



Friday 9th May 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and that you were able to enjoy the bank holiday weekend! This week has been very busy with some exciting news coming from our Year 6 cricket team.



Year 1 – Pendennis Castle

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Pendennis Castle. We completed a workshop all about the castle – learning that Henry VIII built Pendennis and St.Mawes Castle to help protect the waters around Falmouth and Truro during the Spanish Armada. After this we went upstairs to explore the discovery boxes – we learnt how medicine, lighting, crockery and writing equipment were used during these times. After lunch Mr Gallagher gave us a very informative

tour of the castle, we learnt lots about the different parts of the castle and the cannons. The children had an amazing day and thoroughly enjoyed their trip. We would all like to say a massive thank you to all the

volunteers that made our trip a brilliant, enjoyable success.



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Years 5/6 Softball Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday, a mixed team of Year 5 and Year 6 boys took part in a softball cricket tournament held at St Just Cricket Club. They played a total of 4 games against other local schools, winning every game, with a huge total of 499 runs!



We are excited to share that this incredible win takes them to the final at Truro Cricket Club on 2nd July 2025.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported the team at St Just.

Good Luck for the final!



Year 3 – PE

The focus of PE this term for Year 3 is to look at what makes an effective team, with the focus on problem solving games.

The Intent question in recent weeks has been: How can we collaborate and communicate to be effective team members?

As a result, the children have really enjoyed solving problems while developing their co-operation, resilience and team building skills.



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Year 6 SATs



A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that next week your child will sit their **SATs assessments** between **Monday 12th May and Thursday 15th May**. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk

and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you. I am sure you will join me in wishing all the Year 6 pupils the very best of luck for next week. They have all worked so hard this year and we are all so proud of you!

Census Day Lunch

On Thursday, May 15, 2025, 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 May 15th, it impacts our funding for the remainder of the year. 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 and May, annually.

Here is the menu for the census day:



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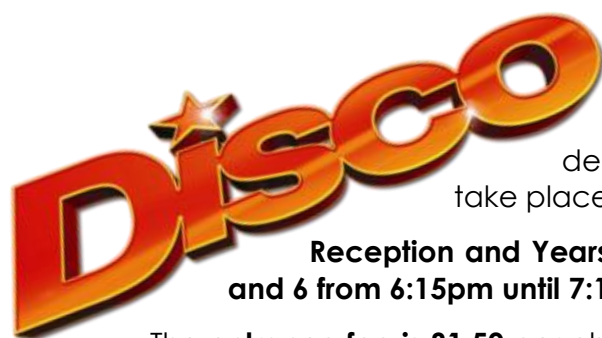
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Pre-Loved Uniform

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.



Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that their summer term disco will take place on **Thursday, 22nd May 2025**.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

Please could we ask all parents/carers to ensure they send their child with a named wallet/purse containing their money for refreshments so that each child's money is kept safe. Thank you.

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. **Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected. Thank you.**

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Tempest School Photographs – Class Photos

Tempest will be coming into school after half term on **Tuesday 10th June 2025** to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform (this also includes navy and white gingham summer dresses with a navy cardigan with the Connor Downs Academy logo), including black school shoes only.



As a reminder, if your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Any hair accessories must be small and, in the school, navy colour.

Thank you.



Super Saturday
Egg Drop Challenge

Put your problem solving and engineering skills to the test in this fun and creative challenge!

Saturday 7th June 2025 10am - 12pm

Book your child's place here:
<https://forms.gle/ZTARdTYzuZLJRot8>

Hayle Academy – Super Saturday Event

Please see poster for the next Super Saturday event being held at Hayle Academy on Saturday 7th June. This is open to current Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Please use the link below to book:

<https://forms.gle/NeiFm1BTz2WVcs5t5>

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 1	99.1 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	98.6 %
3 rd Place	Year 4	98.5 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 9th May 2025

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 spring term, on **Friday 16th May 2025** 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 – Remi

For her amazing drawings and creations linked to our topic of Minibeasts. Well done, Remi!

Year 1 – Robyn

For always showing amazing an attitude for learning and being such a great role model in Year 1. Well done, Robyn!

Year 2 – Freddie Ow.

For his lovely artwork surrounding Henri Rousseau. Well done, Freddie!

Year 3 – Remy

For showing confidence when answering questions in maths to find fractions of amounts. Well done, Remy!

Year 4 – Stella

For always showing politeness and respect, excellent behaviour for learning and always being ready to learn. Well done, Stella!

Year 5 – Billy

For his ability to shine in all subjects and the wealth of knowledge he brings to class discussions. Well done, Billy!

Year 6 – Zoey

For her brilliant attitude towards all her work in every subject. Zoey is a great role model to all her peers. Well done, Zoey!

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Writer – Alice (Year R)

For her fantastic sentence writing. Alice is now using tricky words in her sentences. Well done, Alice!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Amelia (Year 1)

For reading at home every night and doing so well with her phonics. Well done, Amelia!

KS2 Reader – Sarah (Year 6)

For showing such great concentration in reading lessons, which in turn is helping with the fantastic amount of AR quizzes that Sarah has passed. Well done, Sarah!

Mathematician – Sydney (Year 5)

For taking such care and precision when working on coordinates and translation. Well done, Sydney!

Numbots/Rock Star – Eryss (Year 6)

For her dedication during class time on TT Rockstars and Sumdog to build your maths skills. Well done, Eryss!

Performer – Bruce (Year 3)

For being a great team player, showing patience and resilience in our PE problem solving game to 'cross the river' using only ropes. Well done, Bruce!

Character – Eden (Year 2)

For always showing kindness to her friends and offering help to others. Well done, Eden!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Are you a parent/carer with questions about ASD or ADHD and how to support your child?

Drop in to Hayle Family Hub for our ND coffee morning
hosted by Early Help Penwith. Children welcome.

Friday 6th June 9:30-11:30

Meet with other parents and have a chat with our
friendly guest professionals from:

Neurodevelopmental Assessment Team

Headstart Kernow

Educational Psychology

Autism in Schools

Family Information Service

Plus, information on free workshops for parents.



No need to book, please just pop in on the day 😊



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