

## Zero Hero

Our journey towards reducing food waste at DVPS



Too much food wasted / reasons analysed with a whole school questionnaire



3 Food waste assemblies though the year



Zero Hero week. Eco reps handout tokens to everyone who has finished the lunch.



Major reduction in food waste.



Meeting with Pabulum to discuss a long term plan.



Collecting tokens



Children taking it very seriously!



Zero Hero winners announced

Our top classes were:

- Hawthorn - 90
- Goldfinch - 89
- Raven - 88
- Adder - 85

We have 332 children on role in KS2 so that equals 1,328 meals over 4 days.

856 of those meals were zero hero meals!

This equates to 64.5% of meals being completely finished.

**WOW!!**

What is behind the food we waste?



We have an exciting vacancies that have opened at Downsview Please see page 2 & 3 of the Newsletter for more details.

**JOIN OUR**

**TEAM**

# SITE MANAGER WANTED!

Downsview Primary and Nursery School is looking for an exceptional Site Manager to lead the way in maintaining our dynamic, well cared for school environment where children feel safe, supported, and ready to flourish.

We're looking for someone exceptional, dedicated, proactive, and hands on to ensure our school remains a safe, secure, and welcoming place for every child, staff member, and visitor.

In this key role, you'll be responsible for the smooth running of our premises, leading our cleaning and caretaking team, managing site maintenance, and upholding the highest standards in health and safety.

If you're ready to make a real impact and take pride in creating an environment where children thrive, we want to hear from you.

## **Key Responsibilities:**

- Oversee the maintenance and security of our school premises.
- Ensure a safe and clean environment for our pupils.
- Manage cleaning and caretaking staff.
- Conduct health and safety checks.

## **What We're Looking For:**

- Experience in facilities management.
- Strong knowledge of health and safety regulations.
- Excellent communication skills.

## **Why Work With Us?**

You'll be joining a supportive team committed to providing the best for our children, ensuring their learning environment is both inspiring and nurturing.

If you're ready to make a difference, please check out the full advert and job description on our website: [www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk)

**Help us create a safe and welcoming school for our children!**

# EXTENDED SCHOOLS ASSISTANT (AFTER SCHOOL)

We are looking for a caring, enthusiastic, and friendly Support Assistant to join our Extended Schools Team. The ideal candidate will enjoy working with children aged 4 to 11 years and be eager to support a wide range of activities within our school clubs. A positive attitude, creativity, and a willingness to learn are key.

## The role will involve:

- Ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of the children
- Supervising and supporting the children in play and work activities, including the use of ICT skills in various media platforms
- Promoting healthy choices and active outdoor learning.
- Ensuring that the areas of the school used are left fit for purpose at the end of each session.

## Job Requirements:

- Undertaking appropriate and relevant training in first aid and safeguarding
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and use of English to ensure the well-being of the children
- Experience of working with children aged 4 – 11 years in a play based setting
- Awareness of national standards in childcare and the Early Years Foundation Stage is important but not essential
- Show creativity in planning a variety of activities

## Desirable:

- Experience preferred, but not necessary as full training will be provided to the right candidates.
- Certificate in Safeguarding
- Paediatric or First Aid at Work Certificate or willingness to train
- Use of technology, covering all media platforms

For more information and to obtain an Application Pack, please see our website

[www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk)

*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*

*This post requires an enhanced DBS check. A basic internet search will be carried out for shortlisted candidates. Downsview is GDPR compliant and is registered with the ICO.*

# Dates for the diary...



**NEXT WEEK**

**LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**

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

- Mon 7<sup>th</sup>:** Reports go out  
Infant dance competition (eve)
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup>:** Y2 Thistle City Farm trip.  
KS2 dance comp (eve)
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup>:** KS2 Summer performance (9.30-10.45am) & (1.45-2.45pm)  
Yr3 & Yr5 drumming show (11.30am - Outside)
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>:** KS1 Summer performance (9.30-10.45am) & (1.45-2.45pm)
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup>:** Y2 Bluebell City Farm trip
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>:** Meet your new teacher & Y1 Parents meet and greet
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>:** Y6 BBQ, party and special awards ceremony  
Reception trip to Crystal Palace Park
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>:** Whole school BBQ  
FOD uniform sale  
Y6 Shirt Signing
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup>:** Last day of term school finishes at **1.15pm**  
**There is no After school club**

