

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. This week we were delighted to be able to host two groups of SCITT students (trainee teachers) into our academy to observe the fantastic provision and behaviour of our wonderful children. As always, the children shone through with their superb manners and behaviour, and they were all keen to talk to the special visitors about their school. We are so very proud of each and every one of them!



Year 5 – Rough Tor Expedition

Last Friday, as part of their outdoor and adventurous PE provision and as a fantastic enhancement to their topic about Sir Ernest Shackleton (English and History), Year 5 visited Rough Tor with Aspire's Outdoor learning lead, Mr Turnham. The children were amazing and arrived at school early dressed and ready for adventure.



There was a sense of excitement as the buses arrived on Bodmin Moor, and everyone could see the task in front of them. The children embarked on the challenge with great grit and determination and were asked to reflect on how Shackleton and his team might have felt on their hike to safety. There were several opportunities to enjoy the wonderful countryside and for the children to develop their map skills.



We are delighted to share, that this is the first Year 5 Group to not only ascend Rough Tor, but to also scale Brown Willy, the highest point in Cornwall! We are so proud to the super effort and relentless determination they all showed to reach the summit. It was clear that everyone had enjoyed the experience! We would like to thank Mr Gallagher, Mr Crease, and Mrs Phillips for supporting the children on the visit.



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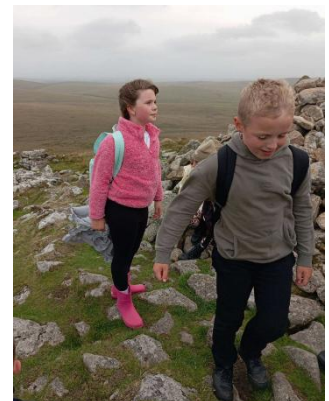
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Hayle RFC Mini Juniors Fun Taster Sessions



Over the last 2 weeks the amazing coaches from Hayle RFC have visited our academy to deliver some fun and exciting rugby sessions to our KS2 classes.

If your child/children are interested in becoming a member of Hayle RFC Mini Juniors, please see the poster pictured for more information on training times and more.

A special thank you to Mr Richards, one of our parent/carers community who coaches at Hayle RFC and who arranged this fantastic opportunity.



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Year 6 – Mounts Bay Academy Activities Day

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited Mounts Bay Academy to take part in a variety of interesting sports including basketball, badminton and using their fabulous fitness suite. The children were superbly behaved and many enjoyed trying something new. Well done Year 6!



Student Success

Last Sunday, two of our Year 3 pupils competed in a gymnastics competition at Phoenix Gymnastics. Both performed superbly and gained individual medals but also came first overall in their respective categories. Well done to them both! We are very proud of you!



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Year 6 Prefects, Sports Leaders and Librarians

This week we were very proud to present our prefects, sports leaders and librarians in Year 6 with their badges and caps.

These positions of responsibility allow the children the opportunity to build their confidence and show independence in school. They help the children to play, support pupils in the dinner hall and carry out all manner of duties to help around school.

Well done everyone!



Menu Change – Thursday 1st October 2026

Next Thursday, 1st October 2026, we observe National School Census Day, a crucial event where the Department for Education (DfE) gathers vital information from every school. This data aids in future planning and plays a pivotal role in determining school budgets.

One significant data point we must report is the count of Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 students partaking in Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) on this specific day. The information collected during the census influences the allocation of funding for our school's hot meal program throughout the year. It's essential to note that if your child doesn't participate in the meal service on 1st October, it impacts our funding for the remainder of the year.



