

Upset

Neighbours



I am writing to address a growing concern regarding parking and driving around the school, specifically relating to some parents blocking neighbours' driveways. This behaviour is not only unsafe but also deeply disrespectful to our local community.

I have received an increasing number of phone calls and emails from upset and angry neighbours who are distressed by the inconsiderate parking and aggressive behaviour they have experienced. Some neighbours have told me they would never consider sending their child to our school due to the disrespectful actions of a small number of parents. They have also shared that when they have kindly asked parents to move their cars so they can access their drives to get to work or take their own children to school, they have been met with aggression and shouting.

This is particularly disheartening given that our school's golden rule is Respect. The vast majority of adults who come onto our site exemplify this value daily, serving as positive role models for our children. Our children are always watching and learning from the behaviours they see around them.

I urge all parents and carers to please be mindful and considerate when parking and driving near the school. Please ensure you do not block driveways or break any traffic laws. We must all work together to maintain a safe, respectful and positive environment for our children and our community.

Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.



JUST ONE TREE®

Our school will be taking part in JUST ONE Tree Day on **Friday 10th October**. Each child is allowed to wear their own clothes (Mufti Day) and **bring in £1** to fund the planting of their tree.

JUST ONE Tree, an official partner in the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, is an award-winning non-profit removing CO2 from the atmosphere and reversing biodiversity loss through global reforestation.

JUST ONE Tree supports reforestation projects in areas severely affected by deforestation such as Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique & Brazil. In doing so they have the greatest positive effect on limiting global warming whilst simultaneously alleviating extreme poverty within local communities through the provision of training, agricultural education and sustainable incomes.

JUST ONE Tree makes it simple for everyone to take collective action on the climate crisis because **Just £1 plants 1 Tree**.

We're sure you will agree that tree planting is absolutely essential at this critical time for the planet. We will therefore be joining children, parents and teachers around the world on this day to demonstrate that an individual's actions can have a positive impact on the environment.

Please bring your suggested donation of £1 to school on **Friday 10th October 2025**.

More information can be found at: <https://www.justonetree.life/>

We look forward to counting the number of trees that our school community can plant!

Thank you the Sustainability team

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

[LINK TO WEBSITE](#)

[CALENDAR...](#)

Eco Calendar 2025

October

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)

October



Thurs 9th SEN Coffee Morning (AM)

Fri 10th Reception welcome service with Y5 (10.30 am)
Come Dine with Me (11.15) - **Reception**

'Just one Tree' to support our Sustainability target - **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 1.30pm-7pm

November



Year 6 PGL - All Week

Tues 4th Yr 1 Come Dine with Me!

Weds 5th EYFS Prospective parents tour 9.05am - 10.30am

Tues 11th EYFS Prospective parents tour 9.05am - 10.30am

Thurs 13th Book Fair

Fri 14th Children in Need - **Mufti Day**

Weds 19th EYFS Prospective parents tour 9.05am - 10.30am

Thurs 20th Yr 6 Come Dine with Me!



Autumn

1st Sept - 24th Oct 2025

Half-term:

27th Oct - 31st Oct

3rd Nov to 19th Dec 2025

**Inset days: 1st & 2nd Sept
2025**

Term Dates

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



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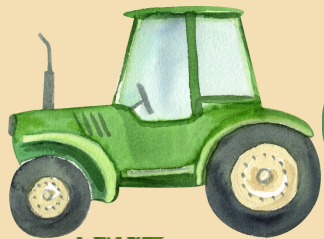


It's Harvest Festival Time Again!

We would like to extend a special invitation to all the 'grandparents' of children **from Nursery to Year 2 classes (only)**!

You are cordially invited to our special 'Harvest Assembly' on
Tuesday the 21st Oct 2025 at 10 am.

Please come to the reception office area and you will be escorted to the hall.
We are looking forward to welcoming our grandparents!