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>:** **INSET DAY- no school for children**
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>:** **INSET DAY- no school for children**
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup>:** TBC Year 2 Meet the team parent meeting in hall
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup>:** TBC Year 3 Meet the team parent meeting in hall
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup>:** TBC Year 4&5 Meet the team parent meeting in hall
- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>:** TBC Year 6 Meet the team parent meeting in hall
- Week 15<sup>th</sup>:** **Clubs start**
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup>:** Whole school BBQ

**JULY**



## 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 makes somewhere a good place to live?

Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood, and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the mountains.

### Things to talk about at home.

Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it's important to learn about the homes of people from the past? Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time?

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Renewables and EVs are keeping the net zero dream alive, said experts

## Positive NEWS



Reaching net zero emissions by 2050 just might be within grasp in the UK, 'provided the government stays the course', Climate Change Committee (CCC) experts said this week.

The government's advisory panel revealed in its annual progress report that emissions in 2024 dropped to just under 50% of 1990 levels. It means the nation is on track to meet the interim target of a 68% cut by 2030.

Much of the progress has been driven by swapping fossil fuels for renewables in our electricity system, and the CCC expects to see further rapid gains as the EV transition continues to gather pace.

There's good news on peatland restoration and tree planting, too, with the latter hitting a two-decade high in 2023-24.

The CCC cautions, however, that both still fall short of required targets, adding that heat pump take-up also needs to accelerate to realise the 2050 goal. High electricity prices are another barrier to going green, the experts warn.

"The UK can be proud of our progress in reducing emissions. We've cut them by over 50% since 1990," said CCC chair Piers Forster. "However, the government needs to do more to ensure people see the benefits of climate action in their bills. Given increasingly unstable geopolitics, it is also important to get off unreliable fossil fuels and onto homegrown, renewable energy as quickly as possible.

"The fossil fuel era is over - cheap, clean electricity is our future."

[Click here for the clip](#)



It's a short one from us this week, but a huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Summer Fair this afternoon, your support means so much. (pics to follow). **As a small team, we can't do it all alone, and your help allows us to continue organising fun events and raising funds for the school.**

As mentioned last week, **our big fundraising goal is to install a new play train and Jump & Tag post for the KS1 playground,** every bit of support brings us closer!

Lastly if you couldn't stay for the raffle draw, don't worry we'll be in touch if you've won, and prizes can be collected from the office.



**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](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)  
Search: **Downsview Primary** or scan the QR code.

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



Easyfundraising...  **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](#)

# 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.

**Miniml**

**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!



# Summer Fair

## Family and Friend Fun



## Bouncy Castle



## Yummy treats



## Games Galour



## Dance Teams



## Soak Ms Pugh



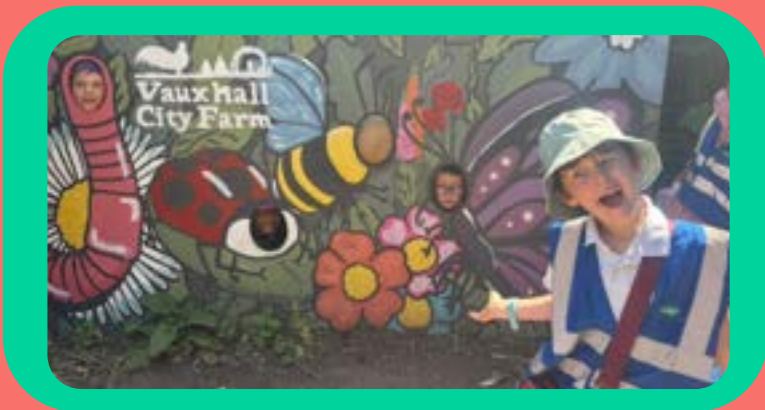
Check out our InstaReel- [CLICK here](#)

Daffodil

# Vauxhall City Farm

This week, 2 Daffodil took a trip to Vauxhall City Farm to learn all about the life cycles of animals as part of their Science topic - Animals Including Humans.

