

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. The final week of this half term has been another incredibly busy one, with visits to the Tate Gallery and Pendennis Castle and the Year 4 Camp Kernow residential. Look out for pictures from both Pendennis Castle and Camp Kernow on the next newsletter.



Year 3 – Tate St Ives/Barbara Hepworth Museum



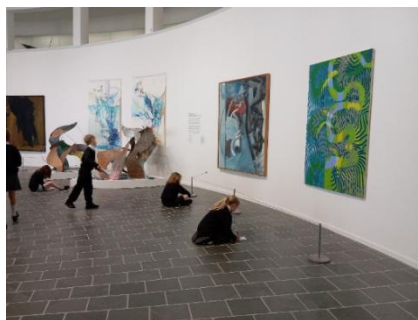
On Tuesday, Year 3 had an opportunity to travel through the old, cobbled streets of St Ives to visit the Tate Gallery. The children were surprised and excited when they spotted a white circular building with unique glass domes, it was the Tate Gallery!

Year 3 enthusiastically walked inside the amazing gallery. The children learned a lot, admiring the paintings and sketching sculptures.

Some of the sculptures were made out of wood, others were bronze or marble and even gold.

Next, Year 3 went to explore the Barbara Hepworth Studio to see the garden full of her beautiful sculptures. Finally, they had a chance to look at Barbara Hepworth's home which had a cosy looking bed, lamp and table. It was fascinating.

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KS2 Camping on School Field



During the week beginning Monday 15th June, each of our KS2 classes will be camping on the school field. As most teaching staff are involved in these activities, we will have to cancel all school led afterschool clubs that week. The only clubs that will run will be Sports4Tots on the Friday.

All classes should have come home with a letter detailing the camping day for their class, but please see the table below for dates:

Year 3	Monday 15 th June
Year 6	Tuesday 16 th June
Year 5	Wednesday 17 th June
Year 4	Thursday 18 th June

Summer Fayre



This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 3rd July 2026 from 3:30pm**. Further details to follow.

As part of the Fayre, we will be holding a raffle. With this in mind, we are politely requesting that if you or anyone you know owns a local business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office. All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



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Gwinear Show – Saturday 4th July 2026



50th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR VILLAGE SHOW

at
WALL METHODIST HALL
WALL ROAD
GWINEAR
HAYLE
TR27 5HA

SATURDAY 4th July 2026

Doors open at 1pm
Free Entry

Cookery, Photography, Art, Handicraft, Floral Art,
Children's Section
No Entry Fee for classes

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

ENTRIES CLOSE: SATURDAY 27th June
Domestic Secretary: Nikki Vincent 07595 418887
domestic@gwinearshow.org.uk
Website <https://www.gwinearshow.org.uk/>

CHILDREN'S COOKERY SECTION

42. Cornish Pasty 5 yrs & Under
43. Cornish Pasty 6 yrs - 11 yrs
44. Cornish pasty 12 yrs - 16 yrs
45. 4 Chocolate Rice Crispy Cakes 5 yrs & under
46. 4 Homemade decorated cupcakes 6 yrs - 11 yrs
47. 4 Homemade decorated cupcakes 12 yrs - 16 yrs

CHILDREN'S PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION

48. Any Animal(s) or Pets(s) 8 yrs & Under
49. Any Animal(s) or Pet(s) 9 yrs - 16 yrs
50. Flowers 8 yrs & under
51. Flowers 9 yrs – 16 yrs
52. Any Shot (not covered in classes 46 - 49) 8 yrs & under
53. Any Shot (not covered in classes 46 - 49) 9 yrs - 16 yrs

CHILDREN'S

54. Miniature Garden 8 yrs & under
55. Miniature Garden 9 yrs - 16 yrs
56. Sunflowers Pictures Any Medium A4 11 yrs & under
57. Starry Night Pictures Any Medium A4 12 yrs – 16 yrs
58. Sock puppet (Age to be stated)
59. Decorated Egg - hard boiled (Age to be stated)
60. Lego model - not from a kit (Age to be Stated)
61. Decorated Pebble 5 yrs & Under

Gwinear Show is taking place on Saturday 4th July, and the organisers are looking for children to enter the classes above. Entries close on Saturday 27th June, so there is plenty of time to work on your creations!

As a bonus, Mr Kittow, who has become a regular supply teacher at Connor Downs Academy, will be judging the entries, so make them incredible!

Good luck to everyone taking part!

