

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and had a wonderful half term break in the beautiful sunshine! The first week of the final half of the academic year has started with lots of exciting visits enhancing the learning continuing in the classrooms.



Before half term, Year 1 visited Pendennis Castle to bring to life their learning in History and Year 4 enjoyed their residential at Camp Kernow.



## Year 1 – Pendennis Castle

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Pendennis Castle. Firstly, they completed a 'now and then' workshop finding out about Henry VIII, why he built Pendennis Castle and St. Mawes Castle, the people who worked and lived within the grounds and the jobs that they carried out.



They explored different boxes with equipment in from the past. They contained items for medical care, items for eating and drinking, items for writing and items for being able to see in the dark.

Year 1 also had the opportunity to dress up as Henry VIII, some of his Wives, the Kings from the Spanish Armada, the governor, the blacksmith and other workers from the past.



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After lunch they explored the castle looking at the different features.

Year 1 would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped on the trip making it possible.



## Year 4 – Camp Kernow

Just before half term, Year 4 took part in their residential to Camp Kernow. Thank you to Arthur and Spencer for the following report:



*On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, we were all excited to visit Camp Kernow. We all had to wear hi-vis jackets and we were split up between the two minibuses. When we arrived at Camp Kernow, we walked up towards the camp field, stopping to watch people playing tennis. When we got to 'base camp', we were split into two groups. One group did rock climbing, while the other group did archery and then the groups swapped over. In group 1, Harry won with 9 points and in group 2, Spencer won with 11 points. Everyone thought the rock climbing was very exciting.*



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After the activities we returned to 'base camp', got changed and then went into the kitchen and cooked spaghetti bolognese, which was incredible. Everyone ate it ravenously, but there was a secret – it was vegetarian! We all then went back to the counter for some ice cream for pudding.

After tea, we headed back to 'base camp' and sat around the campfire discussing the night walk we were going to do. Chris, from Camp Kernow, then came and took us all on the walk, which was great fun, and we got to see lots of creatures that only come out at night.



At the end of the night walk, everyone got into their pyjamas and got ready for bed. Not everyone went straight to sleep right away – our tent didn't go to sleep until two in the morning!!



On Friday morning, we all woke up and had breakfast, and then packed our bags ready to leave. We then went for a walk in the woods where we were put into house teams and challenged to build watertight 'dens'. Charlie, from Camp Kernow, then came around to test our 'dens' by throwing water over them. We all screamed when we got wet!



Finally, we walked back down the hill, past 'base camp', where we ate our lunch, played games until it was time to get back on the minibuses and return to school.

Thank you to the parent/carers who helped out with making this residential possible and to Charlie and the team at Camp Kernow for another wonderful trip.

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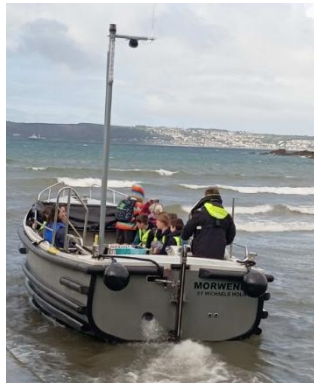
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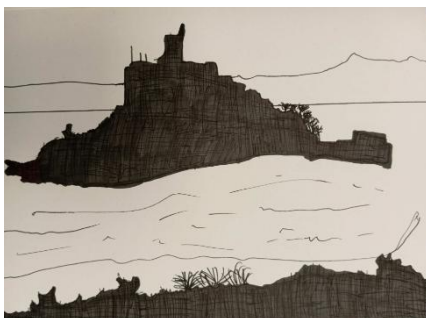
## Year 6 – St Michael's Mount

On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed an excellent visit to St Michael's Mount. They travelled across the sea by boat, before having a tour of the castle and taking part in interactive storytelling. This visit covers a number of subjects including geography, local history and English. The children then had an ice-cream before crossing back across the causeway. We avoided the showers and a wonderful day was had by all!

Thank you to our parent/carer volunteers who supported this visit, and to Kerry at St Michael's Mount for her very informative visit.



Following the visit the children produced some beautiful line drawings of the Mount.



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## KS2 Camping on School Field



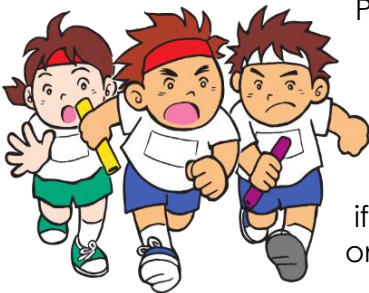
Reminder - during the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, each of our KS2 classes will be camping on the school field. As most teaching staff are involved in these activities, we will have to cancel all school led afterschool clubs that week. The only clubs that will run will be Sports4Tots on 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 <sup>th</sup> June    |
| Year 6 | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June   |
| Year 5 | Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June |
| Year 4 | Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June  |

## Sports Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

On Sports Day we are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers to join us in cheering on all the children as they take part in a variety of events.