The most exciting bit was getting to pet guinea pigs, rabbits and a chicken! We also had the chance to explore the farm and feed the goats and sheep - they were hungry! ✨

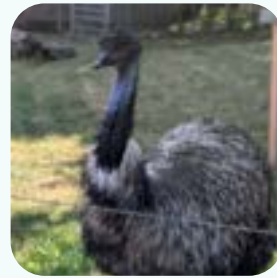


Finally, we had a walk down to the Thames where we spotted Battersea Power Station, The Houses of Parliament and The London Eye!



# Y3 Battersea Park Zoo

Year 3 had a great day out at Battersea Park Zoo yesterday. The weather was lovely and the children behaved excellently. The children saw a range of interesting animals such as lemurs, tarantulas, laughing kookaburras and capuchin monkeys! They were eager to read the facts about each of the animals and find out their habitats, predators and lifespans. We also managed to catch a glimpse of the very shy otters during their feeding time!



## Pupil Voice

"It was a nice time, I liked seeing the monkeys crawl around."

Sam

"I loved the amphibian house because there was lots of lizards and that was cool"

Annalisa

"The lemurs and monkeys were really cute." Minnah

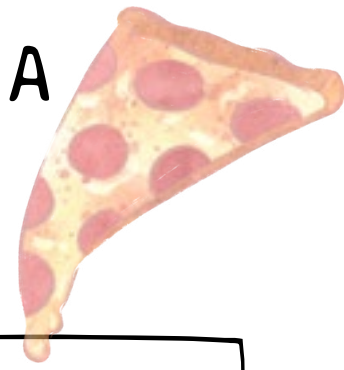


After exploring all around the zoo, the children sat down to eat their lunch before heading to one of the playgrounds in the park. A great day had by all!



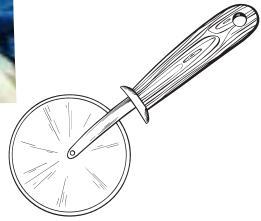


# SQUIRREL GO TO PIZZA EXPRESS



## WE ARE PIZZA CHEFS

This week 1 Squirrel were super lucky to be given the opportunity to attend a free trip to Pizza Express in Croydon. During this trip every child made their very own margarita pizza.



## YUMMY, YUMMY, YUMMY

The children followed the Chefs instructions and created their own pizzas. However, it goes without saying that for most of them their favourite part of the day was when we arrived back at school and had a class picnic where they got to eat their delicious pizza's!

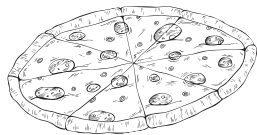


# PIZZA PARTY



## REPRESENTING DVPS

The adults on the trip were very proud of how the children behaved throughout the morning and feel that they represented Downsview children superbly! Well done Squirrels!



# THE SCHOOL-O-VISION



Year 6 production is a tradition and one of our final opportunities where our children can work together and make forever memories! They have sung together... Danced together... Laughed together... It's a MUST see show... [CLICK HERE](#) short reel



2 STRING WORKSHOPS,  
RHYTHM AND CHOIR SESSIONS EVERYDAY!



Ages 7-12  
Prep Test  
to Grade 5

A summer school for violin, viola, cello & double bass

**Mon 28 July - Fri 1 August 2025**  
**10 am - 3 pm**

St Mildred's Hall, CR0 7EB

£245 (Early bird discount available)

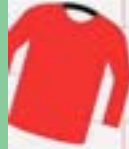


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# 2025 SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES

**ALDI - £5 UNIFORM BUNDLE DEALS  
START ON SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**



**ASDA - 20% OFF TO START ON  
MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**



**SAINSBURY'S - 20% OFF EXPECTED  
TO START LATER THIS WEEK**

**TESCO - 25% PREDICTED TO START  
MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY**



**M&S - EXPECTED TO LAUNCH  
ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY**



# NORBBS MULTI- SPORTS FEST



**BE PART OF OUR BIGGEST CLUB  
SUMMER EVENT**

SAT 28 JUNE @ NORBURY PARK LTC  
10AM-12.30PM KIDS & FAMILIES EVENT

EMAIL TO REGISTER FOR FREE:  
[ENQUIRIES@NORBURYPARKLTC.CO.UK](mailto:ENQUIRIES@NORBURYPARKLTC.CO.UK)



- ✓ Passionate about helping local children?
- ✓ Spare bedroom?
- ✓ Want to work from home?



## Foster for Croydon

- ✓ Professional, on-going training
- ✓ Round the clock support
- ✓ Up to £640 per week, per child
- ✓ Therapeutic support for you and your family

Come to an  
information session:

10 July 2025  
Croydon Town Hall  
5:45 - 7pm

22 July 2025  
Virtual/Online  
5:45 - 7pm

12 August 2025  
Croydon Town Hall  
5:45 - 7pm

If you have a spare bedroom and a passion  
for helping young people,  
we would love to hear from you.

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# Celebrations

## Values

Nursery - Amira

R - Clara

R - Hugo

R - Leo

Y1 - Amelia

Y1 - Kivein

Y1 - Leon

Y2 - Jude

Y2 - Benjamin

Y2 - Zeus

Y3 - Lillialana

Y3 - Zach

Y3 - Taran

Y4 - Hector

Y4 - Ije

Y4 - Eden-Skylah

Y5 - Kalel

Y5 - Abdul-Kader

Y5 - Saheli

Y6 - Kusalya

Y6 - Tom

Y6 - Felix

## Effort

Nursery - Magnus

R - Ollie

R - Romi

R - Lili

Y1 - Dylan

Y1 - Sadie

Y1 - Yuri

Y2 - Uraz

Y2 - Noah

Y2 - Miguel

Y3 - Mahir

Y3 - Luis

Y3 - Muazz

Y4 - Adam

Y4 - Amir

Y4 - Zayn-Abbas

Y5 - Hazel

Y5 - Muzaynah

Y5 - Arianwen

Y6 - Kamaya

Y6 - Jasmine

Y6 - Raheem

## Mathletics

Infants

Gold: Fox

Silver: Caterpillar

Bronze: Hedgehog

KS2

Gold: Oak

Silver: Hawthorn

Bronze: Lizard

## Attendance

Infant: Fox

KS2: Raven

## House winner



KS1 - Andra & Juno  
KS2 - Harry & JIval

## MFL

Avah-Mai

## PE

## Apple's Ipad



Tablets have transformed the way children learn and play, but are they always a safe choice? This #WakeUpWednesday guide focuses on the ever-popular iPad and how to use it responsibly with younger users. We explore key concerns such as exposure to harmful content, data collection by apps and the possibility of screen addiction.

This guide also offers practical advice on using Apple's own tools to limit screen time, filter content and prevent unwanted purchases. With expert insights and clear recommendations, it's essential reading for parents and educators keen to make iPad use safer and smarter.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Celebrating Joey's Adoption Day

Today, we are excited to celebrate a very special occasion—Joey's Adoption Day! Adoption is when a child or doggie (like Joey), finds a forever family who loves and cares for them. It means that Joey has a new home where he can feel safe, happy and cherished.

Adoption is a wonderful way to create families. Just like there are many different types of families, each adoption story is unique and special. Some families are made up of parents and children who are related by blood, while others are formed through love and choice, like in adoption.

We celebrate all families today, recognising that love is what truly makes a family, no matter how it is formed. Happy Adoption Day, Joey! We are so grateful to have you as part of our school community.

[CLICK HERE FOR JOEY'S VIDEO MESSAGE](#)