

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. This week the children have continued to show how well they are settling into their new classes and are embracing their learning opportunities. Year 6 have begun their six weeks of swimming at St Ives Leisure Centre and today, Year 5 have visited RoughTor, on Bodmin Moor, to launch their topic about Sir Ernest Shackleton, covering outdoor and adventurous PE provisions, English and History. Please see next week's newsletter for a report and pictures of the expedition.



New PE Tops

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for the new PE tops that they have funded. These tops will be a great addition during the colder months when attending sporting fixtures.



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After School Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has already signed their child/children up to the after-school clubs for the autumn term. There are still places available on some of the clubs and the booking portal on Arbor remains open until **7:00pm on Sunday**. Places on all clubs are available on a first come first served basis and are bookable via the Arbor App. Teacher led afterschool clubs will begin next week, from Monday 21st September.

Staffing Update

We would like to share that Mrs Ridge, our wonderful TA in Year 4, will be away from school for the rest of the Autumn term, following a scheduled operation.

During her absence, her position will be covered by high-quality supply staff. Between now and October half term, we are delighted to welcome back Mr Langsford, who is a qualified teacher, to cover Mrs Ridge's position.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Ridge a speedy recovery, following her operation yesterday, and we look forward to seeing her back in school when she is fully recovered.

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

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.

Next 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](#)

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School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11

FLU
MMR
HPV
MENINGITIS ACWY
DIPHTHERIA TETANUS POLIO (DTP)

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

Call us on

01872 221105

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net

Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The Cornwall and Devon School Age Immunisation Service will be coming into school on **Friday 9th October 2026**.

Attached to this newsletter, is a letter from the team, providing parents with a link to the online consent form.

Also attached you will find a **Supporting Vaccination for School Age Children and People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** Parent Guidance.

If you have difficulties accessing the form, please call the team on 01872 221105 and they will be happy to complete the form with you over the phone.

Please note, you must **opt in** for your child to receive the vaccine. Without a submitted consent form,

your child will not be vaccinated.

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.

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Open Evenings – Years 5 and 6

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](#)

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	98.5 %
2 nd Place	Year 4	97.8 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 18th September 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 autumn term, on **Friday 25th 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 R – Grace

For being an excellent friend and helping everyone in her new class to feel welcome. Well done, Grace!

Year 1– Kamile

For her excellent effort at sounding out and spelling the different emotions for The Colour Monster. Well done, Kamile!

Year 2 – George

For being an excellent role model in class and always being willing to help and support his peers. Well done George!

Year 3 – Caleb

For demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and for following instructions in the first instance! Caleb has impressed us with his behaviour and desire to learn. Well done, Caleb!

Year 4 – Maisie

For being a great role model in Year 4. Maisie always tries her best and goes above and beyond to support her peers. Well done Maisie!

Year 5 – Lyla

For always trying her best and having a positive attitude every day. Well done, Lyla!

Year 6 – Daniel

For being so enthusiastic in the classroom and being a joy to have in Year 6. Well done, Daniel!

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Writer – Jack (Year 6)

For confidently sharing all his new knowledge in the Year 6 grammar lessons. Well done, Jack!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jack (Year 1)

For his fantastic effort in reading his sounds and words accurately in phonics. Well done, Jack!

KS2 Reader – Florence S (Year 3)

For going above and beyond on her daily reading. Florence reads a book a day and always completes her AR quizzes with confidence. This has supported her weekly comprehension skills. Keep up the good work! Well done, Florence!

Mathematician – Charlotte (Year 2)

For an excellent explanation for partitioning tens and ones when using a place value chart. Great skills, well done, Charlotte!

Numbots/Rock Star – Robyn (Year 3)

Robyn has showed great enthusiasm towards her times tables and it has been a pleasure to see her apply it within her maths work. Robyn has achieved 700 gold coins already. Well done, Robyn!

Performer – Theo (Year R)

For being confident to put his hand up and share his amazing ideas in class. Theo is a brilliant role model to the rest of Reception. Well done, Theo!

Character – Emilia (Year 5)

For being a super help in the dinner hall, always looking to support the younger children and offering extra help to support the adults. Well done, Emilia!

Kind Regards,



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Starting Secondary School – September 2027 – Application Deadline 31st October 2026



Together  for Families

Transfer to secondary school
September 2027

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance
Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



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Applying for a secondary school place for September 2027

Special Educational Needs
If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information. Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

- 1 Decide on your preferred schools**
You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...
 - ...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.
 - ...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.
 - ...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.
 - ...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.
- 2 Submit your application by 31 October 2026**
Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
- 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated**
If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2027. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Starting School – September 2027 – Application Deadline – 15th January 2027



Together  for Families

Starting school
September 2027

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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- 2 Submit your application by 15 January 2027**
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- 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated**
If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2027. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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