

Thursday 23rd July 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have come to the end of an incredibly busy, exciting and successful summer term. On behalf of myself and the staff of Connor Downs Academy, we would like to say a huge thank you to our parent/carer community for all their continued support and understanding.

We wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing the children in Years 1 – 6 back on **Monday 7th September 2026**. Year R will join us for **mornings only on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th September**, and then **full time from Monday 14th September 2026**.

At the end of each term, we produce a termly newsletter encompassing all the exciting and engaging work that has taken place in classes during this term. Each class has produced their own 'newsletter' which can be accessed using the following link. Please do take the time to have a look at all the amazing work happening across the academy:

[Connor Downs Academy Summer Termly Newsletter 2026](#)

Year 6 Leavers



Myself and the rest of the Connor Downs Academy Staff would like to wish all of our Year 6 children, who are leaving us today, the very best for their next steps. We are immensely proud of every one of them and we hope that they will look back at their time at Connor Downs with fondness. We have enjoyed seeing them grow, hearing their laughter and watching them develop into super individuals who are ready for their next challenge.

As they look forward with excitement to starting their new schools in September, we wish them all every success and happiness. Thank you to the Year 6 parents and carers for supporting their children during their primary school years.

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Message from Miss Norton

'It has been an honour and a privilege to teach the children in Year 6 at Connor Downs Academy. Children enter primary school as little acorns - full of potential and possibility. By the time they pass through the gates one last time, they have developed and matured into caring, thoughtful and motivated individuals who are ready to take on any challenge that comes their way. It takes a whole community to bring up a child; we are immensely proud of the role our school plays in supporting children and their families to be happy, healthy and to lead fulfilling lives.'

The children in Year 6 attended their Prom last night at St Ives Harbour Hotel, where they shared a lovely meal followed by a disco. Today, their final day, they celebrated with their Leaver's Service at Phillack Church and an Assembly where awards were presented. Parents and carers of the Year 6 children joined the rest of the school in the celebrations, and every Year 6 child chose a book to treasure and will be awarded a certificate of their achievements.

In what has been a very emotional last few weeks and months, Year 6 have stuck together and showed that with friends around you, you can achieve anything.

We wish every member of Year 6 and their families, all the very best for the future. You always have been and always will be, one of the Connor Downs Family'.

Miss Norton



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jago in Year R who correctly guessed the name of the football elephant, as drawn by Mrs Eddy. The winning name was Martin Odegaard!

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Aspens School Meals – from September

Aspens



The current menu which has been in place this term will continue until October half term. This will be available to book from the beginning of September. As has been the case this year, school packed lunches will only be provided for school trips for those children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM).

Please note, the cost of meals will remain at **£2.85** per day. Also, we are strongly encouraging all parents/carers to book their child/children's meals weekly in advance. If a child needs to book a meal in class in the morning the only option available will be Hot Tomato Pasta. Thank you for your support.

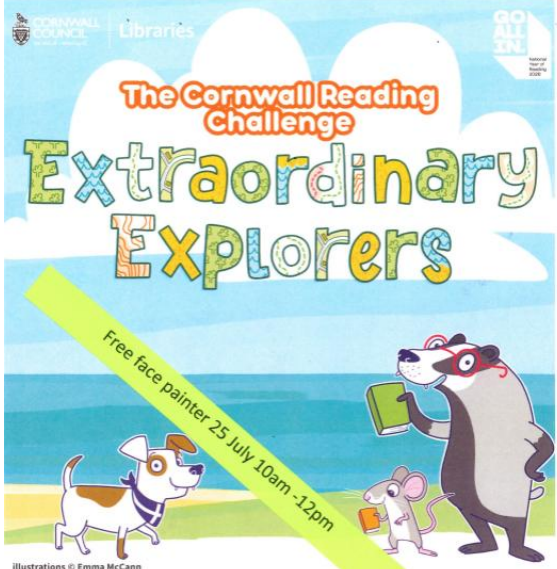
Please see letters emailed this week regarding the change to bookings from ParentPay to Arbor from 1st September and also the changes to FSM entitlement.

Cornwall Libraries - Summer Reading Challenge

Organised by charity The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. The Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays.

Throughout the Challenge, library staff and volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

This year the challenge is open from **Saturday 11th July** and runs until **Saturday 12th September**.



The Cornwall Reading Challenge
Extraordinary Explorers

Free face painter 25 July 10am - 12pm

Runs from 11 July to 12 Sept.

Any 6 books of your choice, read or listen to them.

Earn great rewards and a free swim with a treasure trail at the end.

All who complete the reading challenge at Hayle library are entered into a lucky prize draw with fab prizes!

