

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well following the very warm weather we have had this week.



Girls Football Festival

Friday last week saw our Year 5/6 Girls football team take part in a Girls Football Festival at Bodmin Dragon Leisure Centre.

The girls were split up into

different countries along with girls from other Aspire schools and had great fun playing some friendly football promoting girls' football along the way!

Well done girls, we are so proud of you!



KS1 Sleepover



Our KS1 sleepover was a wonderful success, providing pupils with an evening full of enjoyment, creativity, and shared experiences. The event began with a range of energetic activities, including space hopper ball games, where children demonstrated excellent teamwork and enthusiasm.



Throughout the evening, pupils participated in dancing sessions, showcasing great confidence and enjoyment as they moved to a variety of music. A creative arts and crafts activity also allowed children to express themselves artistically and produce work to be proud of.

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A particular highlight of the evening was “**Connor Downs Has Got Talent**”, during which pupils performed in front of their peers. This was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and celebrate the diverse talents within our school community.



As the evening progressed, pupils enjoyed hot chocolate together, creating a warm and relaxing atmosphere. Outdoor football games provided further opportunity for physical activity and teamwork in a fun and supportive environment.

To conclude the evening, the children

settled down to listen to a calming bedtime story, helping them to unwind before settling in for the night.

The sleepover was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all involved, promoting friendship, confidence, and a strong sense of community.



KS2 Camping



From Monday to Thursday last week, each of our KS2 classes spent the evening camping on the school field.

The week began with Year 3.

They began the evening with a picnic on Gwithian beach followed by beach games and a sand sculpture competition.



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Back at camp, was our popular Year 3's Got Talent Show with some entertaining acts such as dancers, football demonstrations, singers, a cornet player and comedians.

Early morning play in Cultivating Futures was fun for the early risers followed by camp breakfast.



On Wednesday, it was Year 5's turn. They had lots of fun at the beach, playing football, building rock sculptures and building islands.



More camping photos to follow next week!

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Year 5 – Cornish Metals

We were pleased to welcome Ben from Cornish Metals, who visited the class to discuss the preparations underway to bring South Crofty Mine back into operation. During the session, the children watched an engaging video showcasing the site deep underground, while Ben explained modern tin mining processes and highlighted the differences compared to the historical methods they had previously studied at Geevor.



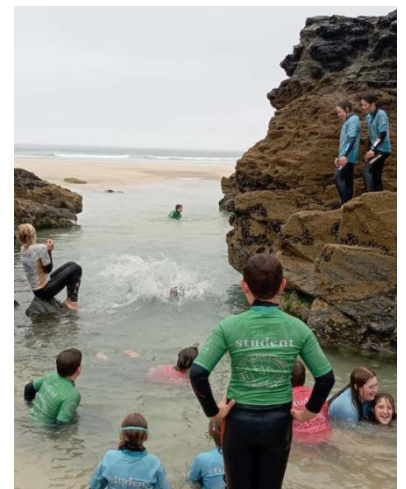
We are very grateful to Ben and Cornish Metals for generously giving their time and sharing their expertise, providing the children with valuable insight into careers in mining within Cornwall.



Year 5 and 6 Surf Days

Last week, Year 6 enjoyed a super surfing day at Gwithian, supported by Makai. They all tried body boarding and surfing in waves that were just perfect.

This week, it was the turn of Year 5 and what incredible weather they had yesterday. We are so proud of every one of you who stepped outside your comfort zones and tried something new!



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Sports Day – Thursday 2nd 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.

We are delighted to share that we will have an ice cream van on site selling ice creams, cans and water. Please note, no ice creams can be given to the children taking part in sports afternoon. The ice cream van will remain on site after the end of school to enable parents/carers to purchase for their children. Thank you.

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

Summer Fayre

Next Friday, **3rd July**, The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre **from 3:30pm**.

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!

