



**Connor Downs  
Academy**

# Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

Dear parents/carers,

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



## KS2 Camping

As promised on last week's newsletter, please see below more photos from the KS2 camping for Years 4 and 6.



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## Important Information

### Warm weather health expectations

As we move into a period of warmer weather, we would like to thank you for your support in helping us keep children safe, comfortable and ready to learn during the school day.

To ensure that all children are protected from the sun and remain well hydrated, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with:

- **Sun cream applied before arriving at school.**
- **A labelled bottle of sun cream** so that they can reapply it during the school day as needed.
- **A summer hat** to wear during outdoor activities and break times.
- **A labelled water bottle**, which can be refilled throughout the day.
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### Warm weather uniform expectations

During periods of particularly hot weather, we are happy to make sensible adaptations to the uniform expectations in order for children to remain comfortable. Mrs Gallagher will share via email, a warm weather uniform adaptation the night before predicted warm weather.

- Children to wear their routine school uniform without their school jumpers/cardigans and without their ties. Open necked shirts are permitted.
- We recommend school shorts, school short sleeved shirts and school summer dresses.
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A reminder that there is large stock of pre-loved uniform available in the main reception area, in return for a cash donation. Please speak with Mrs Gallagher. By working together, we can ensure that all children remain safe, comfortable and ready to learn during the warmer weather.

### Black school shoes

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for ensuring that your child/children are dressed appropriately in line with our school uniform expectations.

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We would like to kindly remind all parents of the importance of our school uniform. A consistent and smart approach to uniform helps foster a sense of belonging, pride in our school community and supports our high expectations for behaviour and learning. Children who feel part of a shared school identity are better placed to focus on their learning and contribute positively to school life.

As we approach the end of the summer term, we recognise that many children may have outgrown their school shoes. Where family financial circumstances allow, we continue to ask that families purchase replacement **black school shoes** to enable your child/children to feel part of the shared school identity.

However, we understand that this may not always be possible for some families, at the end of a term. Therefore, as an exception, **plain black trainers** may be worn during the remainder of the summer term.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



## 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.

## Careers Day

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who generously gave up their time to come and speak to our children about their careers, experiences, and life journeys.

Your willingness to share your knowledge, passions, and personal stories made a lasting impression on our pupils. The



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talks were truly inspirational, opening the children's eyes to a wide range of opportunities and helping them to see how hard work, determination, and ambition can shape their futures.

The enthusiasm and authenticity you brought to your presentations engaged and motivated our children,

sparking curiosity and encouraging them to think about their own aspirations. These real-life insights are invaluable and help bring learning to life in a meaningful way.

Thank you for your support, generosity, and commitment to enriching our school community. We are incredibly

grateful for the time you spent with us and for the positive impact you have had on our children.

Please see next week's newsletter for more photos from our fantastic careers' day!



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## WhatsApp parent/carer groups

At our school, we greatly value the positive relationships we build with families and recognise the important role that good communication plays in supporting our children.

Many year groups have parent-led WhatsApp groups, and these can be a helpful way for parents to seek routine clarification from one another regarding practical matters such as homework deadlines, school events, trip reminders or items needed for school.

However, we would like to remind parents that WhatsApp groups are not always the most appropriate place to raise concerns about individual children, incidents or school matters. Information shared through social media or messaging platforms can sometimes be incomplete or misunderstood, which may unintentionally lead to confusion or unnecessary worry.

If you have a concern relating to your own child, we strongly encourage you to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Class teachers are best placed to provide accurate information, answer questions and resolve concerns quickly and effectively.

On the rare occasion that a matter cannot be suitably addressed at class teacher level, parents/carers may wish to make an appointment with Mrs Eddy, Head of School, who will be happy to discuss the issue further and work towards a positive resolution.

We are committed to working in partnership with all families and appreciate your support in ensuring that concerns are directed to the appropriate member of staff so that they can be addressed promptly, professionally and fairly.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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## After School Clubs – Final Week next week

Reminder that next week is the final week of school led after school clubs. Sports4Tots will continue in the following week, with the last session taking place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Please note, as already notified, Cricket Club will not be running next week, Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, due to Mr Pascoe attending the Year 6 residential.

## Sports Day – Rescheduled to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Thank you to all our parents/carers, grandparents and friends for their understanding yesterday when we made the difficult decision to postpone Sports Day due to the health and safety reasons with the wet field following the rain in the morning which made the surface unsafe with the risk of injury to children. We have rearranged the event to take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather will be kind. 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.**

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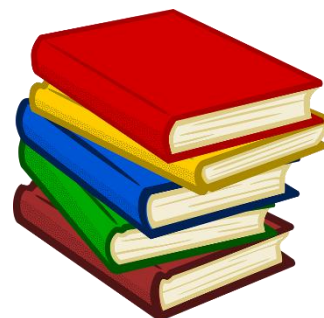
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## School Books

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**, we will be sending your child's/children's exercise books and work folders home with them for you to keep. Please can we ask that each child brings in **2 strong shopping bags** for this purpose. Thank you!



## Reports

End of year reports will be sent home on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July**, with every child. We hope you enjoy reading the report and we strongly encourage parents/carers to use the comments page for feedback. Please pass the comments page back to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

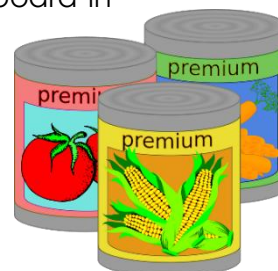
## Donations for Connor Downs Food Cupboard

# HELP

To help support our local community, we are politely asking for families from the Connor Downs Academy community to donate tinned goods for the food cupboard in the village. These donations will help many families during not only the school

holidays, but every day.

Please can we ask for any donations to be brought to Mrs Gallagher in the school office by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. A box will be available in the school main entrance from Monday next week.



## Diary Dates – Summer Term 2026

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  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Rearranged Sports Day  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 3 Gym session  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Prom – more details to follow

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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

### Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 2	98.5 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 3	98.3 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.0 %

### Menu Change – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Please see poster for menu changes for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Jacket Potato and Pasta will also be available on this day. Thank you.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School



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## 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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