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Connor Downs Academy Uniform - Reminder for September

- Navy jumper with school logo
- White shirt (white polo shirts for reception class children only)
- Navy and gold stripe tie (long or elasticated) (not required for YR children)
- Dark grey skirt or dark grey trousers for girls (No pinafore dresses)
- Navy and white gingham dresses and navy cardigans (Summer term/early autumn term)
- Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts for boys
- Grey tights or white socks for girls
- Grey long or short socks for boys
- **Black school shoes (No trainers or boots)**
- White PE t-shirt with embroidered logo
- Navy shorts
- Trainers (plimsoles for Key Stage 1 children only if preferred)
- Navy book bags with embroidered logo



General appearance

Hair styles

If your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Children must not have artificially coloured hair or extreme hair styles such as patterns shaved into hair. No coloured or oversized hair bows or ribbons. Navy ribbons or scrunchies or small bows are allowed.

Make up

The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, by children is not permitted.

Jewellery

Children may wear small, plain, stud earrings, and a watch. Children remain responsible for these items and the school will not be held liable for any loss.

Attendance

In accordance with the attendance guidelines that came into effect from 19th August 2024, it is an offence under the Education Act 1996, for a child to be absent from

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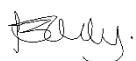
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school for anything other than 'exceptional circumstances'. A reminder that unauthorised absences of 5 days or more are subject to a Penalty Notice. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

Please note, from September 2025, lateness is also tracked rigorously and can be subject to a penalty notice as well.

We wish you all a very happy Summer Holidays!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School



Term Dates - 2026/2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Thursday 3rd September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)
Friday 4th September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)
Monday 7th September – **Years 1 – 6 first day of autumn term**
Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th September – **New Year R Home Visits**
Thursday 10th – Friday 11th September – **New Year R Mornings only**
Monday 14th September – **New Year R start full time**
Friday 23rd October – **Last day of first half of autumn term – 3:15pm Finish**
Half Term – Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026
Monday 2nd November – **First day of second half of the autumn term**
Thursday 17th December - **Last day of autumn term – 2pm Finish**
Friday 18th December - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

Christmas Holidays – Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term

Monday 4th January 2027 – Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 4th January – **First day of spring term**
Friday 12th February - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**
Half Term – Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027
Monday 22nd February – **First day of second half of spring term**
Thursday 25th March – **Last day of spring term – 2pm Finish**

Easter Holidays – Friday 26th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term

Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 23rd July 2027

Monday 12th April - **First day of summer term**
Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 28th May - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**
Half Term – Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027
Monday 7th June – **First day of second half of summer term**
Wednesday 21st July – **Last day of summer term – 2pm Finish**
Thursday 22nd July - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)
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Summer Holidays

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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 27th - 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

**LBSD
MULTI-SKILLS
SUMMER SCHOOL**

- ✓ Run by Qualified Teachers.
- ✓ Paediatric First Aiders.
- ✓ DBS checked.

PRICES
£20 PER DAY
BOOK NOW!

WHAT TO BRING:
Packed lunch
Plenty of fluids
Spare Clothes
Suncream and sun hat.

REGISTER NOW:  bubbly-lb@hotmail.com
 [Facebook/The Laura-BethSchoolOfDance.](https://www.facebook.com/TheLauraBethSchoolOfDance)

Ages 5-14 years

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COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

MBA SUMMER CAMPS

FULLY FUNDED FOR FSM

Funded for FSM children and MBA students or £20 a day for 5-16 YRS old

ACTIVITIES ON OFFER

- Multi Sports
- Biking
- Orienteering
- Arts and Crafts
- Water Wednesdays
- Football

DATES

Mon 27th - Thurs 30th July

Mon 3rd - Thurs 6th August

Mon 10th - Thurs 13th August

Mon 17th - Thurs 20th August

WRAP AROUND CARE

Start the Fun Sooner
Drop Off from 9AM
pick up 3PM

Available throughout the summer holidays!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL
HOLIDAYPROGRAMME@MOUNTSBAYACADEMY.ORG

MBFDC FOOTBALL CAMPS

SUMMER 2026

All children welcome
Come & have some fun during the School Holidays!

DATES | TUES, WEDS & THURSDAYS!

WK 1 - 28th, 29th, 30th JULY
WK 2 - 4th, 5th, 6th AUG
WK 3 - 11th, 12th, 13th AUG
WK 4 - 18th, 19th, 20th AUG

- ✓ UEFA/FA Qualified Staff & DBS Checked
- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Fun activities, matches & tournaments
- ✓ Penalty shootouts, prizes & more!

SOCCER PROS:

10am - 3pm (7 - 13 yrs)
School Years 2 - 8
1 day £18, 2 days £33, 3 days £45,
6 days £90, 12 days £180 (Super Saver!)

PLAYERS NEED:

Football boots, shin pads & sun cream
Wet weather clothing & spares!
Packed lunch & drinks
Indoor footwear (in case of poor weather!)

MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY SPORTS CENTRE
Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Online Registration Link
www.mbfdc.co.uk

Please visit the MBFDC website for further details & to register online!

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