Donations from the Harvest collection will be given to
**Good Shepherd church in Thornton Heath and Downsview
Methodist Church!**



Anansi the Trickster



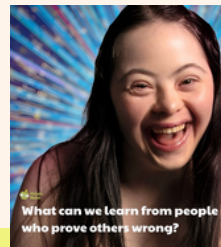
On Monday, we were lucky enough to have a special visitor from BigFoot Theatre, who came to tell us the brilliant stories of Anansi the Trickster! These stories have been told for over 500 years and have their roots in African and Caribbean cultures. The performance was enjoyed by all and we hope it will encourage the children to seek out more of these fantastic stories.



Year 2 were able to take part in a Drama Workshop afterwards, where we acted out different parts of the story 'Anansi and the Beans'. We loved showing off our drama skills and worked together to bring the story to life!



BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES



What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?

Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.

Things to talk about at home...

Have you ever seen Strictly Come Dancing on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do.

Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in?

Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS



Global renewables investment soars, despite Trump

As Donald Trump decried the "green energy scam" at the United Nations General Assembly this week, a report suggested that the rest of the world is paying no attention to the US president. According to research by the Zero Carbon Analytics thinktank, global investment in green energy was up 10% year-on-year in the first half of 2025.

"Despite Washington's climate pullback... corporate climate investment and world leaders continue to support the net-zero transition," the report noted.

The day after Trump's comments, China's President Xi told the same delegates that the green energy transition is the "trend of our time", and pledged to cut his country's carbon emissions by 10% over the next decade - a welcome move but a target scientists said falls short of what's needed.

China is both the world's largest polluter and its biggest investor in green energy.

[Click here for the clip](#)

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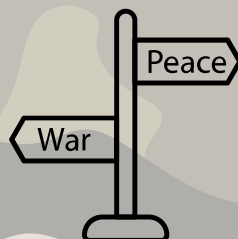
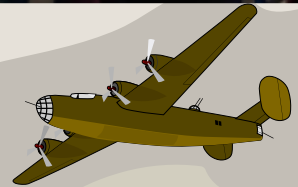
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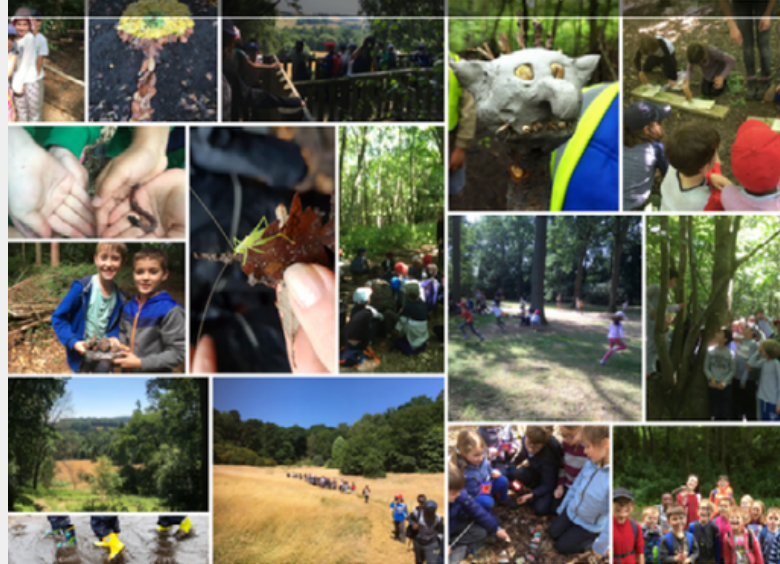
Y6 HISTORY

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Last week, Year 6 lived it to learn it with a fantastic trip to the Imperial War Museum as part of their World War II topic. The children were wonderfully well behaved and showed great curiosity throughout the day. A highlight of the visit was a talk from a volunteer who shared real evacuee stories, which really helped the children to imagine what life was like for children during the war. They also explored exhibitions and artefacts that deepened their understanding of the topic. It was an engaging and memorable experience that truly brought their classroom learning to life.



