Downsview Newsletter

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Healthy Eating
BREAK TIME SNACKS

Diet and nutrition play an important role in the mental, physical and social development of a child. The establishment of healthy eating in childhood can reduce the risk of health problems such diabetes and weight gain later life. With this in mind, we aim to establish good eating habits, to promote good growth and to hope that these will be continued into adulthood.

Recently we have noticed in school that some children are bringing in snacks with a high fat and sugar such as sweets, crisp and cakes. We would like to take the opportunity to work with children to enable them to make healthier choices. We have recently had an assembly at school to teach the children about staying active and being healthy.

In school we feel that it is beneficial for all children to have a healthy snack at break time. In line with our healthy eating policy a piece of fruit is provided for every KS1 and EYFS child in school, any surplus fruit is distributed to KS2 children.

Here is a list of suggested healthy snack ideas:

- A piece of fruit dried fruit
- Vegetable sticks
- Small filled rolls / sandwiches / pitas / tortillas
- Crispbreads
- Rice cakes
- Bread stick
- Crackers
- Cheese
- Yoghurt

Please remember we are a nut free school

Sugar- and fat-laden foods such as confectionary, biscuits, pastries, sausage rolls and crisps should be avoided.

The safety and well-being of our children is our top priority. We want to remind all families about the importance of wearing helmets when cycling, scooting, or using any wheeled transport to and from school.

While it's wonderful to see so many children enjoying active travel, we have noticed that helmet use is not as common as it should be. Wearing a helmet significantly reduces the risk of serious head injuries in the event of a fall or accident. Even riding on pavements carries risks, and a helmet can be a vital safeguard.

We encourage all parents and carers to support helmet use and set a positive example. When children see their friends and peers wearing helmets, they are more likely to follow suit. Let's work together as a community to keep every child safe.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us promote a culture of safety and responsibility.

Further to our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, positive and enriching environment for all our children, we kindly ask that you park responsibly.

Please be mindful of our neighbours and the local community by choosing safe and considerate parking spots. This helps us maintain good relationships with those around us and ensures the smooth running of the school day without unnecessary distractions.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community respectful and safe.

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

LINK TO WEBSITE CALENDAR...

September

Sustainability Calendar LINK

Mon 29th: Beginning of the day, Reception children come up on their own

October

Weds 1st Y5 EI workshop with parents (PM) - KS2 Hall - 3.30pm
Please bring in food for Harvest Festival
Thurs 2nd **Special Lunch Menu Day**
Thurs 9th SEN Coffee Morning (AM)
Fri 10th Reception welcome service with Y5 (10.30 am)
Come Dine with Me (11.15) - **Reception**
World Mental Health **Mufti day**
Thurs 16th Reception visit DV Church
Tues 21st Harvest Festival assembly (10am) **N-Y2 ONLY**- Bring your Grandparents
Weds 22nd FOD Halloween Disco (KS1 3.30pm - 4.15pm & KS2 4.30pm - 5.30pm)
Thurs 23rd Parents Evening 1.30-7pm

NOVEMBER

4th/ 11th & 19th EYFS Prospective parents tour 9.05-10.30

Term Dates

Autumn

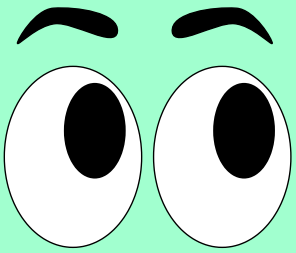
1st Sept - 24th Oct 2025
Half-term:
27th Oct - 31st Oct
3rd Nov to 19th Dec 2025
Inset days: 1st & 2nd Sept 2025

