



Downsview Newsletter

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16TH MAY
2025

Well Done Y6

As we reflect on another SATs week that has come and gone, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible role each of you plays in the growth and development of our Year 6 children.

We all know that SATs tests do not define a person or measure their true intelligence. However, they are a significant part of the Year 6 experience. This week, our children have shown remarkable resilience and determination, and I believe this is a testament to the support and guidance they have received from not only our dedicated staff but also from you, their families.

Every member of our school community contributes to our children's journey—not just through academic learning, but by nurturing their confidence, friendships, emotional intelligence, teamwork and the spirit of looking out for one another. It is amazing to witness our children embodying the values we strive to instil in them.

I want to extend a special thank you to all of you for being such supportive partners in your children's education. Our tri- partnership—between staff, parents and children—ensures that we are all working together as a team to do what is best for our children. Families and friendships matter and it is through this collaboration that we create a nurturing environment where kindness truly wins every time.

As we move forward into the final weeks of the school year, let us continue to support our children as they navigate this important transition. We are all so proud of their achievements and the wonderful individuals they are becoming.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our school commun



Cubing Club

Lunchtime



In the Summer 2 term, two Yr 6 children (Felix and Humphrey) are going to be running a cubing club at **lunchtimes on Wednesday's**, the venue will change each week depending on the weather, but they would like children to **sign up if they are interested and committed to coming every Wednesday**. There are a maximum of 15 places for children in years 4-6. Here is what they have to say about their club.

In this club the children can either learn how to solve a Rubiks cube, race against others or just chill and solve different cubes together. The cubes will be provided but if you have your own, you can bring this along. **On a Wednesday you can go for lunch at 12.15 and then meet us in the outdoor classroom at 12.30pm**. If you are dedicated and want to learn how to cube, sign up with us on the Monday after half term at lunchtime. We will be in the outdoor classroom at 12.30pm.

**BREAKING
NEWS**

MAYOR OF LONDON

Date: May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Delivering universal free school meals (UFSM) in London's primary schools has been one of my proudest achievements. I am delighted that all primary school children in state-funded schools will continue to receive free school meals for as long as I am Mayor.

Over the last two academic years, I have seen first-hand the transformative impact of this important intervention, ensuring that no child goes hungry and giving all children the best possible chance to succeed.

At a time when the cost of living is still so high, I hope this program has offered some financial relief to your family – potentially saving parents and carers over £500 per year per child. It is hugely encouraging to see research show that UFSM in London are also improving nutrition, behaviour, concentration, energy levels and parent-school relationships.

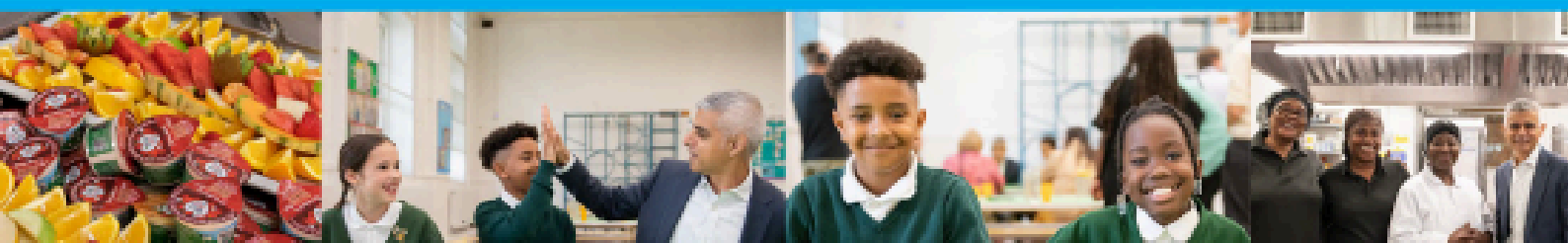
Even though your child will continue receiving free school meals automatically, it remains vitally important to register for the Government's free school meals if you meet the criteria.

This will ensure you receive other benefits you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays. It could also bring the school an extra £1,480 in funding per child. That is more money for extra-curricular activities, teacher development, and support for children who need it most.

Please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or speak to your school for further information on how to register.

I am immensely proud that we have funded over 70 million free school meals to date, with hundreds of thousands of London's primary school children benefitting every day. I know this is just one part of the help families need to support their families.

I will continue to do all I can to support Londoners of all backgrounds, as we build a fairer, better and healthier London for everyone.

