

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

Year R – Gardening

This week, the children in Year R have been using our Cultivating Futures area to learn about plants. They have been looking at what a weed is – an unwanted plant – learning to identify them and remove them.

They also examined a bulb, looking at what the roots do for a plant and then they planted a bulb and learnt what plants need to grow.



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Student Success



Last weekend, one of our Year 5 pupils took part in a swim gala in Bodmin.

He came away with 3 gold medals, after competing in the 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly and 50m Freestyle.

He then followed this with a competitive race for Surf Lifesaving Club in the afternoon, which he won in incredible times, beating the other 19 competitors in his race.

A huge congratulations for showing such effort and determination in so many disciplines. We are so proud of you!

Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations

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

To opt in, please use the following link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=EE142144>

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.



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

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After school Clubs – Cancellations

The following clubs have been cancelled next week, beginning 5th October:

Wednesday 7th October – Years 5 and 6 - Boys Football – due to a Cross-Country Event

Thursday 8th October – Years 3 – 6 - Girls Football and Years 3 and 4 - Gymnastics – due to staff training

The following Clubs have been cancelled in the week beginning 12th October due to Parent Consultations:

Wednesday 13th October – Years 1 and 2 – Art Club
Years 5 and 6 – Boys Football
Years 3 – 6 - Cheerleading

All other scheduled clubs will run as normal. Thank you for your understanding.



Friends of Connor Downs Academy – AGM

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.

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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 is now **open** and will **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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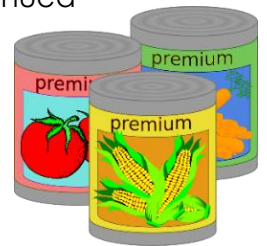
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Harvest Assembly

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.

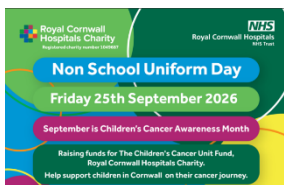


Dates for Diary – Autumn Term 1

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
 Wednesday 14th October – Parent Consultations – Evening 2
 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



Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity – Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who supported our non-school uniform day last Friday in aid of Cornwall's Children's Cancer Unit. If you have not yet donated, please access the link below to support this incredible charity. The link is open until 30th November 2026.

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

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Sign up to our FREE Super Saturdays

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER
CODE BREAKER

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER
SCIENCE CRIME BUSTER



CSIA, Cranberry Road, Camborne TR14 7PP

CAMBORNESCIENCE.UK

Facebook and Instagram icons followed by @cambornescienceacademy

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

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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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.

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



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

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 transport 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.
Places in schools may be allocated on 16/02/2027.

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 over-subscribed 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 admissions criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance
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Applying for a **reception class** place for September 2027

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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.
Places in schools may be allocated on 16/02/2027.

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 1 / 2	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year R	99.4 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	98.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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*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 9th 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 – Joshua

For his positive attitude to learning. Joshua works hard in every area to develop new skills and knowledge. Well done, Joshua!

Year 1 – Florence

For giving 100% effort in all lessons and having a great attitude towards her learning. Well done, Florence!

Year 2 – Alice

For her great ideas when writing a short poem about the Colour Monster, with much improved handwriting. Well done, Alice!

Year 3 – Emily

For her dedication to her learning. Emily has taken great care with her writing, always striving to present her work neatly and thoughtfully. Miss Medcalf particularly enjoyed reading her Stone Age Information text. Well done, Emily!

Year 4 – Alvah

For always showing a positive attitude towards learning and embracing new challenges with confidence. Alvah should be proud of the excellent work he has produced. Well done, Alvah!

Year 5 – George

For his individual research about Mars and his determination to complete his tasks to the best of his ability. Well done, George!

Year 6 – Elowen

For writing a superb introduction to her letter and using ambitious vocabulary like 'whisked' and 'impeccable'. Well done, Elowen!

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Writer – Harley (Year R)

For her dedication to practising her new phonics letters in adult guided and own learning time. Well done, Harley!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jago (Year 1)

For his fantastic effort in phonics and his increasing confidence and accuracy when reading. Well done, Jago!

KS2 Reader – Lowenna (Year 3)

For going above and beyond in her reading, showing great enthusiasm to engage with different texts. Lowenna demonstrates an excellent understanding of what she has read. Well done, Lowenna!

Mathematician – Isaac (Year 6)

For having a great attitude towards his maths lessons. Isaac is keen to understand more and more which is sure to help him have success this year. Well done, Isaac!

Numbots/Rock Star – Harry (Year 5)

For answering 320 questions correctly over the last 7 days. Well done, Harry!

Performer – Hugo (Year 4)

For showing outstanding effort and enthusiasm in the Year 4 brass lessons. Well done, Hugo!

Character – Henry (Year 2)

For always following the school rules, caring for his friends and the adults in Key Stage 1. Henry is a fantastic role model. Well done, Henry!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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October Half Term Holiday Clubs

Following on from the hugely successful Summer Holiday Club, we are delighted that Miss Medcalf will be running the following clubs during the October half term, 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.

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WHAT TO BRING:
PACKED LUNCH
PLENTY OF FLUIDS
TOWEL
SPARE CLOTHES

PRICE:
£22.50 PER DAY

WHERE/TIMES:
Tuesday 27th October 2026
Connor Downs Academy
08:45am- 15:00pm
Wednesday 28th October 2026
Mount Hawke Academy
08:45am-15:00pm

TO BOOK-CONTACT:
bubbly-lb@hotmail.com
www.facebook/TheLaura-BethSchoolofDance

WEAR SOMETHING SPOOKY!

LBSD HALF-TERM MULTI-SKILLS MANIA! HOLIDAY CLUB
AGES 5-14.

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TENNIS COACHING

JUNIOR
TENNIS
HOLIDAY CAMPS

AGES 5-12 YEARS OLD

Calendar Icon	Day	Date	Time	Location
Calendar Icon	TUESDAY	27TH OCTOBER	9AM – 12NCON	Penzance Tennis Club
Calendar Icon	WEDNESDAY	28TH OCTOBER	9AM – 12NCON	Hayle Tennis Club
Calendar Icon	THURSDAY	29TH OCTOBER	9AM – 12NCON	Hayle Tennis Club

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£20 FOR NON-MEMBERS

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