



**Connor Downs
Academy**

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed the fantastic weather over the summer holidays!



We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils who have joined us in Year 3 and Year 4 and their parents/carers who have joined our Connor family this week. All the children have been settling in well and have been making friends whilst exploring and getting to know their classrooms and the school.

Also, a huge welcome to our new Year R cohort and their parents/carers, who have spent two mornings in school this week, in preparation for starting full time on Monday.



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Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thankyou to the wonderful parents/carers and their families who helped to care for our animals over the summer holidays. We are so very grateful for all your continued support.

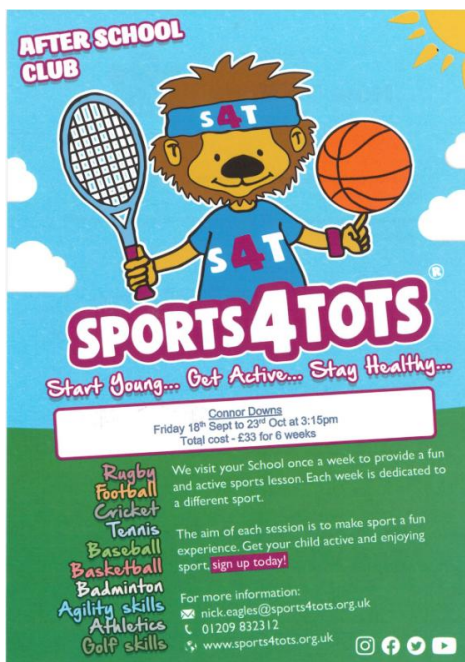
After School Clubs

The autumn term after school clubs offer will be shared with parents/carers early next week. Places on all clubs are available on a first come first served basis and are bookable via the Arbor App.

The clubs portal will **open at 7pm on Tuesday next week, 15th September** and **close at 7pm on Sunday, 20th September**. This is for teacher led clubs **only**.

Teacher led clubs will begin in the week beginning **Monday 21st September**.

Our external provider, Nick Eagles from **Sports4Tots** will begin next week, **Friday 18th September** and places are bookable and payable direct with Nick. Flyers have been sent home this week and the club is open to pupils in Years R – 4 inclusive. Please see a copy of the flyer below for full details and how to book:



How To Book



Please text or email Nick Eagles directly on the following information to book your child's place.

Please include your child's name, your name, their school and any health conditions:

nick.eagles@sports4tots.org.uk

07725 915420

Please turnover and see the front page for the dates and total cost.

Full payment can be made via cash or BACS.

Nick will reply with confirmation and the payment details. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

We hope your child enjoys our sessions.



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**Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity – Non
School Uniform Day – Friday 25th September
2026**

September is Children's cancer awareness month.

Connor Downs Academy has registered to help raise funds to support in the RCHC to raise awareness of childhood cancers and raise funds for Cornwall's Children's Cancer Unit.

On Friday 25th September, we will be inviting all children to come to school in their own clothes for a donation of their choice.

Please use the link below to the Charity's Just Giving Page and make your donation.

Please note, we cannot accept cash as this is not a fundraising event for School, Thank you!

- [Non-School Uniform Day 2026 for RCHT Children's Cancer Fund - JustGiving](#)



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.

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PE Timetable

Year R	Thursday am
Year 1/2	Monday pm
Year 3	Tuesday pm
Year 4	Wednesday pm
Year 5	Friday pm
Year 6	Monday – Swimming to October half term then Thursday after half term

Open Evenings

Hayle Academy

Thursday 17th September 2026 -5:00pm to 7:00pm – Please see attached letter for more details

Camborne Science and International Academy

Tuesday 22nd September 2026 – 5:30pm – 8:00pm –
Welcome Talks: 5:45pm – 6:15pm and 6:30pm – 7:00pm
[Book Welcome Talk](#)

Nexus

Tuesday 6th October 2026 – 5:00pm – 8:00pm –
Welcome Talks: 6:15pm – 6:45pm and 7:15pm – 7:45pm
[Book Nexus Welcome Talk](#)

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Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 3	99.0 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	98.8 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 11th September 2026

We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our first Shine assembly of the autumn term, on **Friday 18th September 2026** 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 1/2 – Elton

For being a wonderful role model. Elton comes into school smiling every day, follows the school rules with great care and diligently concentrates and gives 100% in all of his work. Well done, Elton!

Year 3 – Gracie

For settling into Year 3 so wonderfully and becoming a valued member of the class. Gracie has shown a positive attitude towards learning, confidence in trying new things, and has formed lovely friendships with her peers. Welcome to our Connor family! Well done, Gracie!

Year 4 – Layke

For settling in so brilliantly to Year 4. Layke is keen and ready to learn and is a wonderful addition to Year 4. Well done, Layke!

Year 5 – Aaliyah

For always being the first person with her hand up and always being ready to learn. Well done, Aaliyah – a great start to Year 5!

Year 6 – Elsie B

For taking her learning in Year 6 seriously and having a super attitude to learning every day. Well done, Elsie!

Writer – Conor (Year 3)

For making excellent progress in his writing over the summer holidays. Conor has shown great improvement in the fluency and pace of learning. It has been wonderful to see his confidence grow as he writes with increasing independence. Well done, Conor!

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EYFS/KS1 Reader – Bailey (Year 1/2)

For recognising the correct alternate graphemes when reading in our English and phonics lessons. Well done, Bailey!

KS2 Reader – Noah V (Year 4)

For outstanding determination and enthusiasm in reading. Noah goes above and beyond expectations and is demonstrating an exceptional commitment to developing a love of books and learning. Well done, Noah!

Mathematician – Oliver (Year 5)

For clearly explaining his reasoning to the class when solving place value problems. Well done, Oliver!

Performer – Elowen (Year 6)

For showing her excellent debating skills in class. Well done, Elowen!

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**

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)

Friday 23rd July - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

Summer Holidays

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