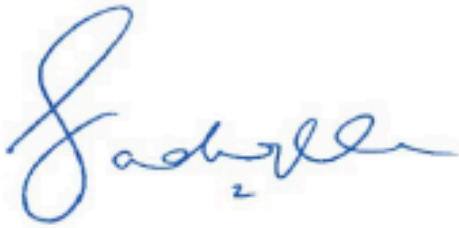


MAYOR OF LONDON

I have been writing to you with updates termly since I announced this programme in 2023. Now that we near the end of the second year of UFSM, there will be fewer updates to provide you with, so I will only write to you if and when there is new information to share.

I also want to thank you, the parents and carers, for the role you play in building the strong and caring communities that help your children to have the best start in life. Working together, we can build a London that is healthier, fairer and more prosperous for everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

We recognise the crucial role we play in shaping young people's development with healthy school meals and nutritionally balanced dishes that bring fresh, locally sourced ingredients to the table. At the same time, we encourage them to take an interest in food and make informed choices, by providing varied and well thought-out menus, and an excellent dining room experience.





DATES FOR THE DIARY...



PLASTIC FREE WEEK

Week of 19th: Cricket Swimming - All Week

Thurs 22nd: Y2 Come Dine with Me

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

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



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
Mon 9th: Yr 5 Trip to London Eye
Tues 10th: Yr 5 Everyone's invited Workshop (Safeguarding) - TBC
Tues 10th: Sports day: N&R: 9.15-11.30 & Y3&4: 13.00-15.00
Weds 11th: Yr 5 Everyone's invited Workshop (Safeguarding) - TBC
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
Fri 13th: Yr 5 Everyone's invited Workshop (Safeguarding) - TBC



June



Week of 16th: Cultural week & Wren Swimming - All Week
Tues 17th: Surprise event! Watch this space for details!
Weds 18th: Class Photos
Thurs 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 - TBC

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

UNLEASH YOUR INNER GENIE

Disney
Aladdin JR.

EARLY BIRD OFFER
BOOK BY 1ST JUNE

SUMMER CAMP 2025

APPEAR ON STAGE IN THIS AMAZING MUSICAL!

Kingsdale Foundation School
Dulwich, London
18th to 22nd August 2025

Ages 5 to 16

- ✦ Week long camp & Performance
- ✦ Led by our professional actors
- ✦ 10% off for additional siblings

FREEDOM ACADEMY WWW.FREEDOMACADEMY.CO.UK/CAMPS

REALS DAN'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL JR.
THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL.
ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI WWW.MTIDIGERS.CO.UK



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.



Plastic Free WEEK



At the beginning of the year, Downsview Primary School embarked on a transformative journey with the Plastic Free Schools programme, focusing on the critical issues of plastic pollution and ocean health.

As the final stage of this journey, the Eco-Committee has proposed a Plastic-Free Week to encourage reflection on daily habits and explore sustainable alternatives. Plastic-Free Week will run from Monday, 19th May to Friday, 23rd May. During this week, we encourage children to bring packed lunches and snacks without any single-use plastic packaging.

Parents are invited to support their children by discussing alternatives to single-use plastics for their lunches. This initiative aims to educate children about reducing plastic pollution and unnecessary waste that threaten wildlife and the environment. By making small changes to daily habits, we hope to instil lasting awareness of the importance of choosing environmentally friendly options, ultimately fostering a culture of sustainability within our school community.

19TH-23RD MAY



BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Eco Calendar 2025

MAY

[Link to Eco Calendar](#)



Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?

A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people—called a popemobile—is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza. Pope Francis, who recently passed away, was the head of the Catholic Church and often spoke about helping others. One of his final wishes was to help children affected by the conflict in Gaza. The vehicle will be refitted with medical equipment, as found in ambulances, so it can be used to aid children in areas where hospitals may be hard to reach. The project aims to deliver essential medical care to those who need it.

Things to talk about at home...

What is your opinion of Pope Francis' decision to donate the popemobile? Why do you believe he decided to do this? Ask someone at home about their thoughts. Have you ever donated something? Could it be harder to donate something that's important to you? Can you think of examples of different times when people might donate items to help others?



[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS



Solar canopies mooted for UK car parks

For years, campaigners have asserted that supermarket car parks offer untapped potential for solar power. This week, the UK government started listening.

On Wednesday, it proposed mandating solar panels on car parks in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. A "call for evidence" has now been launched for the idea, which France has already embraced: large car parks in the country must be fitted with overhead solar canopies by 2028.

"Right now, the sun is shining on hundreds of thousands of car parking spaces across the country which could be used to power our homes and businesses," said energy secretary Ed Miliband.

