



# Downsview Newsletter

13TH JUNE  
2025

<https://www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk/>

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**



We are trying to turn our blue shed (next to the gym equipment) into a pre-loved uniform shop for parents and carers. We're very lucky to have received many donated pre-loved items, but now we have nowhere to store them!

The Friends of Downsview's long-term goal was to buy a storage unit, but the cost of this is over £5,000. After careful consideration, we believe this would be a waste of money and won't benefit our children.

Therefore, our Plan B is to make the blue shed watertight, give it a fresh coat of paint, and install some hooks to hang the uniforms on.

If anyone is able to offer help, knows a carpenter who can provide us with a quote, or can point us in the right direction, we would be very grateful.

Thank you!

Mrs. Grey, Ms Pugh and the Friends of Downsview

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

As Father's Day approaches, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the wonderful men in our lives—fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures. These individuals play a vital role in shaping our children's lives and supporting their growth.

To honour this special occasion, we encourage our children to reflect on the positive impact these men have had on them. Whether it's through a thoughtful card, a small gift, or simply sharing a heartfelt message, we invite everyone to express their appreciation.

We would love to hear about the special ways our children are celebrating the men in their lives. Please feel free to share any photos or stories with us, as we would be delighted to feature them in our next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish all the amazing men in our community a very Happy Father's Day!

The word "daddy" is not defined by whether or not a man has a biological child. You can never produce a child and be a Daddy, likewise you can have 20 kids and never be a "daddy".

A Daddy is a man who cares for a child's both physical and emotional needs. He puts the child's wants and needs ahead of his own.

A true Daddy is hard to come by, but a truly special thing.

**Happy Father's Day!**

# DATES FOR THE DIARY...



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

**NEXT  
WEEK**



## Wren Swimming - All Week

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

**Weds 18th:** Class Photos

**Thurs 19th:** Class Photos

Bring your Parent to school day - (8.45-10- see flyer p4)

**Fri 20th:**

Cultural Dress Up Day (see flyer page 4 for more details)  
Year 4 Trip to Tate Modern

**Week of 23rd:** Meet and Greets for new Reception families (23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>)  
Goldfinch Swimming - **All Week**

**Tues 24th:** Y5 Secondary transfer meeting- Zoom - TBC

**Week of 30th: LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**

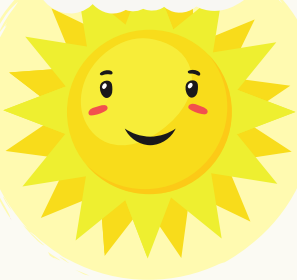
**Tues 1st July:** Nursery Meet & Greets

**Weds 2nd July:** Nursery Meet & Greets

**Thurs 3rd July:** Nursery Meet & Greets  
Year 6 Production!

**Fri 4th July:** Downsview Summer Fair!

June



JULY



## UNIFORM SALE

**NEXT SALE**

**Friday 18th July**



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

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and save the environment!**

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undamaged uniform in the  
red bin outside the office at  
the recycling point.

### Term Dates:



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  
**JUNE**

[Link to Eco Calendar](#)



What do animals need to be happy and healthy in zoos?

Big Ocean is a new K-pop band from South Korea, and all three of its members have hearing loss. They use things like vibrations, flashing lights, and sign language to help them perform music together. Even though the band can't hear the songs like most people, they work very hard to stay in time and show emotion through movement and expression. Big Ocean want to raise awareness about deaf culture and make K-pop more inclusive, by using Korean Sign Language in their performances.

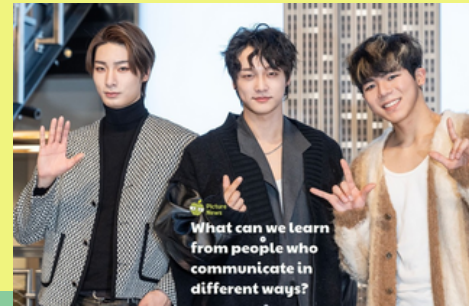
Things to talk about at home...

What impact do you think a band like Big Ocean could have through their music? Where and when might we use sign language?

What are some different ways we can communicate with others?

Ask someone at home to share their thoughts.

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Positive

### NEWS



## A record number of dams came down in Europe

Europe's dam busters are celebrating another record-breaking year having brought down more river barriers than ever before in 2024.

Fresh research shows that 542 dams were removed across the continent last year - up significantly on the 487 brought down in 2023. Finland led the way, with 138 dams demolished, followed by France (128) and Spain (96). Four countries - Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic and Turkey - dismantled their first river barriers.

