

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have an incredibly busy week, with the Year 1 / 2 visit to Trevaskis Farm, Cross Country and today, Year 4 have been to the Eden Project.



Year R – Big Brush Club




Brushing tips

Step 1. Outside
Brush the outside surface of each tooth using small circular motions.

Step 2. Inside
Brush the inside surface of each tooth using the same circular motions.

Step 3. To The Back
Brush the tops of the back teeth, the chewing surfaces, using a forward and backward motion.

Step 4. To The Front
Tilt your toothbrush vertically to brush behind each front tooth using small up and down strokes. Remember to brush both the top and bottom teeth!

Step 5. Tongue
Don't forget to brush your tongue. Lots of germs and bacteria hide here!

TOP TIPS!

- ✓ Brush your teeth for 2 minutes so you can keep your smile bright! Our two minute-long Big Brush Club tune helps keep track of time.
- ✓ Use fluoride toothpaste. Fluoride helps keep your teeth strong and healthy!
- ✓ Angle the toothbrush at a 45 degree angle so that the bristles reach the gums too.
- ✓ Brush at least twice a day. Once in the morning and once last thing before you go to bed.
- ✓ Begin at the back of the mouth (upper or lower) and then gradually work your way towards the front.
- ✗ Don't rinse with water after brushing, just spit!



Brushing together for healthy smiles

www.bigbrushclub.co.uk info@bigbrushclub.co.uk

The children in Reception class have loved starting their toothbrushing programme with the Big Brush Club. They have learned the routines, the technique, and the reason why toothbrushing is so important. They have learned about healthy foods, and what happens when we eat too much sugar. The children are enjoying learning how to brush independently and to make sure their teeth are staying shiny and clean!



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Year 1 / 2 Trevaskis Farm

On Wednesday, the children from Year 1 and 2 had a lovely visit to Trevaskis Farm. They looked at lots of vegetables, walked through the polytunnels to spot growing plants and even tried some new fruits. The morning finished with the group looking at the animals and talking about how they are cared for.

Thank you to Bev and the Team at Trevaskis Farm for providing a fantastic workshop to enhance their learning. Also, thank you to Mrs Painter for supporting the trip.



Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to be able to support this year's Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and related items in school.

From Monday, our Year 6 pupils will be visiting all classes every afternoon with the boxes of poppies and pupils can buy a poppy, or other poppy themed item for a donation of 50p.

Thank you for your support.



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Cross Country – Mounts Bay Academy

On Wednesday afternoon, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended Mounts Bay Academy along with children from 5 other schools to take part in the first Cross Country event of the year.

Every child who took part, did so with amazing grit and determination and we are delighted to share that the team came away with 1 first place and 2 second places.

Well done to everyone who took part, we are very proud of you all!



Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support the children



After school Clubs – Cancellations - Reminder

The following Clubs have been cancelled next 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.

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Friends of Connor Downs Academy – AGM - Reminder

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their AGM **next 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.

Tempest Photos – **Change of Date**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for the Tempest photographs has been changed to **Wednesday 21st October 2026**. The photographer will come into school 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.



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Parent Consultations - Reminder

Parent Consultations are taking 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 next 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, 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.

Year 4 only

For Year 4, appointments will be held on **Tuesday 13th October** with the second afternoon rescheduled to **Wednesday 21st October**. All appointments already booked for Wednesday 14th October have been cancelled and rescheduled for the new date of 21st October. An email was sent this week to Year 4 parents/carers to advise of this change.

Year 5 only

For Year 5, appointments will be held on **Wednesday 14th October** with the second afternoon rescheduled to **Tuesday 20th October**. All appointments already booked for Tuesday 13th October have been cancelled and rescheduled for the new date of 20th October. An email was sent earlier today to Year 5 parents/carers to advise of this change.

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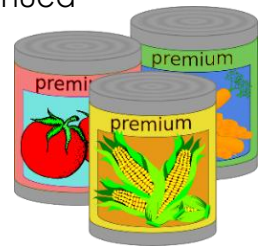
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Harvest Assembly - Reminder



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, there is currently a table in the main school reception area where donations can be placed. This table will be available from now until 21st October. Thank you for your continued support.



Connor Downs Academy is now a part of the LoveReading4Kids Books for school's programme. 25% of every book purchased on Love Reading and LoveReading4Kids can be donated to school, allowing us to purchase books to replenish and build our library!

www.lovereadingleading4kids.co.uk
www.lovereadingleading.co.uk

Getting started with our programme is easy. Simply follow these steps:

- [Log in](#) to the School Portal on LoveReading4Kids
- Browse our selection of books for children of all ages and interests
- Add your chosen books to your basket and proceed to checkout
- At the checkout, in the Support a School section, enter your school or postcode, and you'll immediately see the amount being raised by your purchase
- Complete your purchase, and 25% of the cover price of the books will be allocated to your school, you'll see the new credit total in your dashboard

All books on our website are 10% off the RRP, so not only will you be creating a new funding stream for books, but you'll also be getting good value for money.