"We want to work with businesses and car park operators to turn our car parks into solar carports to save families and businesses money with clean, homegrown British energy."

Goal 7:

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.



[Click here for the clip](#)

Y3 WRITING

WISHING TALES

This week, Y3 have been writing their own wishing tales after several weeks of immersing themselves in the amazing story 'The Tin Forest'. The children have been carefully curating their toolkits over the weeks, learning how to be ambitious with vocabulary, use a variety of fronted adverbials and using expanded noun phrases with prepositions to help build a picture in the reader's mind. We are so proud of their writing!

There was once a boy that ^{longed} to see ^{exotic} animals in ^{exotic} creatures. ^{Every} year, he went to the Amazon Rainforest, it was a long boring journey. ^{As} he travelled he dreamed of ^{exotic} animals, ^{exotic} creatures and he ^{couldn't} wait to see all the ^{exotic} animals.

Eventually, he got off the plane and ^{was} ^{amazed} ^{because} all the ^{animals} were ^{so} ^{exotic}. ^{So}, he saw the ^{animals} were ^{so} ^{exotic}. He ^{was} ^{so} ^{amazed} that he ^{couldn't} wait to see all the ^{exotic} animals.

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After a ^{while}, the boy discovered some people and he ^{was} ^{so} ^{amazed} that he ^{couldn't} wait to see all the ^{exotic} animals.

There was once a girl who loved the blue ocean. ^{Excitedly}, she was visiting some friends who lived near it. She was ^{very} excited! ^{While} she travelled, she ^{dreamed} of all the things she would see.

When she ^{arrived}, she ^{was} ^{so} ^{shocked} that her mouth dropped in shock! The beach was filled with all the things that nobody wanted. There was plastic on the floor, ^{broken} toys and ^{broken} toys. It was so sad for her, that she just ^{couldn't} describe it!

Each day, she tried to tidy away the ^{excess} rubbish, ^{sorting} and ^{sorting}, ^{re-arranging} and ^{collecting}. But despite all her hard work, it was all for nothing. With a ^{broken} heart, she went back home.

Eagerly and happily, she set off into the village ^{making} a large project. ^{Soon}, she had a ^{huge} group of people with her! They all carried ^{bags} of ^{plastic} and ^{plastic}. In just a few hours, the beach was as great as new!

There was once a girl who loved animals. ^{After} the sun set, she travelled to her cousin's house which was next to the ^{ocean}. ^{While} she ^{travels}, she ^{dreamed} of all the ^{exotic} animals she was going to see. She dreamed of ^{rainy} elephants, ^{wild} black panthers and ^{wild} parrots.

But when she ^{arrived} at the ^{ocean}, it was ^{horrible}! Animals were injured and ill.

Every day, the girl tried to put out the ^{fire} but it did not help. ^{Tragically}, there was ^{too} much so she ^{sadly} went to her cousin's.

The next ^{day}, she had an idea. She ^{asked} her cousin to call the fire ^{brigade} to put out the ^{fire} and they ^{arrived} and they ^{put} it out.

There was once a ^{naughty} boy who loved nature and football. And he was ^{very} excited because he was going to his friend's house near the Amazon! He dreamed of the nature he was going to see and the football he was going to ^{play}.

But when Laurie arrived at the ^{beach}, he was shocked to see not ^{just} nature but ^{rubbish}! ^{Disgust} filled Laurie's ^{mind} as he ^{couldn't} see any sand. It was only rubbish, only rubbish.

The boy tried to tidy away the empty cans of beer but it was ^{so} much, ^{plain} and ^{dirty}. Laurie ^{laughed} back to his friend's house. He was so fed up of ^{tidying} up the ^{rubbish}.

Next morning, Laurie woke up with an ^{excellent} idea! With his friends help Laurie ^{dashed} outside and ^{begged} everyone with ^{twinkling} eyes to help and in ^{exactly} 5 minutes everyone on the island was helping and in ^{roughly} an hour the ^{beach} was ^{spotless}!

There was once a ^{naughty} girl who loved sea creatures every year she would visit her ^{friend}. She ^{dreamed} of all the life under the sea. ^{Respectful} fish, ^{friendly} and ^{strong} fish.

When she got there, she was ^{shocked} how messy it was. The animals were ^{struggling}. She tried to help but it was ^{so} hard and ^{difficult}.

The girl's ^{heart} ^{ached} she could hear the ^{whispering} of the ^{speaking} of the ^{can}, ^{empty} bottles and plastic. The girl ^{quickly} went home.