"Healthy, free-flowing rivers are central to adapting to the climate crisis and boosting biodiversity, but Europe's rivers are the most fragmented in the world," said Jelle de Jong, chief executive of WWF Netherlands.

"We need to keep scaling up the removal of small obsolete dams that are blocking our rivers. Another record-breaking year highlights the growing support for dam removals across Europe."

[Click here for the clip](#)





# Downsview's Culture Week

WEEK BEGINNING 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

*Special Events*

**THURSDAY 19TH JUNE:**

**WE WILL HAVE A BRING YOUR PARENT TO SCHOOL  
DAY FROM 8.45-9.25AM**

Parents are invited to share something special about your family's heritage in your child's class. This could be a song, dance, story, or a few words in your home language. Help us celebrate our school's rich diversity!

**9.30 PARENTS- MISOGYNY AWARENESS WORKSHOP**

Join us to raise awareness about misogyny, its impact and how we can create a more respectful and inclusive environment together.

**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:**

**CULTURE SHOWCASE DAY**

*Children will discuss their cultures, learn basic phrases in each other's languages, listen to diverse music and share food. They will also participate in a fashion and dance show to celebrate their heritage.*

**Dress Code:** All children are invited to wear traditional clothes from their culture or the colours of their country's flag.

**Food Sharing:** Children are encouraged to bring in foods they enjoy at home that are linked to their culture (e.g., Indian samosas, Jamaican patties, Italian cannoli). *These can be homemade or store-bought.*

**Ingredient List:** Provide the class teacher with a list of ingredients in the food to ensure safety for children with allergies or dietary requirements. ***Please ensure that there are no nuts in any of the food brought into school.***

**Menu Below**





**CULTURE WEEK**  
**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**MONDAY - USA**

BBQ Chicken Pizza with Baked Wedges

**TUESDAY - ITALY**

Traditional Beef Lasagne

**WEDNESDAY - INDIAN**

Vegan Spiced Squash & Potato Samosa

**THURSDAY - CARIBBEAN & ASIAN**

Jerk Chicken Wrap  
& Vegan Tofu Sweet & Sour vegetables  
with Steamed Rice

**FRIDAY - GREAT BRITAIN**

Fish Finger with Chips

**Jacket Potato & Pasta Dish  
Available Every Day!**

## Downsview is an accredited Plastic Free School!



### MEETING OUR GOALS!

To keep our Plastic Free School status, we'll need to rise to new challenges in the coming year – and we're more than ready. Bring it on!



### BIG NEWS

After months of dedication and teamwork, our enthusiastic Eco-Team has successfully completed all the objectives of the Plastic Free Schools programme!

Last Friday, representatives from Surfers Against Sewage travelled all the way from Cornwall to present us with our official accreditation in person. They also led a fantastic celebration assembly with our KS2 pupils. They were so impressed by our efforts and achievements that we've been invited to take part in a nationwide assembly to showcase our success!



If you want to see the challenges we tackled along the way? [Click here](#) to learn more about our Plastic Free journey.

# EVENTS

UNLEASH YOUR INNER GENIE



## 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



Last session until Autumn !!!

## FUN CRAFT AT DOWNSVIEWCHURCH

A colorful afternoon of painting & creating

10TH JUN · AT 3:30 PM



# GATHER & UNFOLD: ZINE MAKING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

THE BUSTLING SOCIETY

Beyond Space.  
www.beyond-space.com

Have you experienced stress, overwhelm, or isolation due to parenting demands? Join us for a gathering of creativity, reconnection and unfolding reflections.

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Introduction to zine making
- Drawing, collage and printmaking
- Visual language for exploring emotions



THURSDAY 19, 26 JUNE & 3 JULY 2025  
9.30AM - 11.30AM  
THE TEAL ROOM  
UPPER NORWOOD LIBRARY



FREE  
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CROYDON RESIDENTS ONLY

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www.croydon.gov.uk

Sunday 22 June 2025  
at 3pm



Downsview Methodist Church  
Waddington Way, London SE19 3XH

If your pet is happier at home, please, bring a photograph or a favourite soft toy. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

## What a week it's been!

Last Friday's Dare to Be Different Day was a huge success and the children had a brilliant time breaking all the (approved!) rules. Thank you for helping make it such a fun and memorable day! Check out the fantastic photos.



## Superman Day gift shop

This morning, we also held our **Superman Day Gift Shop**, where the children picked gifts for their special someone. A big thank you for supporting this gift shop.



And thank you as well to everyone who supported the **FOD Refreshments Stand at Sports Day**, your contributions help us raise vital funds and keep these events going!

