



Downsview Newsletter

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9TH MAY
2025

Plastic Free WEEK

At the beginning of the year, Downsview embarked on a journey with the Plastic Free Schools programme. Through this initiative, we have been learning about the issues surrounding plastic pollution and ocean health, and how we can make a difference in our day-to-day lives by making more sustainable choices.

We have also had some very productive discussions with representatives from industry and with the Environment Secretary, Mr Steve Reed, about how to tackle plastic pollution. We are now in the final stage of our journey – it's time to challenge ourselves! The Eco-Committee came up with the idea of holding a Plastic-Free Week to help us reflect on our daily habits and consider more sustainable alternatives.

Plastic-Free Week will take place from Monday 19th May until Friday 23rd May. We are asking that, where possible, children who bring packed lunches or snacks to school come in with no single-use plastic packaging in their lunchboxes.

Please support your child by discussing what alternatives to single-use plastic they can bring to school.



19TH-23RD MAY



We hope that taking part in this initiative will help our children learn how we can reduce plastic pollution and other unnecessary waste, which are endangering our wildlife and environment. It is also an opportunity to encourage greater awareness around littering and the importance of avoiding single-use plastic wherever possible.

This week is all about making small changes to our daily habits – changes that we hope will lead to lasting awareness of how simple switches to more environmentally friendly options can make a real difference.

A waste-free lunch / snack

- Sandwiches in reusable containers.
- Other main dishes, fresh fruits and, fresh vegetables, and treats in a reusable lunch container or containers
- Stainless-steel forks and spoons
- Reusable water bottles containers
- Reusable lunchboxes





DATES FOR THE DIARY...



Mon 12th: SATS WEEK (Year 6)

Thurs 15th: Special Menu - see website for details
(this is free of charge)

Fri 16th: Y6 Crystal Palace Park trip

[LINK TO WEBSITE
CALENDAR...](#)



PLASTIC FREE WEEK



Week of 19th: Cricket Swimming - All Week

Mon 19th: No pens day

Thurs 22nd: Y2 Come Dine with me

Fri 23rd: FOD Mufti day- Please bring donations for Summer Fair

Week of 26th: HALF TERM

Week of 2nd: Dragonfly Swimming all week

Thurs 5th: Hedgehog Pizza Express trip & Y6 Theatre Trip

Fri 6th: FOD Mufti day- Summer Fair- Dare to be different.



Week of 9th: Ladybird Swimming - All Week

Tues 10th: Sports day: N&R: 9.15-11.30 & Y3&4: 13.00-15.00

Thurs 12th: Sports day Y1&2: 9.15-12.00 & Y5&6-13.00-15.00

Fri 13th: Father's Day Assembly N-Y2 & Father's Day Gift Shop

Week of 16th: Cultural week & Wren Swimming - All Week

Tues 17th: FOD - Movie Night (Yrs 2-6)

Weds 18th & 19th: Class Photos

Thurs 19th: Bring your Parent to school day - Spiritual, Moral, Social
& Cultural watch this space for more information about the Parent talk!

Fri 20th: Cultural Dress Up Day.

Week of 23rd: Meet and Greet for new Reception families

Tues 24th: Y5 Secondary transfer meeting- Zoom

June



Term Dates:



22nd April–23rd May 2025

Half Term: 26th– 30th May

2nd June- 21st July

Inset days: 22nd July 2025



1st September - 24th October 2025

Half-term: 27th October - 31st October
2025

3rd November to 19th December 2025

Inset days: 1st and 2nd September 2025



5th January - 27th March 2026

Half Term: 16th- 20th February

Easter holidays: 30th March - 10th
April 2025

Inset days: 5th January 2026



Big LUNCH SUNDAY

AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH

8TH JUNE
1 PM – 5 PM

**Bouncy
Castle!**

Exciting Games
and Activities!

Junior Baking
Competition! Bring
your Cake!
Judging at 3 p.m.

**Food and Ice cream
Free!!!**

**THE EVENT IS FREE BUT PEOPLE
ARE INVITED TO BRING SOME
FOOD TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.**





BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Eco Calendar 2025

MAY

[Link to Eco Calendar](#)

Positive-News

Picture News

What everyday items could be changed to help others?

Three teenagers from Indore, India - Dhruv Chaudhary, Mithran Ladhania, and Mridul Jain - have created a saltpowered fridge. Their goal is to support hospitals in rural areas around the world that lack access to electricity. Their invention, called the Thermavault, was submitted to The Earth Prize, a global competition which aims to inspire young people to solve world-wide problems.

Things to talk about at home...

Share your thoughts on the new fridge invention. Who do you believe will benefit most from it?
Make a list of everyday items at home. Which make your life easier?
Can you think of an item you use that could be improved? How?