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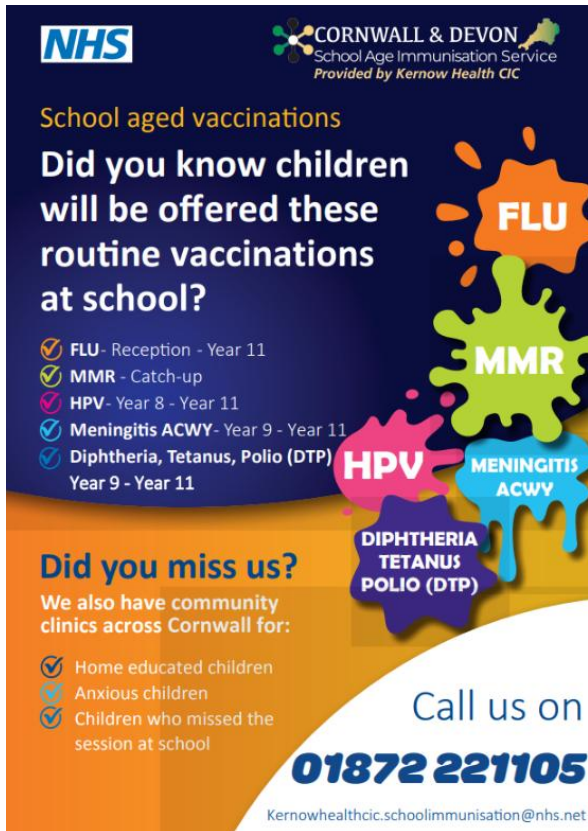
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Should your child opt to have a meal on any other day, we must cover the cost from our school budget, as funding is solely based on meal consumption during the designated census days in October and January annually.

The menu can be found on the poster above. Please note, this menu is not advertised on Arbor Pay but these will be the meat/vegetarian options on the day so please book, the main, vegetarian, Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta options in the normal way. Thank you!



NHS **CORNWALL & DEVON**
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

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.

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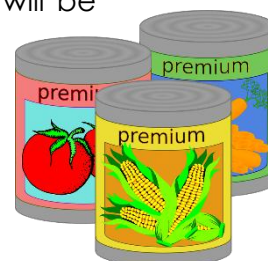
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Harvest Assembly



On **Wednesday, 21st October** we will be holding our Harvest Assemblies for our pupils. We are politely requesting parents/carers to send in either a tin or packet of food with their child/children that we can then donate to the Connor Downs Food Cupboard as part of the Harvest celebrations. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support to our Academy and our local community. Please note, a table will be available at the Parent Consultations, the week before the assembly if you would prefer to drop off your donations at that time. Thank you for your continued support.



Friends of Connor Downs Academy – AGM



Connor Downs

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their AGM on **Monday, 12th October at 3:30pm**

They are currently looking to recruit new committee members to help organise and support fundraising events. These events play a vital role in raising funds that enable us to provide additional resources and opportunities for the children in our school.

With school budgets continuing to come under increasing pressure, the support provided by charities such as the Friends has never been more important. Through their fundraising efforts, the Friends help the school enhance the experiences and opportunities available to all children.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact the Friends in the first instance via Mrs Gallagher in the school office or by emailing hello@connordowns.org.uk.

Thank you for your support.

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Tempest Photos

Tempest will be coming into school on **Monday 12th October 2026** to take individual and sibling photos.

TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

If you would like a sibling photo with siblings not attending Connor Downs Academy, **please arrive at the school office at 8:20am** to sign in. The photographer will be ready to take photos from 08:30am. You will be given a number, and photos will be taken first to enable parents/carers to get younger/older siblings to nursery/school.

Children with siblings within Connor Downs Academy will have their photos taken during the morning. Please can we ask that all children come to school on the day looking extra smart in their full school uniforms and black school shoes. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place over 2 afternoons on the **13th and 14th October**. Please see information below for details of how to book.

The booking portal via the Arbor App will **open at 7:00pm next Wednesday, 30th September 2026**, and **close at 9:00am on Tuesday 13th October 2026**.

If you cannot access to the Arbor App, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk for a new link to be sent to you.

Years R, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

Parent Consultations are being held on **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October 2024**. Appointments will run in 10-minute intervals with the first appointments at 15:30 and the final appointments at 17:50. All appointments will take place in your child's classroom, with their books being available for you to review either while you wait, during the appointment or afterwards.

Year 1/2 only

For Year 1/2, appointments with Miss Pedlar will be held on **Wednesday 14th October only** to allow Miss Pedlar to access her chemotherapy treatment. They will run in 10-minute intervals, with the **first appointment** being at **12:30** and the **final appointment** at **17:20**. All Year 1/2 appointments will be held in the main school office.

