



Friday 4th April 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. On behalf of myself and all the staff at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to thank you all for your support over the past term. We hope that you will all have a very Happy Easter holiday and make the most of spending time with family and friends!



As you are aware, at the end of each term, we produce a termly newsletter encompassing all the exciting and engaging work that has taken place in classes during this term. Each class has produced their own 'newsletter' which can be accessed using the following link. Please do take the time to have a look at all the amazing work happening across the academy:

[Connor Downs Academy - Termly newsletter Spring 2025](#)

Year R – Tehidy Woods

Reception Class thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Tehidy Woods on Wednesday. The children were very excited and enthusiastic to explore the woods, looking for squirrels and swans. They used their senses in the woods, to see what they could see, hear, feel and touch. The children even found a den which became their classroom for the morning.

Well done Reception, for an amazing morning displaying excellent behaviour for learning! Thank you to Mrs Allen for supporting the visit!



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National Surf Lifesaving Championships



Over the weekend, Seth, Spencer and Barney took part in the National Surf Lifesaving Championships held at Cardiff International Pool, Wales. Seth, competed on Saturday representing Portreath Surf Lifesaving Club and Barney, also representing Portreath Surf Lifesaving Club, and Spencer representing Hayle Surf Lifesaving Club, competed on Sunday. They were competing against clubs from all across the country. All three boys performed brilliantly, winning medals in a variety of races, including the Manikin carry and the individual board race. We are so proud of their fantastic achievements. Congratulations and well done to all three!



Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for arranging a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt for all classes and for their donations of chocolate eggs for all the pupils.

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy wish all the children and their families a very Happy Easter!



After school clubs – Summer Term

A list of the after-school clubs on offer for next term has been sent to all families along with this newsletter.

Please book your child's space via the Arbor App. **The portal will open for bookings from 9:00am on Monday 7th April and close at 9:00am on Monday 21st April.**

All clubs run by external providers, ELDA Dance, Kidslingo Spanish and Sports4Tots will begin in the first week back after Easter, beginning **Tuesday 22nd April.**

All school led clubs will begin in the week beginning **Monday 28th April.**

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Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that 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.

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.

Hayle Academy – Super Saturday Event

Super Saturday Event for
Years 4 and 5

THE WONDERS OF SCIENCE

Complete a range of experiments to discover the awe in the world we live in! Through biology or chemistry, be prepared to be amazed!

Saturday 3rd May 10am - 12pm

Book using the link:
<https://forms.gle/Q8LPgQHhPA1nDFqxZ>

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Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	99.4 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	97.3 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	97.0 %

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025** for the start of the summer term.



Hayle Library – Easter Colouring Competition

Easter Colouring Competition

All ages welcome!

Pick up your colouring and collaging
Easter Competition Card from
Hayle Library



Chocolate prizes to be won!



**Closing date midday Saturday
19th April**

Opening hours

Monday 9.30am-5pm

Wednesday 9.30am-5pm

Friday 9.30am-5pm

Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

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Dates for Diary – Summer Term 2025

Monday 7th April 2025 to Monday 21st April 2025 – Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April – 1st day of summer term
Monday 28th April – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 1 of 3
Monday 28th April – Friends of Connor Downs Academy Meeting – 3:30pm
Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Monday 12th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 2 of 3
Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATS exams
Monday 19th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 3 of 3
Thursday 22nd May – FOCD A Discos – Years R, 1 and 2 – 5:00pm – 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Friday 23rd May – Last day of first half of summer term – **FINISH 3:15pm**

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May – Half term holiday – school closed

Monday 2nd June – 1st of second half of summer term
Monday 2nd June – Friday 13th June – Year 4 Multiplication Checks (MTC)
Wednesday 4th June – Careers Day
Thursday 4th – Friday 5th June – Year 4 Camp Kernow
Monday 9th June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 1 of 3 – more details to follow
Monday 9th June – Friday 13th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks
Tuesday 10th June – Tempest Class Photos
Monday 16th June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 2 of 3
Thursday 19th June – Sports Day – TBC
Friday 20th June – EYFS/KS1 Fun night and Year 2 sleepover
Monday 23rd June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 3 of 3
Monday 23rd June – Year 3 – Camping on School Field
Tuesday 24th June – Year 4 – Camping on School Field
Wednesday 25th June – Year 5 – Camping on School Field
Thursday 26th June – Year 6 – Camping on School Field
Monday 30th June – Swimming – Year R - Week 1 of 3
Friday 4th July – FOCD A Summer Fayre
Monday 7th July – Swimming – Year R – Week 2 of 3
Monday 14th July – Swimming – Year R – Week 3 of 3
Friday 18th July – Last day of summer term – **FINISH 2PM**
Monday 21st July – INSET DAY – **School closed**
Tuesday 22nd July – INSET DAY – **School closed**
Wednesday 23rd July – INSET DAY – **School closed**