Coming up is our **Summer Fair**, we've got loads of exciting activities planned, so book your tickets from 14<sup>th</sup> June and get ready for an amazing day of family fun! See Details on the next page.

## Cake Donations Needed!

We're looking for cake donations for the Summer Fair! Homemade or shop-bought treats are welcome. Please include a list of ingredients and note if it's Halal.

Drop off your cakes at the school office on the morning of 4th July. Thank you!



### Minimal

### 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 - 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Next Uniform Sale - 18<sup>th</sup> July

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)



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.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
2 - 5pm



Doors open at 2pm  
Free Entry



We will have:

- BBQ, drinks, cakes, ice cream, candy floss & sweets
- Inflatables, games, tombolas & woodwork
- Hair bar, toys & books stall, eco refill station
- Raffle with amazing prizes
- Special guests: Firefighters (with firetruck!) & Police
- Loads of fun for the whole family!

Tokens available from 7am 14<sup>th</sup> June

Tokens can be used at any game stall as an additional form of payment. Games cost 50p/£1. One token is worth 50p.

Tokens bought online will be handed out to children on the day.

Cash will also be accepted at stalls. More tokens available at the TOKEN stall on the day!

Token Prices:

- 2 tokens: £1
- 10 tokens: £4.50
- 15 tokens: £7

[Buy Tokens](#)



## PRE-BOOKABLE ACTIVITIES

Inflatable wristband for unlimited fun (or £3 for 5 mins)

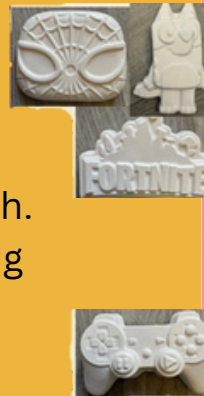
1 for £5

2 for £8

Will be available to purchase on the day too.



Crafting activity "Paint Your Own Figurine". Limited spaces. £2.50 each. This is Pre-booking only!



Join the Seed of Play "Build It!" Workshop to build a wooden keepsake using real tools. £8 per project, 20-minute sessions. Minimum 15 bookings needed to go ahead.



[Book Now](#)

MAKE A DONATION

GIVE LOVE  
GIVE TOKENS

You can now donate Summer Fair tokens to help families in need. Tokens will be given discreetly by the school and can be used at any game stall.

Each token is worth 50p, with a minimum donation of 2 tokens (£1).

Thank you for spreading kindness!

[Purchase Here](#)



[Visit the FOD website for all event bookings](#)

# Celebrations

## Values

Nursery  
Seren  
Reception  
Zachary  
Aiden  
Vinnie  
Y1 - Hunter  
Y1 - Charter  
Y1 - Owen  
Y2 - Freya  
Y2 - Harvey  
Y2 - Dexter  
Y3 - Hafsa  
Y3 - Faris  
Y3 - Luca  
Y4 - Avah  
Y4 - Petra  
Y4 - Pierre  
Y5 - Haseeb  
Y5 - Emma  
Y6 - Zaynah  
Y6 - Jack  
Y6 - Anaiya

## Effort

Nursery  
Joseph  
Reception  
Sam  
Irianne  
Noah  
Y1 - Kivein  
Y1 - Keira  
Y1 - Samuel  
Y2 - Olive  
Y2 - Yashwin  
Y2 - King  
Y3 - Darcey  
Y3 - Zaynab  
Y3 - Mihir  
Y4 - Folashade  
Y4 - Valentina  
Y4 - Arya  
Y5 - Leon-James  
Y5 - Haniya  
Y6 - Felix  
Y6 - Luke  
Y6 - Nella

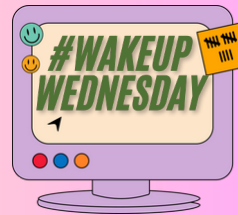
Just a reminder about  
Summer Fair:  
The Fair will be on Friday  
4th July from 10..pm until  
5.00pm.



## Attendance

Infant: Thistle  
KS2: LWren

## Generative Ai Safety



Go Rae Rae! Her and her team placed 2nd in a big cheerleading competition, in Peterborough, at weekend.



Generative AI can be a brilliant tool for creativity and learning 🎨🧠 - but it's not without its hazards. With 3 in 4 pupils now using generative AI (up from just 2 in 5 last year!), it's more important than ever for parents and educators to understand the risks ⚡

This week's free #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks down the key safety concerns around generative AI tools and offers expert advice for keeping young users safe. From encouraging critical thinking to safeguarding their privacy, find out how to help children use AI safely and smartly 🚀

[Click here for more information](#)