The next day, she had a ^{big} idea. She ^{jumped} out of bed and went to the village and went up and down ^{until} she had a ^{big} idea. They ^{cleaned} huge amounts of ^{rubbish} and their ^{mission} was ^{complete}.

What a fantastic day we had at Jumping Jacks!

Thank you to everyone who came along, the weather was on our side, the turnout was brilliant, and most importantly, we hope you and your families had lots of fun!



We're thrilled to share that the event raised a much-needed boost of £3,000 towards this year's fundraising goals.

Wow!

Huge thanks to all the volunteers, stallholders, and supporters who made it happen!



COMING SOON

Superman Day gift shop
Friday 13th June



Don't forget our Superman Day Gift Shop is coming up on Friday 13th June!

It's a lovely chance for children to choose a small gift for a special father figure in their life, whether that's Dad, Grandad, an uncle, or someone else who means a lot to them.

Gifts are £3.50 each, and you can buy as many as you like, but **please note: there will be one gift to choose from.**

More details coming soon, but for now, pop the date in your diary.

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 & alcoholic drinks
- Hamper fillers (no colour theme this time!)
- Small toys, party bag fillers, keyrings (used items welcome if in excellent condition)
- Any new toys or games
- Party and gift bags (good condition, any size, not essential to be new)



Your generous donations go a long way in helping us create exciting prizes and experiences for the children. Thank you again for your ongoing support!

SECOND HAND TOYS MUST BE IN GOOD USEABLE CONDITION



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

MAY

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

JUNE

Friday 20th June - Dare to be different day

JULY

Friday 4th July - Summer fair

Minimal ECO Refill Shop:

• Washing up liquid 100ml	40p	Bring your own bottle, or get one from us!
• Hand wash 100ml	55p	
• Body Wash 100ml	55p	CASH and CARD payments are now both accepted
• Shampoo 100ml	70p	
• Conditioner 100ml	70p	

Important Dates!
Summer Fair - 4th July
Next Uniform Sale - 18th July

We Keep Adding sales dates, so watch this space!

UNIFORM SALE

NEXT SALE

Friday 18th July



**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle**

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

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



**BLOOM
THROUGH
NATURE**

FOREST SCHOOL

Mr B and Miss Dickens

Date: 27th -28th May

Time: 9am-3pm

Year Groups: Reception-Year 6

Downsview Primary School

**Cost:£35 per day price includes campfire
snacks and materials for bush craft**

**For more information or to book a place
please email:**

Bloomthroughnatureforestschool@outlook.com

Celebrations

Values

Nursery
Ibrihim
Reception
Osheli
Maison
Noah
Y1 - Ethan
Y1 - Ava
Y1 - Khadijah
Y2 - Maryam
Y2 - Aria
Y2 - Sophia
Y3 - Kaya
Y3 - Amirah
Y3 - Taliyah
Y4 - Razia
Y4 - Daria
Y4 - Rae-Rae
Y5 - Danyaal
Y5 - David
Y5 - Zara

Effort

Nursery
Dua
Reception
Mark
Safiyah
Ayla
Y1 - Chima
Y1 - Nikeet
Y1 - Auriella
Y2 - Anusha
Y2 - Leonardo
Y2 - Zabit
Y3 - Armando
Y3 - Leonardo
Y3 - Hannah
Y4 - Karim
Y4 - Susie
Y4 - Harlie
Y5 - Amelie
Y5 - Jacob
Y5 - Havish

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House Winners



Attendance

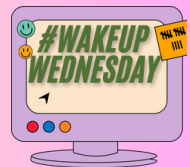
Infant: Daffodill
KS2: Wren

OUR Heros



Pavlin and Florence - found a wounded Parakeet during PE lesson this week. When they saw the state of the poor bird they set off on their very own rescue mission. Ms Wakenell and the children of Downsview have been caring for this bird since. We are all hoping for a quick recovery.

Minecraft 2025



Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft has hundreds of millions of players - making it more important than ever to stay informed. With its vibrant worlds 🌍 and endless potential for creativity 🧱 it's no wonder Minecraft continues to capture young imaginations 🎮

With the Minecraft movie hitting cinemas in April, interest in the game has remained strong 🎬 But whether they're mining resources or building digital castles, children could also encounter strangers, scary content or bullying behaviour online.

We've created this free guide offering parents and educators the latest top tips on how to keep children safe from issues like grieving, chat risks, and unintended purchases, while still embracing the game's educational and creative benefits 🎮💡

[Click here for more information](#)