



Downsview Newsletter

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2025

Exciting times ahead...

As we approach the end of a busy half term, I want to take a moment to remind everyone of all the exciting activities we have lined up. Next half term will be filled with many memorable events, including our upcoming Sports Days, the Father's Day assembly for Nursery to Year 2 and our much-anticipated Culture Week. During Culture Week, we will focus on Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development, culminating in a Bring Your Parent to School Day (BYPTSD).

We are also excited to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children and their families, as well as continuing swimming lessons for Year 4 and Year 5. Our summer performance is just around the corner, along with numerous end-of-year celebrations for our Year 6 children, including their production. There is so much to look forward to!

This half term, our core value has been Trust. We have engaged in meaningful discussions and reflections on what trust means to us as adults and from the children's perspective. It has been heartening to see our children embody this value in their interactions, fostering a supportive and respectful environment within our school community.

As we move into the next half term, we will focus on Cooperation. This value encourages us to work together, support one another and appreciate the diverse strengths each individual brings to our community. We will explore how cooperation enriches our learning experiences and helps us achieve our goals together.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Wishing you all a wonderful half term break!

PLATINUM

Taalia, Kali, Amareon, Aisha, Zephyr, Rory, Hana, Lili, Osheli, Hailei, Dahlia, Josie, Maidah, Ahmad, Mohammed, Bayleigh, Aiden, Bella, Betty, Hannah, Makaii, Alicia, Noah, Micah, Romi, Aviel, Rabia, Bea, Musta, Osian, Luke, Wren, Izaak, Zahra, Allegra, Sophie, Owen, Teddy, Livsey, Nancy, Ayva, Ananya, Aniya, Esther, Inayah, Karan, Layla, Amelia, Noor, Zahara, Duncan, Sonny, Leo, Aarvi, Medhi, Luqmaan, Machai, Serah, Sam, Dylan, Maryam, Zuri, Zofia, Nuriyah, Viola, Thomas, Uraz, Arsheen, Muhammad-Saad, Zabit, Adam, Esme, Kevin, Rivka, Zeus, Arianna, Darcey, Laurie, Iyzah, Lily, Luna-Rae, Minnah, Rebecca, Sam, Rose, Muhammad, Ariana, Joshua, Aya, Zaynab, Neive, Akaylah, Eryk, Evelyn, Aliabbas, Leo, Ada, Isa, Imogen, Millie, Aaliyah, Olivia-Rose, Joshua, Ije, Fabian-Ray, Rae Rae, Sariyah, Sara, Daria, Antonia, Olivia, Hector, Bilal, Jival, Cian, Otto, Arya, Edie, Vedika, ZaynMuzaynah, Ruby, Aden, Jathiya, Haniya, Safiya, Nia, Abdullah, Sofia, Evie, Hajra, Amelie, Phoebe, Daisy, Hazel, Raegan, Akashi, Sam, Manuella, David, Shannon, Penny, Paula, Pedro, Ella, Melissa, Ryan, than, Lucas, Zaynah, Antonio, Jessie, Nella, umberto, Lili, Jasmine, Layla, Ira, Yusuf, Muna, Gabriella, Maame, Jessica, Fatima, Kenoli, Alisson, Felix, Isla, Jacob, Leah, Maariyah, Mahrosh, Megan, Sofia, Farishta



DATES FOR THE DIARY...



NEXT WEEK

WEEK OF 26TH:

HALF TERM

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

June



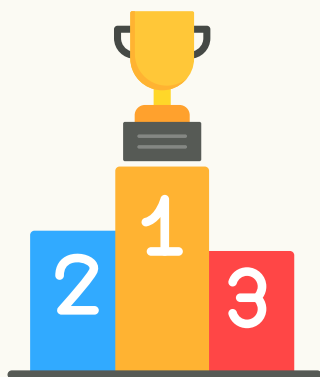
Week of 2nd: Dragonfly Swimming all week

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



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

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

Fri 27th: Y4 Trip to Tate Modern

Term Dates:



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



BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Eco Calendar 2025

MAY

[Link to Eco Calendar](#)

Positive-News

Picture News

What are some special or meaningful ways to remember someone?

The UK government has launched an online exhibition, to show five different designs for a new national memorial for Queen Elizabeth II. The memorial is planned for St James's Park in London, England, and will be made to remember and celebrate the late Queen's 70-year reign. People can look at all five designs online, and the government is inviting the public to share their thoughts via an online form. One design will be chosen in early summer 2025 to become the final memorial.

Things to talk about at home...

Share your thoughts about the idea behind the memorial.

Do you believe this is a good way to remember Queen Elizabeth II?

Talk to someone at home about what you feel the memorial should include and why.

Are there any memorials close to where you live?