ADVENTURE CALLS THIS AUTUMN...



Activities may include:

- Den building ● Tracking & trailing ● Survival skills ● Storytelling
- Wild art ● Ninja frisbee ● Craft skills ● Assault courses
- Wide games ● Hide & seek ● Rope swings

Wild Play holiday club this autumn

10.00-4.00 School Years 1-6 £56/day

Crystal Palace Park

Penge Gate, Thicket Rd SE26 6EG

www.wild-learning.net

wild learning
fired dirty happy children

Book
5 places
& get 10%
off!

CODECAMP

After-school has never been so fun!

After-school coding clubs for Years 1-8 starting this autumn!

- 1 hour weekly sessions led by DBS-checked staff
- Coding, Minecraft engineering, game design & more
- Club options tailored to KS1, KS2 & KS3
- £10 per pupil, per week (paid by parents)
- No cost or admin for schools - we handle everything
- You provide a room, WiFi and laptops
- Choose any weekday that suits your school



For more information contact us:

partners@codecamp.co.uk

07539281080

HALLOWEEN SPOOKY TRAIL

20th - 31st October

Join in our trail to find the animals hidden
in Halloween pictures around the farm
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

Open daily (except Tuesday)
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

**£4 per
entry**



Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk



FOOTBALL SESSIONS IN SOUTH LONDON FROM
UEFA LICENSED PALACE COACHES DURING
THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- All abilities welcome
- School years 2-8
- Boys, girls & goalkeeper specific courses
- Develop new skills and make new friends



WHEN:

🕒 9am-4pm

📅 School holidays

DISCOUNT CODE



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OPEN
ENTRY FOR
BOYS &
GIRLS

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FOD NEWS



OCTOBER

22nd - Wednesday KPOP Demon Dancers Disco

- KS1 (Y1&Y2) **3.15-4.15pm**
- KS2 (Y3-Y6) **4.30-5.30pm**

Please volunteer to help running this event when buying the tickets or email us:
friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk.

NOVEMBER

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

**27th November
Thursday 5-8pm**

ADULTS only event.

Come and enjoy an evening with your fellow parents and friends.

£45per person.

All supplies and a glass of prosecco are included and you take home your handmade festive wreath.

Open for everyone, invite your family and friends!



BOOK TICKETS

Buy tickets
and click here

Christmas Wreath workshop



Calling the ADULTS only for an evening of creative fun, cakes and some bubbly!

Downsview Primary School, SE19 3XE

NOVEMBER 27th/ Thursday 5-8 pm

Festive refreshments are available (cakes, mince pie, prosecco & lemonade) to purchase.

Christmas Wreath Workshop

Come and join me to make a beautiful wreath ready for the festive season.

With festive tunes and creative Christmas fun, what could be a better way of getting into the Christmas mood.

All materials provided, with step-by-step guidance to take you from start to finish.



Tickets are £45/person (including a drink). Only very limited spaces available so please book yours ASAP here:

<https://pta.events/9gagvs83>

DOWNSVIEW
SCHOOL PRESENTS

KPOP DEMON DANCERS DISCO



You can be a pop star, a demon, a princess, a spooky ghost or wear your favourite Diwali or EID outfit! Everything goes here and fancy dress is only optional. If you prefer you can even wear your own clothes. If you go for spooky, make sure you are not too scary!

**22nd OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY**  **KS1 (Y1&Y2) 3.15pm - 4.15pm
KS2 4.30pm - 5.30pm**

The kids will get a small bag of crisps and a halal vegan sweetbag with every ticket but please pack your own snack if your child will need more. Unlimited squash will be provided.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY AT: £6
[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/DVPS/](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/)

The kids can wear their costumes all day



EASYFUNDRAISING:

It costs you absolutely **NOTHING!** Just make sure you allow pop-up windows and choose "ask for donation". Booking.com will also make a donation (please refer to the website for details).

