. They will form a guard of honour for the players at the start of the match, and then at half time they will play against Archbishop Benson School in the Community Cup Final.

I am sure you will join with myself and all the staff in wishing the team the best of luck and hope they enjoy a great day of rugby!

Bank Holiday

Next **Monday, 4th May** is a **bank holiday** and **closed to all pupils and staff**. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 5th May**. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between **Monday 11th May and Thursday 14th 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 and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

Year 6 Maths Tuition

The **final session** for **Year 6** will be next **Tuesday, 5th May**. We would like to thank all parents/carers for their support during these sessions – they have proved so worthwhile.

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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.



Sun cream and Sun hats

Please can we politely remind parents/carers that moving into the better weather, your child/children should have suncream applied before they come to school and that they also wear a sunhat. Thank you for your continued support.



Diary Dates – Summer Term 2026

Monday 4th May – **BANK HOLIDAY** – **School Closed**
Tuesday 5th May – FINAL Maths Booster Session – Year 6 only – 3:15pm – 4:30pm
Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May – Year 6 SATs
Monday 11th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 2
Monday 18th May – Tempest Class Photos – more information to follow
Monday 18th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 3
Tuesday 19th May – Year 3 – Tate Gallery visit – details TBC
Wednesday 20th May – Year 1 – Pendennis Castle visit – details TBC
Thursday 21st May – FOCDA Disco's – more information to follow
Thursday 21st May – Friday 22nd May – Year 4 Camp Kernow Residential
Friday 22nd May – Last Day of first half of summer term – **Finish at 3:15pm**

Half Term

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

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Smarter Smiles Newsletter Healthy Eating



Free Sugars

Any Sugars added to food and drinks.

Sugar in honey, syrups, unsweetened fruit and vegetable juices and smoothies all count as free sugars.

How much sugar should we have?

Children aged 2 to 3 no more than 14g.
3.5 sugar cubes.

Children aged 4 to 6 no more than 19g.
5 sugar cubes.

Children aged 7 to 10 no more than 24g.
6 sugar cubes.

Tips to cut down on sugar.

- Reducing sugar in drinks
- Reducing sugar in food
- Check nutrition labels and added sugars.
- Use the NHS food scanner app



Find out more.

For more dental top tips visit the Smarter Smiles Website.

<https://smartersmiles.co.uk/>

Did you know?

A Vanilla Chocolate Muller Corner Yogurt has 16.9g of sugar!!!



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Family Tennis Open Day

Saturday 9th May
9-2pm
Hayle Tennis Club
Tremeadow Terrace
TR27 4AF

Scan to book a place



Free Classes

9-10am 5-8 years old
10-11am 9-12 years old
12-1pm 13+ years old
12-1pm Pickleball (all ages)
1-2pm Adult Tennis

All ages and abilities are welcome
There will be fun games and stalls to entertain the whole family
For more information email ian@mail.ivtenniscoaching.com

Scan to book your place

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 6	100.0%
2 nd Place	Year 2	99.6%
3 rd Place	Year 3	99.2%

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 1st May 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 summer term, on **Friday 8th May 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 – Louie

For his creative ideas when playing and the rich language he uses when role playing. Well done, Louie!

Year 1 – Reiley

For her improvement in independence and confidence in all areas of the curriculum, especially phonics. Reiley is sharing her answers in whole class learning and is confident to have a go! Well done, Reiley!

Year 2 – Lilly G

For consistently showing a good attitude to learning and being an exceptional role model in Year 2! Well done, Lilly!

Year 3 – Jago

For his super effort and determination to improve his handwriting. Well done, Jago!

Year 4 – Cecily

For her excellent determination to create a different design of a mini greenhouse that fitted all the success criteria of the project. Well done, Cecily!

Year 5 – Miriam

For her wonderful set of instructions on how to make a kite. Well done, Miriam!

Year 6 – Evelyn

For her excellent efforts with answering tricky questions in her reading. Well done, Evelyn!

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Writer – Elton (Year R)

For using his segmenting and blending skills to write amazing sentences in playful learning time. Well done, Elton!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Caleb (Year 2)

For the great efforts he is making on improving his fluency and motivation to read all genres of books. Well done, Caleb!

KS2 Reader – Oliver (Year 4)

For his effort and determination to achieve all of his reading targets at home and at school. Well done, Oliver!

Mathematician – Noah (Year 1)

For his excellent effort when starting to learn his times tables. Noah can use his maths knowledge to independently complete his work and shows confidence to offer help to his friends. Well done, Noah!

Numbots/Rock Star – Lissi (Year 5)

For her super all-time score of 21,114 correct answers on TTRS. Well done, Lissi!

Performer – Levan (Year 3)

For working hard on his 3 movements for his wild animal in PE this week. Well done, Levan!

Character – Bella V (Year 6)

For designing and distributing fabulous posters to encourage people to vote for our school in the rugby competition. Well done, Bella!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School