Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had a very busy start to the second half of the autumn term.

On Monday, Year 5 began the first of their 6 swimming sessions and Year R took part in their first school visit to Tehidy Woods!





Service of Remembrance

On Sunday 8th November, our School Council will lay a wreath on behalf of Connor Downs Academy at Hayle War Memorial as part of the annual service of remembrance. Mrs Eddy and Mr and Mrs Gallagher will be attending and invite all of our families to join us at the War Memorial at 10:30am. Please can all children attending wear full school uniform and a poppy if they have one. Thank you for your support.

Smarter Smiles Accreditation

We are delighted to share, that Connor Downs Academy has achieved the bronze standard of accreditation with the Smarter Smiles program. We have earned this by showing commitment to encouraging and raising awareness of better oral health for early years and primary aged children. This has been done through teaching and learning of why dental health matters, fluoride varnishing and our toothbrushing scheme in Reception.



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Year R – Tehidy Woods



Reception had a lovely time exploring Tehidy Woods on Thursday. They observed the seasonal changes and talked about what clues they could see that Autumn had started. The children loved watching the leaves falling down and listening to them rustle under their feet. They also saw lots of wildlife, particularly squirrels who came right up to them to say hello! In the pond they saw lots of water birds including swans, ducks, geese and a rare Mandarin Duck. The children have continued their learning in the classroom, making leaf print paintings, careful drawings from their observations and consolidating their learning of autumnal changes.



A huge thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who made the trip possible.





Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November 2026

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school every day, after school next week, from **Monday 9th November until Friday 13th November 2026**. Please do come along and have a look at the fantastic offers available. All the children will be given the opportunity with their classes, to look around the book fair during the day. **Please note, all payments will be online via a QR code.**



The Book Fair will take place in the room at the top of the granite steps at the end of the school building. This will be signposted.

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Children in Need

REMINDER: Friday, 13th November 2026, is Children in Need Day. We are inviting children to come to school on this day wearing something yellow/Pudsey items, or their own clothes for a donation of their choice which should be paid using the link below. Please note we are unable to accept cash donations. Thank you for your support.

BBC Children In Need Donations 2026



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 next 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.



Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Earlier this week, our local PCSO, Aidan Jepson, attended school during morning drop-off to monitor vehicle speeds, parking, and road user courtesy around the school site.

We would like to take this opportunity to politely remind all parents and carers that, to help keep everyone safe, particularly during busy drop-off and collection times when there are many children around, please be mindful of your speed and ensure that you park safely and considerately.

We kindly ask all road users to show courtesy and respect to our neighbours and fellow members of the school community.

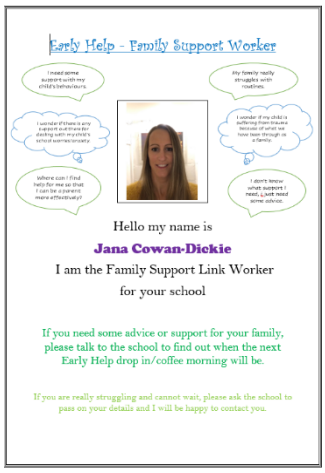
Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

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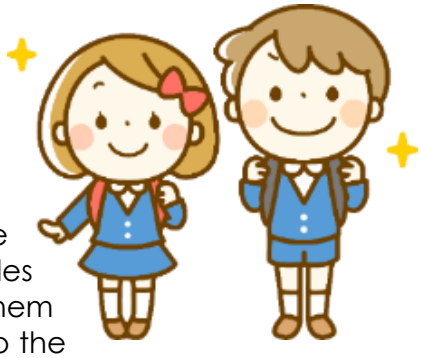
Family Link Worker Clinic

Reminder - Our Family link worker from Cornwall Council, Jana Cowan-Dickie, will be available to meet with parents/carers in school on:

- Thursday 12th November from 9am

If you would like to meet with Jana, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk to register your interest.
If you are unable to make this date but would like to speak to Jana, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and confirm your agreement for school to pass on your contact details to Jana, who will then make contact with you directly.

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

Attendance Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1st Place	Year 5	99.6 %
2nd Place	Year 4	99.2 %
3rd Place	Year 6	98.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars
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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 13th November 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 – Stanley
For being a great role model on the Year R trip to the woods and showing enthusiasm when learning about the autumn changes they saw. Well done, Stanley!

Year 1– Millie
For always following school values and being a friend to everyone. Well done, Millie!

Year 2 – Remi
For her growing confidence in all our learning. Remi is now keen to share her knowledge and understanding with the whole class. Well done, Remi!

Year 3 – Gracie
For being a polite, kind shining star in the classroom. Gracie's positive attitude and caring nature makes her a wonderful friend to all. Well done, Gracie!

Year 4 – Flynn
For settling in to Year 4 so wonderfully. Flynn has already made some fantastic friendships and consistently demonstrates our Connor Downs Academy expectations. Well done, Flynn!

Year 5 – Levi
For his excellent reading of the questions in maths to identify the correct calculation to perform. Well done, Levi!

Year 6 – Harriet
For showing excellent behaviour for learning in class and for creating a beautiful perspective picture in art. Well done, Harriet!

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Writer – Phoebe (Year 6)
For making such a brilliant effort with her handwriting and in her reading comprehension. Well done, Phoebe!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – George (Year 2)
For consistently reading at home every night and sharing his reading with the class. Well done, George!

KS2 Reader – Sienna S (Year 4)
For being consistently dedicated to her reading and for achieving success in all of her quizzes. Well done, Sienna!

Mathematician – Delilah (Year 3)
For being a wonderful mathematician, who confidently uses the column method and shows great understanding of place value. Well done, Delilah!

Numbots/Rock Star – Cecily (Year 5)
For playing regularly and getting 894 questions correct over the last seven days. Well done, Cecily!

Performer – Toby (Year R)
For his lovely singing during the Nativity rehearsals. Toby is learning the words and actions with eagerness and showing confidence and passion when performing them. Well done, Toby!

Character – Elton (Year 1)
For being a kind, caring, determined pupil, who always looks out for his friends and always gives 100% to his learning. Elton is a great role model for the whole school community. Well done, Elton!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
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Dates for Diary – Autumn 2

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

Monday 4th January 2027 – First day of spring term

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