Parents/carers should **arrive between 1:00pm and 1:15pm** and access the site **via the green gate at the top of the field**. The gate will **close at 1:15pm** to ensure we can bring the children out safely onto the field for a **prompt 1:30pm start**.

A limited number of chairs will be available for parents/carers, but if you would like to bring your own blanket/rug, please place these on the ground in front of the chairs.

Refreshments will be available to buy from the 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy'.

**Please can we ask all children to have their PE kits in school every day in case of Sports Day practices, thank you.**

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## Summer Fayre



This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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!



## Attendance and Holidays During Term Time

A polite reminder that as per the Aspire Academy Trust Attendance policy, all absences associated with a holiday (without exceptional circumstance) during term time will be marked as unauthorised within the register.

Any parents known to have removed their child from school for the sole purpose of a holiday may be referred to the Local Authority and be issued with a penalty notice fine or referred to the Local Authority to consider prosecution.

Aspire Academy Trust believes that children need to be in school for all sessions so that they can make the most progress possible.

## 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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements. Thank you.



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## Diary Dates – Summer Term 2026

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 MTC  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 1  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Aspire Games – Year 5  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day Practice  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS/KS1 Fun Night and Year 2 Sleepover  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 2  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 camping on school field  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 camping on school field  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 camping on school field  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 – Gym session  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 camping on school field  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 – Surf Day  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 3  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 – Gym session  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 – Surf Day  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming – Year R – Week 1  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 3 – Gym session  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Sports Day Afternoon – more details to follow  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – FOCDA Summer Fayre – more details to follow  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Swimming – Year R – Week 2  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Barton Hall Residential  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Swimming – Year R – Week 3  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 3 Gym session  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 3 Gym session  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Prom – more details to follow  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 – Leavers Church Service and Leavers Assembly – more details to follow  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last day of Term - **Finish at 2:00pm**

## Summer Holidays

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026 to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026**

## Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2026

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

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## Attendance

| <b>Attendance</b>                       |        |         |
|---|--------|---------|
| Our school target for attendance is 97% |        |         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place                   | Year R | 100.0 % |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place                   | Year 2 | 98.9 %  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place                   | Year 3 | 97.0 %  |

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – Lola**

For always having a smile on her face and a positive attitude to learning. Well done, Lola!

### **Year 1 – Isaiah**

For his positive attitude to learning and his growing independence in identifying and improving his work. Well done, Isaiah!

### **Year 2 – Florence S**

For settling into Year 2 so beautifully. Florence is motivated, has a thirst for learning and demonstrates our Connor Downs Academy rules wonderfully! Well done, Florence!

### **Year 3 – Zander**

For using super descriptive vocabulary in his story about the Iron Man. Well done, Zander!

### **Year 4 – Junior**

For settling in so well to Year 4. Junior has shown a positive mindset when facing new challenges and is building great relationships with his peers. Well done, Junior!

### **Year 5 – Imogen**

For her well composed and thoughtful explanations in English and maths. Well done, Imogen!

### **Year 6 – Noelle**

For her excellent art work of St Michael's Mount. Well done, Noelle!

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## **Writer – Imogen (Year 1)**

For her increasing confidence in class that is shining through in all areas, but particularly in her writing. Imogen's writing is wonderful. Well done, Imogen!

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

Delilah has made exceptional progress in her reading, showing real determination and enthusiasm every day. Her confidence has grown so much, and it is wonderful to see her tackling new words with independence! Well done, Delilah!

## **KS2 Reader – Evelyn (Year 4)**

For consistently reading above her target every night showing her great love of reading. Well done, Evelyn!

## **Mathematician – Keira (Year R)**

For joining in with counting collections and taking care to count one object at a time and correctly form her numbers. Well done, Keira!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Isaac (Year 5)**

For achieving an incredible 120,000 lifetime correct answers! Well done, Isaac!

## **Performer – Eden (Year 3)**

For showing great confidence when answering questions in class in maths and English. Well done, Eden!

## **Character – Tegen (Year 6)**

For her enthusiasm and enjoyment during the Year 6 visit to St Michael's Mount. Well done, Tegen!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School



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Cornwall Cricket are excited to share that their free Street Cricket sessions are continuing this term, and they would love to offer students the chance to get involved.

Street Cricket is a fun, fast-paced version of cricket that's perfect for young people of all abilities.

It's informal, energetic, and a fantastic way to stay active while building teamwork and confidence.

The sessions have now moved outdoors for the summer season and will be taking place at Humphry Davy School.

#### Session details:

**Mondays, 5:00pm - 6:15pm**

**Humphry Davy School**

**Ages 8-15yrs**

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Students can register directly using the booking link below:

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