Please email hello@connordowns.org.uk if you encounter any difficulties. Thank you.

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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.

Dates for Diary – Autumn Term 1

Monday 28th September – Swimming – Year 6 – Week 3

Monday 5th October – Swimming – Year 6 – Week 4

Wednesday 7th October – Year 1/2 Trevaskis Farm visit

Thursday 8th October – Year 1/2 Open morning for parents/carers – 9:00am – 10:15am

Friday 9th October – Year 4 Eden Project Visit

Friday 9th October – Flu Immunisations – Years R – 6

Monday 12th October – Swimming – Year 6 – Week 5

Monday 12th October – Tempest Individual and Sibling Photos

Monday 12th October – FOCDA AGM – All Welcome! – 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Tuesday 13th October – Parent Consultations – Evening 1 – see newsletter for details of how to book

Wednesday 14th October – Parent Consultations – Evening 2 - see newsletter for details of how to book

Monday 19th October – Swimming – Year 6 – Week 6

Monday 19th October – Smarter Smiles – Fluoride Varnish – Years R and 1

Friday 23rd October – Last Day of first half of Autumn term – **3:15pm FINISH**

HALF TERM HOLIDAY – MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Monday 2nd November – First day of second half of the Autumn term

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Open Evenings – Years 5 and 6

Nexus

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

Camborne Science and International Academy – Super Saturdays



Sign up to our FREE Super Saturdays
SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER
CODE BREAKER

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
SCIENCE CRIME BUSTER



CSIA, Cranberry Road, Camborne TR14 7PP

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Mystery. Teamwork. Adventure. Can you solve the case?

Our exciting Super Saturday workshops are back!

We're inviting Year 6 students to join us at Camborne Science and International Academy for two action-packed mornings of mystery, problem-solving and discovery.

Working in teams, you'll explore the school, put your learning to the test and take on challenges designed to get you thinking, investigating and having fun.

Which mystery will you solve?

For more information, please use the link below:
<https://www.cambornescience.uk/camborne-science-international-academy/super-saturday-workshops>

To register, either scan the QR code on the poster or use the link below to register:

Google form/link for sign up: <https://forms.gle/aiK6GFRZhnwKUPSH6>

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Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	98.0%
2 nd Place	Year 3	97.9%
3 rd Place	Year R	97.8%

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 25th 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 2nd October 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 – Ava

For participating in reasoning and problem-solving discussions so confidently and respectfully with her peers. Well done, Ava!

Year 1 – Louie

For showing great skills when finding one more in maths. Well done, Louie!

Year 2 – Markas

For great sewing in DT this week. Well done, Markas!

Year 3 – Zachary

For showing great kindness that shines through in all situations. Zachary goes the extra mile to support his friends and is a lovely pupil. Well done, Zachary!

Year 4 – Robyn

For always being highly engaged in learning, listening respectfully to others and building on ideas to enrich class discussions. Well done, Robyn!

Year 5 – Alfie

For showing super effort and great improvement in his handwriting. Keep it up! Well done, Alfie!

Year 6 – Phoebe

For her enthusiasm and commitment in the fitness suite at Mounts Bay Academy. Well done, Phoebe!

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Writer – Eddie (Year 1)

For beautiful handwriting and remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops when writing about the Colour Monster. Well done, Eddie!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Hugo (Year R)

For working hard in phonics lessons and independently practising his new sounds in playful learning time. Well done, Hugo!

KS2 Reader – Elsie-May (Year 6)

For reading what seems like, a book a day! Excellent and inspiring effort. Well done, Elsie!

Mathematician – Ariella (Year 3)

For participating in reasoning and problem-solving discussions so confidently and respectfully with her peers. Well done, Ariella!

Numbots/Rock Star – Brodie (Year 4)

For excellent recall of times tables facts and a great attitude towards continually improving. Well done, Brodie!

Performer – Reiley (Year 2)

For showing great confidence in sharing all her answers in every lesson to the whole class. Well done, Reiley. Keep it up!

Character – Dylan S (Year 5)

For his support of the younger children in the dinner hall and the welcome he gives them every day. Well done, Dylan!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

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**
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: 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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