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS



China commits to full climate plan

The world's biggest polluter has committed to producing a comprehensive emissions reduction plan by November, covering - for the first time - all economic sectors and greenhouse gases.

During a virtual meeting of world leaders, President Xi Jinping said that "no matter how the international situation changes, China will not slow down its efforts to address climate change".

China previously committed to "carbon neutrality before 2060", but that net zero target did not cover methane, a more potent greenhouse gas than CO₂. The country has since dramatically scaled its clean-tech sector, with some experts predicting that its emissions have peaked.

Xi's comments have been welcomed by some observers, particularly in light of recent backsliding by the US - the world's second largest emitter - but it remains to be seen how ambitious the targets will be. China has committed to publishing its emissions reduction plan before the Cop30 climate conference in November.

[Click here for the clip](#)



UNIFORM REMINDER...

As we transition into the warmer summer months, we would like to remind everyone of our school uniform policy to ensure that all children at Downsvew Primary and Nursery School continue to look smart and feel a sense of belonging to our school community.

Uniform Expectations:

At Downsvew, we are proud of our school uniform, which is designed to be inclusive and welcoming. Here are the key components of our uniform:

Standard Uniform for Reception to Year 6:

- Grey trousers, shorts, or skirt/pinafore
- White shirt or white polo shirt
- Burgundy school jumper or cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Summer dress in pink and white or red and white gingham
- Black closed shoes with flat heels or dark trainers (black, navy, or dark grey) only (no open-toed sandals)



Nursery Uniform:

- Navy tracksuit bottoms with a white polo shirt or house-coloured t-shirt
- Navy tracksuit top or burgundy school jumper/cardigan
- Suitable shoes for outdoor play

PE Kit Requirements:

All children from Nursery to Year 6 are required to wear the correct PE kit on their designated PE days:

- Red, Blue, Yellow, or Green House T-shirt (the School will notify you of your child's House Colour)
- Downsvew Navy Blue Tracksuit
- Appropriate length black shorts or plain black leggings (under tracksuit if appropriate)
- Black trainers or Plimsolls (please note that gymnastics is done barefoot)

Important Reminder:

We have noticed that some children are coming into school wearing black cycling shorts on non-PE days. Please remember that if your child chooses to wear shorts, they should be grey, between mid-thigh and knee length—no shorter. This guideline helps maintain the smart appearance we strive for at Downsvew.

Additional Information:

- The nearest local supplier for branded items is Bubblegum Children's and School Wear, located at 113 High Street, Thornton Heath, Surrey, CR7 8RZ. Telephone: 020 8683 2773.
- We also hold a termly second-hand uniform sale, with details published in the School Newsletter. For enquiries about second-hand uniform at other times, please contact the School Office.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that our children adhere to the uniform policy, which fosters a sense of unity and pride within our school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the uniform, please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support!



Who is the new pope?

A new pope has been announced! Cardinal Robert Prevost will be the 267th pope, becoming the head of the worldwide Catholic Church and history's first ever North American pope. His name was announced after cardinal Mamberti spoke the words 'Habemus papam!' Latin for a pope! His appointment was revealed on Thursday when white smoke was seen rising from the Sistine Chapel confirming the news to the world.

Learn more about this story- [CLICK HERE](#)

What this useful video- [CLICK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for the lesson to go through with your child/ren

Thank you for the food.
It was super yummy!



Very good food.
We loved the
cake!



I am set for the day with
such delicious food. Thank
you for having us at Cafe
Downsview!



The sweet and sour was
really delicious and the
company was great too!



CDWM
Y5



Thank you all. I
had a wonderful
time with Eden.



BIRTHDAY BBQ



Joey wanted to say a massive thank you to all of his Besties- [CLICK HERE](#)
[CLICK here](#) to watch his birthday video

Y2 Mosque Trip

On Wednesday 30th April Year 2 went on a trip to Croydon Mosque as part of our RE Topic on Islam. The children were given a talk on the religion and they had the opportunity to ask questions. They children asked some really intelligent questions about the Arabic calligraphy as well as the large chandelier in the main hall of the mosque. We were very proud of the children's behaviour.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

After winning the Croydon league this season, the boys football team travelled to Royal Russell school to take part in the final of the Croydon cup against Cumnor House. The boys were all very excited and eager to get started.



They played an outstanding match and came runners up in the game narrowly losing 3-2. Downsview came 2nd out of 60 schools across the borough. We are all very proud of all the hard work and dedication shown from the boys during this season. I would also like to thank the parents for their unwavering support.

We've been busy behind the scenes getting everything ready for Jumping Jacks Day, which is happening tomorrow—Saturday 10th May!



The weather is looking great, and we can't wait to see you all there! If you haven't grabbed your tickets yet—no worries! Just come along and buy on the gate for £12.50. We'll be accepting both cash and card.