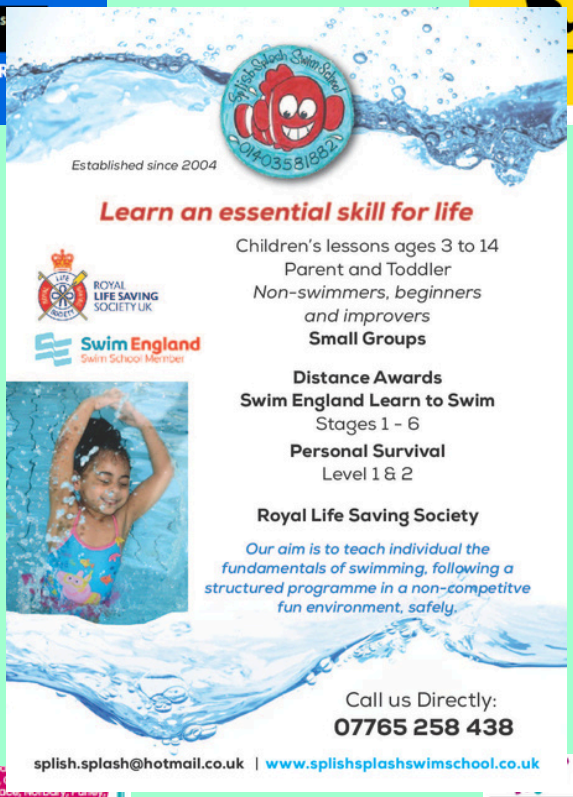
Spring

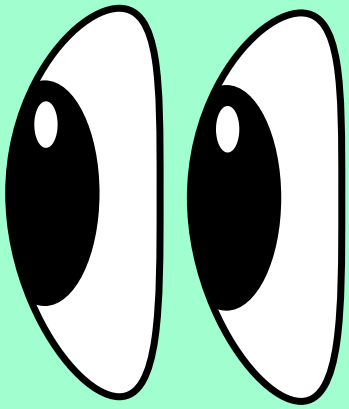
5th Jan - 27th March 2026
Half Term: 16th- 20th Feb
Easter holidays: 30th March - 10th Apr 2026
Inset days: 5th Jan 2026

Summer

13th Apr - 22nd May 2026
Half Term: 25th- 29th May
1st June - 20th July 2026
Inset days: 20th July 2026
Bank Holiday:
4th May 2026







Drama Kids class details are as follows:

DAY	STUDIO	LOWER PRIMARY AGES 5-8 YEARS 1-3	UPPER PRIMARY AGES 8-11 YEARS 4-6	YOUTH THEATRE AGES 11-18 YEARS 7-13
MONDAY	**EDEN PARK / BECKENHAM** St John's Church, 251 Eden Park Avenue, BR3 3JN	5-6pm		6-7pm
	THORNTON HEATH Thornton Heath Leisure Centre, High Street, CR7 8LF	4-5pm	5-6pm	N/A
	WADDON Waddon Leisure Centre, 451 Purley Way, CR0 4RG	4-5pm	5-6pm	N/A
TUESDAY	**PURLEY** St John the Baptist Church 48 Dale Road, CR8 2EF	5-6pm		6-7pm
WEDNESDAY	**NORBURY** Downsview Methodist Church, Downsview Road, SE19 3XH	4-5pm	5-6pm	N/A
	WALLINGTON The Centre, Milton Road, SM6 9RP	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm
THURSDAY	LAMDA **CROYDON (PARK HILL)** St Matthew's Church, Chichester Road, CR0 5NQ (LAMDA Class Available Here for ages 8-18, 7-8pm)	4-5pm	5-6pm	6-7pm
	BANSTEAD The Banstead Centre, The Horseshoe, SM7 2BQ	5-6pm		6-7pm
FRIDAY	**SANDERSTEAD** Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, CR2 9EE	5-6 pm		6-7pm
	WEST WICKHAM Wickham Halls, Sussex Road, BR4 0JX	5-6pm		N/A
	CHIPSTEAD The Courtyard Theatre, Hazelwood Lane, CR5 3QU	N/A	4.15-5.15pm	5.30-6.30pm
SATURDAY	**CRYSTAL PALACE** Penge Baptist Church, 121 Maple Road, SE20 8LP	10:30am-11:30am		11:30am-12:30
	REIGATE Reigate Priory School, 73A Bell Street, RH2 7AN	11am-12noon		12noon-1pm
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Careers in Languages!