Every school year in **January and June** we will have a raffle amongst who signed up and actively supported our school for at least 3 months.

The prize: £20 Amazon gift card!



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SCHOOL LOTTERY:

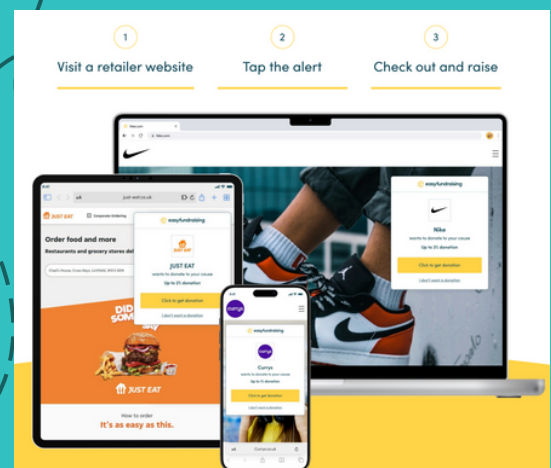
We are funding the Book vending machine and school library books with the income.

Currently, we have 10 Lottery ticket holders, which is not even enough to buy the books for the vending machine. You have a chance to win every week!

Please sign up and support us! It costs less than a coffee in a month.

IF YOU ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE LOTTERY, YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE 5 GAME TOKENS FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL FAIR.

[Click here!](#)



CRAFTS AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH

All children up to 12 years are welcome to attend our free session with a responsible adult.

**14TH OCTOBER
3:30 - 5:00 PM**

THEME: HARVEST



EXCITING PLAYGROUND UPDATES!

We're thrilled to share that our playgrounds have had a fantastic makeover – and the children are already enjoying every bit of it!

✨ At KS1, we've added a brand-new train and a jump and tag post for endless fun.

✨ The gym area now has fresh new grass, perfect for play and sports.

✨ Even the Adventure Playground has been transformed with a brand-new safe surface for everyone to enjoy.

It's wonderful to see the children exploring, playing and making the most of these new additions. Take a look at the photos below to see the excitement in action!



DONATIONS

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!



Celebrations

Values

Reception

Alice

Ibrahim

Bodhi

Y1 - Alara

Y1 - Bille

Y1 - Betty

Y2 - Melissa

Y2 - Olivia

Y2 - Jeshae

Y3 - Ayomide

Y3 - Vanesa

Y3 - Theo

Y4 - Anabelle

Y4 - Zaynab

Y4 - Annalisa

Y5 - Lincoln

Y5 - Olivia

Y5 - Ada

Y6 - Mya

Y6 - Ella

Y6 - Vihaan

Effort

Reception

Isla

Isabel

Ava

Y1 - Aisha

Y1 - Isa

Y1 - Sarah

Y2 - Sariah

Y2 - Teddy

Y2 - Nieva

Y3 - Jonah

Y3 - Joshua

Y3 - Emily

Y4 - Hanaa

Y4 - Aya

Y4 - Adam

Y5 - Zayn

Y5 - Erick

Y5 - Sammy

Y6 - Emayah

Y6 - Kalel

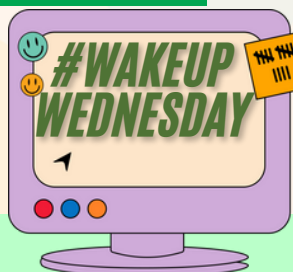
Y6 - Aarav



Green House Winners



EA-Sports-FC-26



It's kick-off time again ⚽ EA FC 26 is out now. With updated teams and familiar gameplay, it's sure to be top of the wish list for many football fans, but beneath the slick presentation are some pitfalls that parents and educators should know about - especially in the game's online and spending features.

Our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week gives you the latest on EA FC 26's Ultimate Team feature, how scammers can target young players, and what tools and settings can help keep children safe. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or a complete novice, it's worth a read!

[Click here for more information](#)