Now, a little throwback to the Joey Bar event—as promised, here are a few photos capturing the fun!

A huge thank you once again for all your generous hamper donations, and to the children and teachers who worked so hard to make them look beautiful.

We hope you all enjoyed your scrumptious chocolate bars, and if you were one of the 52 lucky winners, we hope your prize made you smile!



Support Our School Lottery – It's a WIN-WIN!

Did you know that by playing the Downsview School Lottery, you're not just in with a chance to win up to £25,000—you're also helping us fund new books for the school library each year!

Tickets are just £1 each



Easy to join online: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play and search for: **Downsview Primary** or scan the QR code



Every ticket helps us grow our library and inspire young readers—thank you for your support!

As you know, we have a **Mufti Day coming up on Thursday 23rd May**—and this time, instead of cash donations, we're asking for contributions to support our upcoming **Summer Fair!**

We're looking for the following items:

- Sweets
- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Hamper fillers (just like the rainbow hampers—no colour theme this time!)
- Small toys, party bag fillers, keyrings (used items welcome if in excellent condition)
- Any new toys or games

Your generous donations help us put together amazing prizes and activities for the fair, while raising essential funds for the school.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

SECOND HAND TOYS MUST BE IN GOOD USEABLE CONDITION



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

There's plenty to look forward to!



Friday 23rd May - FOD Mufti day *with donations for the summer fair*

Friday 13th June - Father's day gift shop

Tuesday 17th June - Surprise event

Friday 20th June - Dare to be different day

Friday 4th July - Summer fair

Watch this space



ECO Refill Shop:

• Washing up liquid 100ml	40p
• Hand wash 100ml	55p
• Body Wash 100ml	55p
• Shampoo 100ml	70p
• Conditioner 100ml	70p

Important Dates!
Jumping Jacks Day - **10th May**
Summer Fair - **4th July**
Next Uniform Sale - **18th July**

Bring your own bottle, or get one from us!
CASH and CARD payments are now both accepted

We Keep Adding sales dates, so watch this space!



UNIFORM SALE

NEXT SALE

Friday 18th July

Every item £1 or fill a bag for £5

Plus free items (t-shirts, tights, socks, etc)

Please note items are not damaged but need a wash



**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle**

Help us to reuse uniforms and save the environment!

Please donate any clean, undamaged uniform in the red bin outside the office at the recycling point.

Visit the FOD website for all event bookings

Celebrations

Values

Nursery
Robyn
Reception
Clara
Aviel
Aisha
Y1 - Nevaeh
Y1 - Innes
Y1 - Aniyah-Leigh
Y2 - Viola
Y2 - Raphael
Y2 - Theo
Y3 - Ava
Y3 - Luna-Rae
Y3 - Alice
Y4 - George
Y4 - Rae-Rae
Y4 - Khadijatu
Y5 - Leon
Y5 - Amari
Y5 - Ryan
Y6 - Lili
Y6 - Muna
Y6 - Raheem

Effort

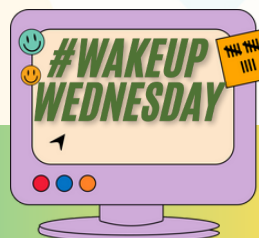
Nursery
Eesa
Reception
Kaly
Alicia
Haile
Y1 - Mustabshira
Y1 - Izaak
Y1 - Zane
Y2 - Noah
Y2 - Joshua
Y2 - Maurice
Y3 - Kartah
Y3 - Oliver
Y3 - Aliabbas
Y4 - Naif
Y4 - Folasade
Y4 - Lincoln
Y5 - Arianwen
Y5 - Safiya
Y5 - Raegan
Y6 - Ezekiel
Y6 - Ilona
Y6 - Alex

Fostering a sense of belonging

A strong sense of belonging is the foundation for emotional wellbeing 🍷 confidence 💪 and academic success 📚 But how can schools and families create truly inclusive environments where every child feels seen, heard, and valued? Our free guide has the answers 📖

Packed with ten practical, easy-to-apply tips — like celebrating individuality 🎉 promoting participation 🧑 and tackling bullying head-on 🚫 — this free guide empowers parents and educators to foster a culture of belonging at school and at home 🏠

[Click here for more information](#)



Red House Winners



Attendance

Infant: Thistle
KS2: Goldfinch

Gentle Reminder...

We kindly ask that the playground is cleared by 3:30pm, and by 3:45pm on Fridays. This is to ensure that our clubs and extended schools can safely use the grounds, and that only authorised individuals remain on site.

We also request that no football games take place anywhere on the playground. Due to the high number of children and adults moving around at these times, it becomes unsafe to have a ball in play. Additionally, our staff are unable to supervise these games, and should an incident occur, we may not be able to address it due to other responsibilities and workloads.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep the school grounds safe for everyone.