We hope many of you are able to support us through this programme- especially as Christmas approaches.

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Dates for Diary – Autumn Term 1

Monday 12th October – Swimming – Year 6 – Week 5
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
Wednesday 21st October – Tempest Individual and Sibling Photos – change of date
Friday 23rd October – Last Day of first half of Autumn term – **3:15pm FINISH**

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

Dates for Diary – Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November – First day of second half of the Autumn term
Monday 2nd November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 1
Thursday 5th November – Year R visit – Tehidy Woods
Monday 9th November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 2
Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November – Scholastic Book Fair – More details to follow
Tuesday 10th November – Year R and Year 6 – Heights and Weights Check
Friday 13th November – Children In Need Day – More details to follow
Monday 16th November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 3
Monday 23rd November – Year 5 – Nexus Workshop – morning only
Monday 23rd November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 4
Thursday 26th November – FOCDA – Autumn Term Discos – More details to follow
Friday 27th November – Year 5 – Minack Theatre Visit
Monday 30th November – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 5
Monday 30th November – Friday 4th November – last week of afterschool clubs
Tuesday 1st December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance 1) 2pm start – More details to follow
Thursday 3rd December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance 2) 5pm start – More details to follow
Monday 7th December – Swimming – Year 5 – Week 6
Monday 7th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle – Phillack Church – 5pm Start
Tuesday 8th December – KS2 Carol Concert (Performance 1) – 2pm in school
Tuesday 8th December – KS2 Carol Concert (Performance 2) – Phillack Church – 5pm start
Friday 11th December – FOCDA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow

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Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner – More details to follow
 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

Monday 4TH January 2027 – First day Spring term

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



CORNWALL COUNCIL 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

QR code: 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 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.

Phone: 0300 1234 101

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



CORNWALL COUNCIL 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**
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Menu Change – Tuesday 13th October

Please note, next **Tuesday, 13th October**, there will be a change to the published menu. The meal options will be as follows:

Main – Burgers

Vegetarian – Vegetarian Burgers

Jacket Potato

Hot Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 4	99.2 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 1 / 2 and Year 5	98.8 %
3 rd Place	Year 6	97.3 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 9th October 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 16th 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 – Tala

For working really hard to master the classroom routines. Tala is showing such a positive attitude to learning. Well done, Tala!

Year 1– Jack

For his enthusiasm and great questions in all his learning. Jack has made an excellent start to year one! Well done, Jack!

Year 2 – Jacob

For his excellent effort in maths all week, keep it up you are building a great knowledge base. Well done, Jacob!

Year 3 – Freya

For being a ray of sunshine. Freya is a kind, caring friend to all in Year 3 and she has impeccable manners! What a pleasure to have you in our class! Well done, Freya!

Year 4 – Levan

For being such a kind, well-mannered and considerate classmate and always showing a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done, Levan!

Year 5 – Cecily

For playing such a positive role in school life - from the classroom to the cross-country field, Cecily is always there to help and always tries her best. Well done, Cecily!

Year 6 – Reuben

For working so hard in the Year 6 swimming sessions. Reuben listens well and is making excellent progress. Well done, Reuben!

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Writer – Willow (Year 1)

For her beautifully neat sentence, with a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop in geography telling Miss Pedlar her favourite part of the Trevaskis Farm trip. Well done, Willow!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Noah (Year 2)

For consistently reading at home and confidently reading in school. Noah's fluency and accuracy is greatly improving. Well done, Noah!

KS2 Reader – Hudson (Year 5)

For devouring the entire Mr Men series and passing all the subsequent quizzes. Well done, Hudson!

Mathematician – Zoey (Year 4)

For brilliant work in our addition and subtraction unit. Zoey's excellent presentation and admirable work ethic has helped her produce fantastic work. Well done, Zoey!

Numbots/Rock Star – Daniel (Year 6)

For consistently completing his online maths every day without fail. Daniel is a great role model to his peers. Well done, Daniel!

Performer – Nelly (Year R)

For her enthusiasm during the class rhyme time sessions and her confidence when performing the nursery rhymes with her peers. Well done, Nelly!

Character – Adam (Year 3)

Adam truly embodies our school values through his exceptional character and attitude. His confidence and wonderful expression shine through in his learning, conversations and performances. Well done, Adam!

Kind Regards,



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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.

LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW!

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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