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This year as part of our School Improvement Prioities, we are focusing on linking every subject we teach to different professional careers. Our goal is to inspire children and help them understand the real-world relevance of what they're learning. We believe it's important for our children to know why we learn what we learn.

I was very pleased to kick off our series of career-focused assemblies, which coincided with the International Day of Languages.

I originally qualified in Marketing and Tourism in Barcelona back in the late '80s (yes... I'm that old!). Since then, I've worked in a wide range of fields, all connected by one key skill: the ability to speak multiple languages. From a young age, I had a passion for learning languages. Over the years—and with a lot of effort—I managed to speak six: Spanish, Catalan, French, Italian, German and English.

It was a real pleasure to share my journey with the children and to explain how speaking different languages helped me in so many jobs. It opened doors, gave me an edge in interviews and created amazing opportunities I might not have had otherwise.

In case you're interested, here's a brief summary of my professional journey with languages:
I started in the Marketing department at PPG, an American multinational, where I helped organise training sessions and events across the globe. Then came the Olympic Games in Barcelona, which gave me the chance to work for IBM (a sponsor of the Games) in their Olympic Department, organising international events for their clients.

After the Olympics, I joined Cunard, the cruise company, in their Marketing and Sales department—this role allowed me to travel the world. Eventually, I decided it was time to stay closer to home, and I became a partner in a new company offering cultural tours: the Barcelona Guide Bureau. As a qualified guide, I led international groups around my beloved city—often using all six of my languages in a single day!

Love brought me to London in 2000, where I retrained as an interpreter and translator for public services. That experience led me to teach Translation and Interpreting for several organisations, and ultimately, to retrain once more as an MFL Spanish teacher which brought me right here, at Downsview Primary School.

I hope my story inspired the children—and maybe even some parents—to keep learning languages. You never know where it might take you!

BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Can sport bring people closer together?

Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.

Things to talk about at home...

Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with others?

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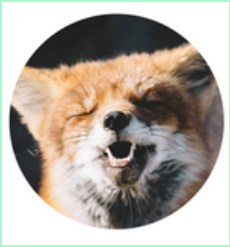
Positive NEWS

Fur production collapse an 'animal welfare success'

Figures showing a collapse in global fur production have been described by analysts as "perhaps the biggest animal welfare campaign success story of the 21st century."
In 2014, more than 140m minx, foxes (pictured), chinchillas and raccoon dogs were killed for their fur, according to data from the pressure group Humane World For Animals. As of last year, however, that figure had dropped to 20m. Even in China, the world's largest producer of fur, production has dropped by more than half since 2022, according to the Fur Free Alliance.
A major shift in the public's perception of fur - once considered a luxury good, now seen as unnecessarily cruel - has seen many fashion brands go fur-free in recent years, including Armani, Gucci and Prada.
But there's still more work to be done, say campaigners. "While the fur trade is fading, the work is far from over: the suffering of 20m animals each year remains 20m too many," said the Fur Free Alliance..

Click here for the clip



ATTENDANCE

update

97%

so far.....

A huge well done to all our parents and families, we've reached an amazing 97% attendance so far this year! Thank you for making sure the children are here, ready to learn each day. Your support makes such a big difference!

It's a short one from us this week, but a huge thank you to everyone who came to the **FOD coffee morning** today we loved having you and can't wait to have some fun together while fundraising for our school!

Reminders

Miniml ECO Refill Shop:

- **Washing up liquid** 100ml **£0.40**
- **Hand wash** 100ml **£0.55**
- **Body Wash** 100ml **£0.55**
- **Shampoo** 100ml **£0.70**
- **Conditioner** 100ml **£0.70**

Bring your own bottle, or get one from us!

