

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.



Year 4 – Eden Project

Last Friday, Year 4 had a fantastic time on their exciting trip to the Eden Project, exploring the incredible biomes and learning about plants from around the world. The children discovered how different environments support a wide variety of wildlife and gained a deeper understanding of why rainforests are so important to our planet.



During the workshop, the children learnt how rainforests provide food, water, shelter and other essential resources for people and animals across the globe. They also explored why these valuable habitats need to be protected for future generations.

Throughout the day, the children were enthusiastic, engaged and eager to learn. They represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.

A special thank you goes to Mr Gallagher and Mrs Annis for their support and assistance in making the trip such a success.



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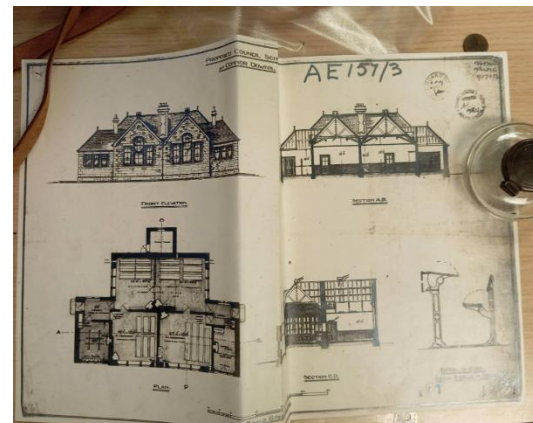
Year 6 – World War II Presentation

As part of their World War II topic, Mr Gallagher visited school this week to share artefacts from WW II with Year 6. These included the school's original plans and logbooks which revealed that evacuees attended Connor Downs Academy during the war and that the children sometimes had air-raid sirens disrupting their lessons!



The children were allowed to handle some of Mr Gallagher's decommissioned and fully certified weapons from the era, as well as some tiny dominos from soldiers in WW I.

The children's attention was outstanding showing that the subject is still as captivating as ever to the pupils. Thank you, Mr Gallagher, for taking the time to visit. It was a really memorable afternoon.



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Important – No Nuts Policy - Reminder



We have noticed an increase in the number of children coming to school with sandwiches containing peanut butter or chocolate spread.

As many parents and carers may be aware, we have a number of children and staff at Connor Downs Academy who have severe nut allergies and may require the use of an EpiPen in the event of an allergic reaction. To help keep everyone safe, we would like to politely remind families that Connor Downs Academy operates a strict No Nuts Policy.

If your child brings chocolate spread in their packed lunch, please ensure that it does not contain nuts or traces of nuts.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.

Aspens Catering – Important Information

Please scan the QR code on this poster to access the official NHS guidance on supporting and developing your child's cutlery skills.

School Meal Ordering

We kindly ask all parents and carers to choose their child's school lunch options together with them before placing an order.

We are seeing an increasing number of children requesting changes to meals that have already been selected by their parents/carers. Unfortunately, once orders have been placed, we are unable to accommodate these changes.

Please note that if a meal has not been pre-ordered and a child orders their lunch in class on the day, **Pasta will be the only option available**. This is Aspens Catering policy and has been communicated to parents and carers on a number of occasions previously.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Menus Changes – Next Week

With the new menu coming into effect after half term, our kitchen team needs to clear some space in the freezers to accommodate new stock deliveries.

To help with this, next week we will be running a "**Freezer Surprise**" menu each day. This will include some of the advertised menu items, alongside a variety of other options such as pasties, burgers, hot dogs, and other favourites.

Please continue to book meals as usual, selecting either the **Main Meal, Vegetarian Meal, Jacket Potato**, or **Pasta** option. Your child will then be able to choose from the available options on the day.

Thank you for your support and understanding while we make this transition to the new menu.

Aspens Catering Team

Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal - Reminder

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

A reminder that until Wednesday 11th November, and while stocks last, 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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Tempest Photos – Reminder

Next **Wednesday, 21st October 2026**. The photographer will come into school to take individual and sibling photos.

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.



TEMPEST

PHOTOGRAPHY

Parent Consultations

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who attended this week's parent/carer consultations. We were delighted with the number of families who turned out to see their children's work and have the chance to catch up with the class teachers to discuss how their child/ren have settled into their new year groups and the progress they are making.



A reminder that the second day of parent/carer consultations for Years 4 and 5 will take place next week, having been rescheduled.