Do you know who they are for and why they were made?

Can you think of any other ways we can remember loved ones?

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS



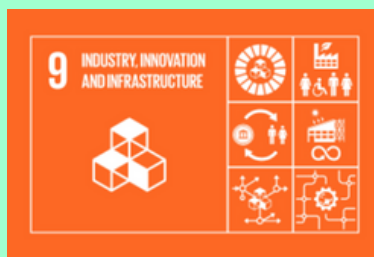
Global EV sales broke records

One in four cars sold globally this year will be electric, the International Energy Agency (IEA) forecast this week, as data showed another record month for EV sales.

"Despite recent economic headwinds ... global sales of electric cars have continued to break records as electric models become increasingly affordable," said the IEA. "In the first three months of 2025, electric car sales were up 35% year-on-year. All major markets, and many others, saw new records for first-quarter sales."

Decarbonising transport is vital in the race to reduce emissions. But while electric vehicles are part of the solution, they have their own environmental issues - notably that the minerals needed to build them lie under ecologically sensitive sites. The best way to travel greenly, campaigners say, is to walk, cycle or take the train.

[Click here for the clip](#)



Trouble

VS

Consequence

This week, we held an assembly focused on understanding the difference between trouble and consequences, a vital part of our commitment to fostering a supportive and restorative school environment at Downsview.

Key Messages from the Assembly:

What is Trouble?

- Feeling afraid
- Being told off
- Not always knowing why something is wrong

What are Consequences?

- A way to learn from mistakes
- A chance to put things right
- Helps everyone feel safe and happy

During the assembly, we shared a story about two friends, Mia and Ellie, which illustrated these concepts beautifully. Mia accidentally broke Ellie's beloved pencil case and initially panicked, fearing she would get into trouble. However, when she chose to be honest, their teacher helped them talk through their feelings and find a way to make things right. This approach not only resolved the situation but also strengthened their friendship.

Encouraging Restorative Practises at Home:

As part of our commitment to Restorative Justice, we encourage parents to reinforce these values at home. **Here are some ways you can support your child in understanding and applying these concepts:**

Discuss Mistakes Openly: Encourage your child to talk about their mistakes without fear of punishment. Ask them how they felt and what they learned from the experience.

Emphasise Making Amends: Teach your child the importance of making things right. Discuss ways they can apologise or help fix a situation when they've made a mistake.

Model Active Listening: Show your child how to listen carefully to others' feelings and perspectives. This will help them understand the impact of their actions.

Create a Safe Space for Honesty: Let your child know that it's okay to be honest about their actions. Reinforce that everyone makes mistakes and that it's a part of learning and growing.

Reflect Together: Encourage your child to reflect on their experiences. Ask them questions like, "When was the last time you made a mistake? How did it feel to be given a chance to fix it?"

Building a Supportive Community:

As we move forward, let's work together to create a community where we support one another in fixing mistakes rather than assigning blame. By fostering an environment of understanding and cooperation, we can help our children grow into empathetic and responsible individuals.

Thank you for your continued support

SMSC and PSHE leads

Mrs Travers and Mrs Barbour-Macleod

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



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REALD DANIEL 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.MTIGROUP.CO.UK

Big LUNCH SUNDAY

AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH

8TH JUNE
1 PM – 5 PM

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

Food and Ice cream Free!!!

Bouncy Castle!
Exciting Games and Activities!

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

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:

Bloomthroughnatureforestscool@outlook.com

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 Rubik's 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.

How fast has this half term flown by? We can't believe we're already heading into the break!



When we return, we've got some exciting things lined up, starting with **Dare to Be Different Day**, now taking place on **Friday 6th June**. It's your child's chance to break the rules (*the fun ones!*) and go wild using their pocket money or savings.

Get ready to go crazy and have some fun!



Rules you **CANNOT** break: age appropriate clothing, no football boots, heels or wheels and no jewellery

Normal school and behaviour rules apply. But **HAVE FUN!**

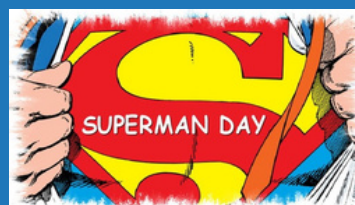
Rules to be Broken:

1. **Wear school uniform**
2. **No Football shirts**
3. **No Chocolate/Sweets for snacks**
4. **No messy or colourful hair**
5. **No nail varnish**
6. **No temporary tattoos**
7. **No make up or face paint**
8. **Only water in water bottles**
9. **No fancy dress**

How it works:

50p for each rule you choose to break. Please give the money to your class teacher

Superman Day gift shop Friday 13th June



We're also gearing up for **Superman Day on 13th June**, our **Father's Day Gift Shop** where children can 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 only be one gift to choose from.*** [Buy yours here](#) or scan here.