We are also politely requesting donations of any of the following:

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- Homemade Cakes for our cake stall. All cakes must be **nut free** and be accompanied by a list of ingredients to cover all allergens. Cakes should be delivered to the school office on the morning of the Summer Fayre please.
- Any items for the tombola
- Any items for the Teddy Tombola
- Any unwanted toys that are in working order
- Items for the colour hamper raffle

From Monday next week we will be sending home raffle tickets with every child. Please return all raffle ticket stubs and monies to your child's class or Mrs Gallagher in the school office. We will share a list of the prizes we have currently had donated next week.

Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help with either set up of the fair, running a stall, or clearing away at the end of the fair, please contact Mrs Gallagher in the school office to advise of your availability.

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 29th June – Swimming – Year R – Week 1
Wednesday 1st July – Year 3 – Gym session
Thursday 2nd July – Careers Morning
Thursday 2nd July – Sports Day Afternoon
Friday 3rd July – FOEDA Summer Fayre
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

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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	98.7 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	97.9 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO SHINE ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK DUE TO SPORTS AFTERNOON ON THURSDAY AND THE SUMMER FAYRE ON FRIDAY.

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 10th July** 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 – Elton

For trying hard in everything he does and challenging himself every day. Elton's amazing behaviour for learning is incredible, and he is a real role model to his peers. Well done, Elton!

Year 1 – Noah

For his great attitude towards his learning and engaging so enthusiastically with our Around the World topic. Well done, Noah!

Year 2 – Robyn

For being an exceptional role model and consistently shining in everything she does. Robyn's willingness, determination and positive attitude set her apart. Robyn goes above and beyond in school life, showing kindness and a fantastic work ethic every single day! Well done, Robyn!!

Year 3 – Hugo

For sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm when learning about the Industrial Revolution in our history lesson. Well done, Hugo!

Year 4 – Joseph

For epitomising one of our school values walking back from the beach. Joseph showed great resilience during this trip and was very helpful to all around him, a true class friend. Well done, Joseph!

Year 5 – Toby

For his thoughtful contributions to class discussions and his positive attitude. Well done, Toby!

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Year 6 – Ella

For having an absolutely, top-quality geography book. Detailed, neat and simply as good as it gets! Well done, Ella!

Writer – Mia (Year 5)

For her amazing description of Sherlock's Victorian London. Well done, Mia!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Remi (Year 1)

For gaining so much confidence when reading out loud in front of the whole class. Well done, Remi!

KS2 Reader – Maeson (Year 3)

For reading above his target each day. It is a pleasure to hear Maeson use expression and fluency when reading aloud. Well done, Maeson!

Mathematician – Millie (Year R)

For using new mathematical vocabulary to describe where things are. Millie's good listening in maths lessons is really helping her, so keep it up! Well done, Millie!

Numbots/Rock Star – Otis (Year 4)

For an incredible 145,000 correct answers on the all-time list. Well done, Otis!

Performer – Charlie (Year 6)

For his commitment and effort during his guitar lessons with Mr Williams. What a star! Well done, Charlie!

Character – Amelia (Year 2)

For being the kindest person, she could ever be. Amelia has a wonderful manner. Her thoughtful actions and inclusive nature help create a supportive and kind nature for those around her. Well done, Amelia!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School



Summer Holiday Clubs

Looking for activities during the summer holidays? Miss Medcalf will be running the following clubs during the summer holidays, held both here at Connor Downs Academy and at Mount Hawke Academy. Please see poster below for full details and how to book. LBSD clubs are always very popular and get booked up very quickly, so we are incredibly lucky to be able to host this holiday club at Connor Downs Academy.

WE'RE BACK!!!

WEEK 1: Connor Downs Academy - Monday 27st- 31st July 2026

WEEK 2: Mount Hawke Academy - Monday 3rd - Wed 5th August 2026

week 3: Mount Hawke Academy - 10th-12th August 2026

TIME:
08:45AM-15:00PM

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