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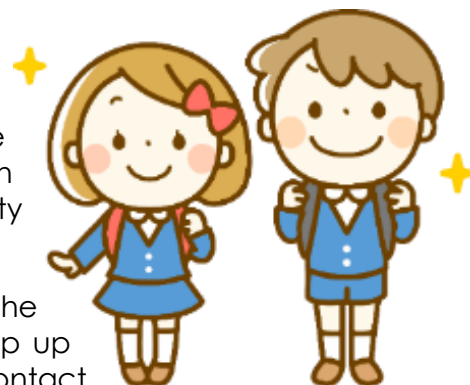
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Pre-Loved Uniform

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.



Diary Dates – Summer Term 2026

Monday 1st June – First Day of second half of summer term
Monday 1st June – Sports Day Practice
Tuesday 2nd June – Year 6 – St Michael's Mount visit
Wednesday 3rd June – Year 3 – Gym session
Friday 5th June – Year 5 – Geevor Tin Mine visit
Monday 8th – Friday 12th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Monday 8th June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 1
Wednesday 10th June – Aspire Games – Year 5
Thursday 11th June – Sports Day Practice
Friday 12th June – EYFS/KS1 Fun Night and Year 2 Sleepover
Monday 15th June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 2
Monday 15th June – Year 3 camping on school field
Tuesday 16th June – Year 6 camping on school field
Wednesday 17th June – Year 5 camping on school field
Wednesday 17th June – Year 3 – Gym session
Thursday 18th June – Year 4 camping on school field
Thursday 18th June – Year 6 – Surf Day
Monday 22nd June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 3
Wednesday 24th June – Year 3 – Gym session
Thursday 25th June – Year 5 – Surf Day
Monday 29th June – Swimming – Year R – Week 1
Wednesday 1st July – Year 3 – Gym session
Thursday 2nd July – Sports Day Afternoon – more details to follow

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Friday 3rd July – FOCDA Summer Fayre – more details to follow
 Monday 6th July – Swimming – Year R – Week 2
 Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th July – Year 6 Barton Hall Residential
 Monday 13th July – Swimming – Year R – Week 3
 Wednesday 15th July – Year 3 Gym session
 Wednesday 22nd July – Year 3 Gym session
 Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Prom – more details to follow
 Thursday 23rd July – Year 6 – Leavers Church Service and Leavers Assembly – more details to follow
 Thursday 23rd July – Last day of Term - **Finish at 2:00pm**

Summer Holidays
Friday 24th July 2026 to Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2026

Thursday 3rd September – **INSET DAY** – School closed to pupils
 Friday 4th September – **INSET DAY** – School closed to pupils
 Monday 7th September – 1st day of Autumn term – Years 1 – 6 only

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 3	99.2 %
2 nd Place	Year R	97.2 %
3 rd Place	Year 2	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.



Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 22nd 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 5th June** 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 – Scarlett-Rose

For going above and beyond what is expected in all areas. Scarlett has been an excellent friend, role model and learner. Well done, Scarlett-Rose!

Year 1 – Henry

For having a determined attitude to his work and always doing his best. Henry is working particularly hard towards the Year 1 phonics assessments in June. Well done, Henry!

Year 2 – Freya

For consistently demonstrating outstanding maturity, kindness and independence in all that she does. Freya approaches her learning with a fantastic work ethic, always trying her best and showing a positive attitude each day. Well done, Freya!

Year 3 – Noah V

For being a great role model in Year 3 with his enthusiasm and 100% effort in all aspects of learning. Noah shows kindness and thoughtfulness to everyone. Well done, Noah!

Year 4 – Hudson

For showing great effort and determination to complete every piece of work to the best of his ability. Well done, Hudson!

Year 5 – Jack

For demonstrating great behaviour for learning and sportsmanship when representing the school. Well done, Jack!

Year 6 – Bella-Grace

For writing an accurate and interesting version of the Alma story. Well done, Bella-Grace!

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Writer – Emily (Year 2)

For showing beautiful handwriting, with fluency and confidence, and consistently trying her best in every piece of work. Emily is a wonderful writer. Well done!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Florence (Year R)

For making an effort to read every day at home and working hard on her blending skills. Well done, Florence!

KS2 Reader – Joseph (Year 6)

For the effort he has made in his reading this year to read a variety of books. Well done, Joseph!

Mathematician – Harriet (Year 5)

For her care and precision when plotting points, translating shapes and reflecting images. Well done, Harriet!

Numbots/Rock Star – Dylan S (Year 4)

For achieving over 95,000 correct answers in the all-time list. Well done, Dylan!

Performer – Noah B (Year 3)

For sharing very thoughtful comments when observing and sketching the artwork and sculptures at the Tate Gallery. Well done, Noah!

Character – Bailey (Year 1)

For always showing kindness to his friends and the classroom. Bailey is always keen to help and support others. Well done, Bailey!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School

A reminder next week is half term, and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 1st June. Thank you!

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