We wish you a lovely break—see you on the other side!

Easyfundraising...



Downsview Primary & Nursery School got paid £63.50 this week!

You can raise free donations on all your online shopping with over 8,000 retailers.

Sign up to Easy Fundraising to support them and help them get paid again next time.

[Sign up here](#)

in case you missed it, we will still be accepting donations after half term too, all the way until the day of our Summer Fair (4th July).

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!**



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

JUNE

Friday 6th June - Dare to be different day



**NEW
DATE!**

JULY

Friday 4th July - Summer fair

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

**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.

**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle**

You can still buy School Lottery tickets!

Just **£1 a ticket** for a chance to win up to £25,000 and every ticket helps us buy new books for the school library.



Play at: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

Search: **Downsview Primary** or scan the QR code.

It's a win-win—thank you for your support!

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ECO Refill Shop:

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

Bring your own bottle, or get one from us!

CASH and CARD payments are now both accepted

Important Dates!

Summer Fair - **4th July**
Next Uniform Sale - **18th July**

We Keep Adding sales dates, so watch this space!



Visit the FOD website for all event bookings

Forest School

This term at Forest School, children across the school have been taking part in a variety of different child-led activities. They have been learning to identify flora and fauna across the school site and how to care for it. We have been looking after our new saplings and learning about what they need to survive, promoting respect and appreciation for the natural environment. The children have been exploring a variety of habitats and life cycles, including building and maintaining our bug hotel and observing how frog spawn becomes frogs.

At Forest School, the children are taught to be independent and guide their own learning. They learn to use tools safely and often teach their peers. Year 4 have been whittling wood shavings for the fire, while Reception have been making pendants using palm drills. The children have access to a shed full of loose parts to encourage imaginative play. They use these materials to build slides, swings, boats, rockets and to make potions and mud pies.

We were lucky enough this term to receive funding from the PTA to purchase a new Forest School shelter, a raised fire pit, and a new tripod and grill. These will provide many exciting learning opportunities for our children.





GOLF Festival



TOTAL SCORE 650PTS!

On Tuesday the 20th May 10 children from year 3 and Joey competed a Golf festival at Addington golf course. The children were taught a variety of shots and games including putting and driving the ball to earn points.

Downsview scoring a total of 650 points which was an amazing achievement. The children and Joey all behaved impeccably. Well done to everyone who took part.



JOEY WAS A HIT

Thank you to Megan and Isla from Y6 who looked after our little Joey so that he could go and support the golf term!



Celebrations

Values

Nursery
Jaydan

Reception
Zakayla
Sarah
Zaiyana

Y1 - Hamza
Y1 - Orin
Y1 - Esther

Y2 - Isis
Y2 - Phoebe
Y2 - Luqmaan

Y3 - Marley
Y3 - Ephphatha
Y3 - Anabelle

Y4 - Isa
Y4 - Malik
Y4 - Cici

Y5 - Arjan
Y5 - Hajra
Y5 - Hamza

Y6 - Megan
Y6 - Valentina
Y6 - Yusuf

Effort

Nursery
Bonnie

Reception
Amareon
Leo
Sufyan

Y1 - Lawrence
Y1 - Nancy
Y1 - Mirha

Y2 - Myiel
Y2 - Bryan
Y2 - Dylan

Y3 - Joshua
Y3 - Rebecca
Y3 - Muhammad

Y4 - Cameron
Y4 - Nathan
Y4 - Aamal

Y5 - Willa
Y5 - Abdullah
Y5 - Paula

Y6 - Farishta
Y6 - Maame
Y6 - Soraya

Blue House Winners



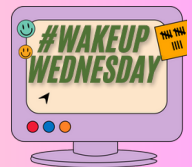
CHANGE MAKERS



Attendance

Infant: Caterpillar
KS2: Juniper

Violence Online



Around 70% of teenagers say they've seen real-life violence on social media in the past year. Violent content online isn't just something young people are occasionally stumbling across - in many cases, it's becoming a routine part of their digital world 📱. From fights 🥊 and stabbings 🗡️ to toxic ideologies 🗣️, disturbing videos are often just a click away on social media or group chats.

This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights the unseen risks this poses to children's mental health 🧠, sense of safety 🛡️, and social behaviours. With insights from a leading expert 🧑🏫, it offers practical ways for parents and educators to respond with empathy 🤝 and support 🤗 - not punishment or panic 🚫.

[Click here for more information](#)

Mathletics

Infants

Gold: Thistle 92%
Silver: Bluebell 66%
Bronze: Daffodil 60%

KS2

Gold: Goldfinch 96%
Silver: Adder 83%
Bronze: Frog 77%