Thursday 24th July – Tuesday 2nd September – Summer Holidays

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Term Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 to Friday 19th December 2025

Wednesday 3rd September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)
Thursday 4th September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)
Friday 5th September - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)
Monday 8th September – **Years 1 – 6 first day of autumn term**
Thursday 23rd October – **Last day of first half of autumn term – 3:15pm Finish**
Friday 24th October - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)
Half Term – Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025
Monday 3rd November – **First day of second half of the autumn term**
Thursday 18th December - **Last day of autumn term – 2pm Finish**
Friday 19th December - **Inset Day** - (School closed to pupils)

Christmas Holidays – Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term

Monday 5th January 2026 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

Monday 5th January – **First day of spring term**
Friday 13th February - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**
Half Term – Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026
Monday 23rd February – **First day of second half of spring term**
Thursday 2nd April – **Last day of spring term – 2pm Finish**

Easter Holidays – Friday 3rd April 2026 to Friday 17th April 2026

Summer Term

Monday 20th April 2026 to Thursday 23rd July 2026

Monday 20th April - **First day of summer term**
Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday (**School Closed**)
Friday 22nd May - **Last day of first half of spring term – 3:15pm Finish**
Half Term – Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026
Monday 1st June – **First day of second half of summer term**
Thursday 23rd July – **Last day of summer term – 2pm Finish**

Summer Holidays – Friday 24th July 2026 – Wednesday 2nd September 2026

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Time2Move Holiday Programme – Easter 2025

The Time2Move Holiday Programme is a programme that is fully funded for those children eligible for benefits related free school meals. Please see the flyer and letter below for further details and to access your child's code.



**TIME MOVE
Holiday Programme**

EASTER 2025

- Activities including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more – for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays from April 7th - 18th

Scan here to book!

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/
Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk
 01872 324287



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Time2Move Holiday Programme – Easter 2025

It is with great pleasure that we can inform you that the Time2Move Holiday Programme for Easter 2025 is live.

The programme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a funded meal for every child. All children are welcome to attend, and it is completely **funded** for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

As a parent or guardian of a child eligible for benefits related free school meals you will need your child's unique code in order to access the activities for free. You can access your child's code quickly and easily at:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move

Once you have this code you can search and book on activities here:

www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme

The activities are all delivered by approved providers with the main focus on fun and enjoyment. So please search for activities near you, book your child's place and we look forward to seeing your child over the Easter holidays.

For any questions regarding the Time2Move Holiday Programme please email Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk or phone 01872 324287.

Yours faithfully

The Time2Move Holiday Programme Team

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PK PORTHCURNO
MUSEUM OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

PLANET PK CHAMPIONS
LET THE WILDNESS IN

SAT 5 APRIL | CLORE LEARNING SPACE | 10:30 - 12:00

INSPIRED BY
THE HERDS

Art Fund_

Join us for an exciting session to create puppets from recycled materials inspired by international art and climate action project THE HERDS, supported by Art Fund.
www.theherds.org

Planet PK Champion is our free, regular environmental club for families. Meet in the Clore Learning Space, PK Porthcurno. Free parking in our carpark for all attendees.

Visit www.pkporthcurno.com/planetpk for further information about Planet PK Champions.

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National Cricket Programmes – All Stars and Dynamos

Registrations are now open and Cornwall has 33 club centres running the summer programmes:

All Stars (5-8 year olds)

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Dynamos (8 – 11 year olds)

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket>

It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised t-shirt**

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk

The poster shows a young girl in a light blue t-shirt and shorts, swinging a red cricket bat. The background is green with white stars and a red cricket ball. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today dynamoscricet.co.uk

The poster features two young girls in yellow t-shirts. One is holding a cricket ball, the other is in a batting stance. The background is a mix of blue, pink, and yellow. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

Fully subsidised places are available:

Cornwall Cricket have continued their [Support Fund for National Programmes](#). Please use the link above to apply, if you believe you will be entitled to free places for your child/children on any programme in Cornwall!

Please bear in mind that this is a limited funding offer, so we would encourage a prompt application.

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Are you the parent or carer of of a preschool (0-5) child?

Drop into St Johns Hall (Penzance Family Hub) on
Wednesday 16th April 9:30-11:30.

Meet with other parents, have a play and have a chat
with our friendly guest professionals about anything from
behaviour, sleep, development, special needs and
everything in between!

Home Start

Thriving Together

Portage

Early Help Family Workers

Information on free workshops for parents

Please drop in on 16th April for a cuppa
and cake!

Children very welcome.



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