Year 5 only – Tuesday 20th October and Year 4 only – Wednesday 21st October

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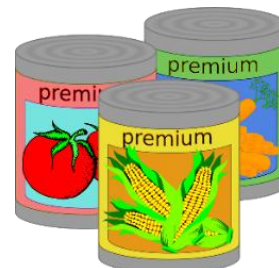
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Harvest Assembly - Reminder

Next **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 to all those families who have already made a donation.

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.

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 4	99.2 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	98.5 %
3 rd Place	Year 1/2	97.3 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 16th 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 23rd 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 – Sid

For working hard to develop his attitude to learning, and for his hard work and focus during lessons. It is great to see Sid's love of learning growing in school. Well done, Sid!

Year 1– Eddie

For always giving 100% effort in every lesson and confidently sharing his answers with the class. Well done, Eddie!

Year 2 – Thomas

For being a kind and caring friend. Thomas has been working really hard in his own time and green time to practise his times tables. Well done, Thomas!

Year 3 – Lilly-Rose

For being such a kind and well-mannered pupil. Lilly-Rose always helps her peers and demonstrates a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done, Lilly-Rose!

Year 4 – Rilie

For being a wonderful member of the Year 4 class, always meeting the classroom expectations and showing fantastic effort and determination in all that she does. Well done, Rillie!

Year 5 – Penelope

For her super effort and determination to do her best. Well done, Penelope!

Year 6 – Mia

For extraordinary commitment to reading. Mia is a super role model to the rest of the class. Well done, Mia!

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Writer – Olivia (Year 2)

For her determination in handwriting to correctly form her letters. Well done, Olivia!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Lola (Year 1)

For trying really hard with her new sounds in phonics and using these skills to help her write. Well done, Lola!

KS2 Reader – Arthur (Year 5)

For taking on the challenge of some very large books this term and his incredible passion for reading. Well done, Arthur!

Mathematician – Elodie (Year R)

Elodie gives such thoughtful answers during maths sessions and always uses the mathematical vocabulary she has learned when explaining her reasoning. Well done, Elodie!

Numbots/Rock Star – Reuben C (Year 3)

For his consistent efforts, always going the extra mile and challenging himself. Reuben's times tables facts have helped him with his daily arithmetic as well as number patterns. Well done, Reuben!

Performer – Nathan (Year 4)

For showing great enthusiasm and joy in his drum lesson. Well done, Nathan!

Character – Barney (Year 6)

For showing great leadership skills during the cross-country event at Mounts Bay Academy and supporting the pre-race warm up. Barney's personality, love of sport and representing his school, shone through! A true inspiration! Well done, Barney!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Dates for Diary – Autumn Term 1

Monday 19th October – Swimming – Year 6 – Week 6
Monday 19th October – Smarter Smiles – Fluoride Varnish – Years R and 1
Tuesday 20th October – Year 5 Parent Consultations – Evening 2
Wednesday 21st October – Year 4 Parent Consultations – Evening 2
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
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
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
Thursday 3rd December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity (Performance 2) 5pm start
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
Friday 11th December – FOCDA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow
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

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Starting Secondary School – September 2027

Application Deadline 31st October 2026



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for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2026**

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: 0200 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



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15 January
2027



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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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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MBA
October camps

Mounts Bay Academy

Ages 5-16

19, 20 & 21 October 2026
Mounts Bay Academy, TR18 3JT

Funded for FSM children and MBA students, or **£20 a day** for ages 5-16

Early drop off and late pick up available

Activities

- Arts & crafts
- Biking
- Sports
- Indoor games
- Fitness suite

More details? →
Scan the QR code

MBFDC FOOTBALL CAMPS

OCT HALF TERM

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

All children welcome to attend 🏆
Have fun, score goals & play football!

**THURS 22ND OCT
FRI 23RD OCT
MON 26TH OCT
TUES 27TH OCT**

- ✓ UEFA/FA Qualified Staff & DBS Checked
- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Fun activities, matches & tournaments
- ✓ Penalty shootouts, prizes & more!

PLAYERS NEED:
Packed lunch & drinks
Wet weather clothing & spares!
Football boots for the new 3G pitch
Shin pads
Indoor Footwear (in case of poor weather!)

MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY 3G PITCH
Boscathnoe Lane, Heamoor, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Online Registration Link
www.mbfdc.co.uk

Scan the QR code to visit the MBFDC website for further details!

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