CASH and CARD payments are now both accepted

UNIFORM SALE AND DONATION

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.

FROZEN FRIDAY

ICE LOLLY	£1.00
ICE CREAM	£1.50
VEGAN/HALAL THE SWEETBAG (100G)	£1.00

In case you missed it last week, we are now accepting donations again (toys and books)! Please make sure they're either new or in great condition with all parts included.

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!

School Lottery

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!

FRIENDS OF DOWNSVIEW

Shine Night Walk

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Downsview Darlings Walk - We did it!

A massive congratulations to all the incredible Year 4 mums who took on the **Shine Night Walk:**

Valentina, Kayane, Sonali (Dragonfly), Paula, Karolina, and Beatrix (Ladybird), all completing the walk in an amazing **5 hours!**

Together, they raised a phenomenal £3,356.46 + £679 in Gift Aid for Cancer Research UK.

The mums would like to thank everyone who supported them, your donations will help fund life-saving research and bring hope to so many.

Get fit with us!

A local PT (parent in our school) runs regular fitness sessions for school mums on Friday and Personal Training in the local community.

For more info please email:
victor@accesswellness.co.uk

The sessions are always fun and suitable for all abilities! Come and have a taster session!

Have you applied yet?

Primary School Admissions 2026/2027

Was your child **born between 1 September 2021** and **31 August 2022?**

Then you **MUST APPLY** now!

www.croydon.gov.uk/admissions

1. **Find out about schools in Croydon.**
2. **Check the admissions criteria for your preferred schools -**most schools receive more applications than available places.
3. **Don't delay, apply online today!** Closing date 15 January 2026

9 out of 10 parents apply on time.
Parents who apply on time are more likely to secure a place at a preferred school.

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Celebrations

Values

Reception
Mila
Amelia
Marian
Y1 - Mason
Y1 - Aleeza
Y1 – Dan
Y2 - Aiyla
Y2 - Allegra
Y2 - Sidney
Y3 - Yashwin
Y3 - Jude
Y3 – Arsheen
Y4 - Ximena
Y4 - Abena
Y4 - Michael
Y5 - Antonia
Y5 - Ahsan
Y5 - Rae-Rae
Y6 - Nia
Y6 - Daisy
Y6 - Leon, JJ & Lyndon

Effort

Reception
Shahzain
Israel
Ozinna
Y1 – Zuriel
Y1 – Hannah
Y1 - Freya
Y2 - Chima
Y2 - Izaak
Y2 - Ananya
Y3 - Harvey
Y3 – Anusha
Y3 - Sophia
Y4 - Leo
Y4 - Zephyr
Y4 - Minnah
Y5 - Hector
Y5 - Malik
Y5 - Antonella
Y6 - Amari
Y6 - Arjan
Y6 - Hazel

KS1
Ameera & Dylan

KS2
Victor & Jathiya

Cian

Attendance

Infant: Duckling

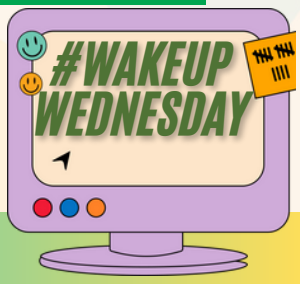
KS2: Frog

Red House Winners

Mathletics

KS1
Gold: Hedgehog 80%
Silver: Fox 73%
Bronze: Squirrel 70%

KS2
Gold: Oak 100%
Silver: Hawthorn & Juniper 96%
Bronze: Lizard 80%



Youth-violence

Violence among young people is a growing concern – but we're not powerless to act. Our latest #WakeUpWednesday guide unpacks the causes and signs of youth violence, including when and where it's most likely to happen. It also offers compassionate, practical advice for parents, carers and educators.

From peer pressure to online influences, there are many reasons why young people may engage in or fall victim to violence. This week's guide shares expert insight from the Ben Kinsella Trust to help parents and educators spot the risks, start sensitive conversations, and help keep children safe.

[Click here for more information]