



**Connor Downs
Academy**

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear parents/carers,

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



Rugby – Samworth Brothers Community Cup Winners!

Congratulations to our fabulous rugby team who beat Archbishop Benson School on Saturday in the Samworth Brothers Community Cup held at The Mennaye!

The children also had a wonderful time watching the Cornish Pirates play Coventry and were privileged to provide a guard of honour to the players at the start of the match.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support – it was a very special day for all!



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Perran Moon MP

This week, we were delighted to welcome Perran Moon, MP to our academy.

Perran spoke to the whole school about his role and answered many super questions from the children about his life as an MP.

He reminded us of the importance of British Values and particularly, democracy. Our Student Council were inspired to speak with him and learn about his fascinating and important role.



Our Reception children even drew some pictures for him to take with him which he has displayed in his office!

Thank you Perran for visiting Connor Downs Academy!



Year 6 SATs



A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that next week 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. I am sure you will join me in wishing all the Year 6 pupils the very best of luck for next week. They have all worked so hard this year and we are all so proud of you!

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Antisocial behaviour – Connor Park

We have been made aware by some of the local community, that pupils from Connor Downs Academy and older children from the village have been part of some ongoing, antisocial behaviour at the park in Connor Downs.

We would strongly advise all parents/carers, that if their child/children are going to the park, that they are supervised by an adult at all times.

In school, we will remind children of our expectations of good behaviour within the local community.

As a reminder, you can log concerns with Devon and Cornwall Police using the link below, should you require further advice.

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Girls Football Club

The girls are thoroughly enjoying afterschool football. Last night, was a beautiful warm evening of great football!



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Census Day Lunch

On **Thursday, 21st May, 2026**, we observe National School Census Day, a crucial event where the Department for Education (DfE) gathers vital information from every school. This data aids in future planning and plays a pivotal role in determining school budgets.

One significant data point we must report is the count of Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 students partaking in Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) on this specific day. The information collected during the census influences the allocation of funding for our school's hot meal program throughout the year. It's essential to note that if your child doesn't participate in the meal service on May 15th, it impacts our funding for the remainder of the year. Should your child opt to have a meal on any other day, we must cover the cost from our school budget, as funding is solely based on meal consumption during the designated census days in October and January and May, annually.

Here is the menu for the census day:

Meat Option:

Mini Planet Meatballs with Out of this World Tomato Sauce and Pasta

Vegetarian Option:

Veggie Bangers and Mash

Pudding:

Rocket Lolly

Also, the usual Jacket Potato and Pasta options are available.

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.



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Diary Dates – Summer Term 2026

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

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 3	99.5 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	99.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 8th 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 15th 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 – Millie

For outstanding progress in phonics and a positive attitude to learning. It is wonderful to see how proud Millie is of her learning and her growing love of reading! Well done, Millie!

Year 1 – Remi

For her lovely ideas during our descriptive writing lessons. Year 1 have been looking at how to develop their vocabulary and Remi has contributed to this with enthusiasm. Well done, Remi!

Year 2 – Adam

For Shining so brightly because of his kind heart and the way he tries his very best! Adam's kindness makes the world a happier place and his effort in his learning shows how determined he is! Well done, Adam!

Year 3 – Charlie

For his improved attitude and effort to cooperate in games with his friends. Well done, Charlie!

Year 4 – Sully

For sharing his ideas regarding partitioning decimal numbers in maths lessons. Sully shows an excellent attitude to his learning. Well done, Sully!

Year 5 –Phoebe

For her super work plotting coordinates. Well done, Phoebe!

Year 6 – Leo

For the care and effort he has put into his work this half term. Leo is applying all his knowledge and deserves every success! Well done, Leo!

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Writer – Sydney

For working hard to ensure his answers in his assessments are easy to read. Well done, Sydney!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – George (Year 1)

For being a confident and determined reader. George is so proud of the books he is reading and always puts in extra effort. Well done, George!

KS2 Reader – Brodie (Year 3)

For reading consistently every night and reading above his target. As a result, Brodie is making super progress. Well done, Brodie!

Mathematician – Sophie (Year 5)

For maintaining such high standards in maths across the year. Well done Sophie!

Numbots/Rock Star – Missy (Year 2)

For her positive attitude and her willingness to practise her times tables which has helped her grow in confidence and skill. Well done, Missy!

Performer – Kingsley (Year 4)

For giving a superbly prepared presentation on a rock band, to the class. Kingsley presented with great pace and projection of his voice with lots of interesting information. Well done, Kingsley!

Character – Eddie (Year R)

For showing such curiosity about his learning and the world around him. Eddie is confident to ask questions and always has a fact to share with the class. Well done, Eddie!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School