

## Help Us GO VIRAL

Thank you to everyone who watched the premiere of our new promotional video! We are so proud of this film as it truly showcases the essence of Downsview—our core values and our golden rule of respect.

This video goes beyond just pictures and words; it highlights the spirit of our school community. Downsview is a family, and while we may not always be perfect, our focus remains firmly on putting the children at the heart of all we do.

Your support and partnership as parents are key to making this happen.

Please help us spread the word by sharing and reposting the video on Instagram—find the link on our social media pages—and let others see what makes Downsview so unique.



Thank you for your ongoing support!

Now sit back and enjoy the film!

[CLICK ME!](#)

Dont forget to follow us on Insta and subscribe to our Youtube page.

Instagram: [Downsviewprimary\\_croydon](#)

Youtube: [@meghanpughandjoeytheschool96](#)

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## Parent Governor Opportunity

Our School Governors play a key role in shaping the future of our school—working with leadership to make important decisions and drive improvement for every child.

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy and would love to see parents get involved! Skills in HR, data, health & safety, or finance are especially welcome—but enthusiasm and commitment matter most.

An email was sent out this afternoon with a detailed letter explaining all the steps to follow if you'd like to become a Parent Governor.

Be part of something meaningful—help make our school the best it can be!

## We want to hear from you!

Please take a few minutes to fill out our questionnaire and share your thoughts - especially constructive suggestions that can help us grow and improve.

Your voice really matters!

Please click the below link

[Downsview Parent Questionnaire](#)

# DATES FOR THE DIARY...

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



NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)

- Mon 10<sup>th</sup>: World Science Day assembly (R-Y5) (£1) and workshop Y6 (£2)
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> EYFS Prospective parents tour 9.00am - 10.30am & Y2 go to Biggin Woods
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Book Fair  
Orienteering Festival-Yr 5 12:45-3:30pm
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Children in Need - **Mufti Day**
- Weds 19<sup>th</sup> EYFS Prospective parents tour 9am - 10.30am
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Come Dine with Me!  
Book Fair **ENDS**
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Yr 6 Height & Weight checks
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> **LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**  
FOD - Santa/Grinch Breakfast
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Bring You Parent To School Day (BYPTSD)- Oracy- pg4 for more detail
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Winter Fair Donations - **Mufti Day**

Reminder  
to bring in £1 for  
science assembly and  
Y6 bring in £2 for your  
workshop

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 - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**Half Term: 25th- 29th May**

1st June - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Inset days: 20th July 2026**

**Bank Holiday:**

4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

# Thursday 27th November 9am - 10am

**\*if you have more than one child, please choose one classroom to visit only**

## Reception

Come and see us learning our phonics

Come into school with your children for register and enjoy a session with an oracy focus

## Year 1

Come and see us learning our phonics

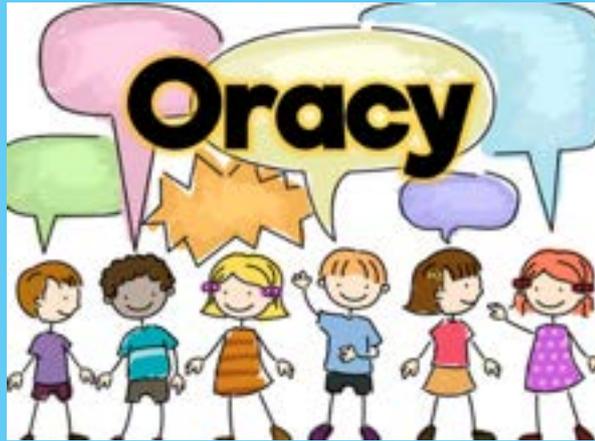
# BYPTSD

**Year 1-6 parents  
KS2 hall  
9.25-10am**

Oracy workshop on how to encourage your child at home

## Year 2

Come and see us reading and learning fluency



**Reception  
parents KS1  
Hall 9.25-  
10am**

Phonics workshop

## Year 3

Come and see us in our reading groups and how we are encouraged to read with expression

## Year 4-6

Come and see us in our reading lessons and how oracy is encouraged



# BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES



What would you tell the world leaders if you were at COP30?

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.

## Things to talk about at home.

Talk to someone at home about what they know about COP30. What do you know about climate change? If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?

[CLICK HERE](#)



# Positive

## NEWS



### New cancer therapy 'a major step forward'

A pioneering procedure that deploys ultrasound to destroy tumours is "a major and exciting step forward in cancer treatment", doctors said this week.

Histotripsy uses sound waves to create microscopic bubbles from gases present in tumour tissues. The bubbles form and collapse in microseconds, destroying cancer cells without the need for surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy. With treatment taking as little as 30 minutes, patients can recover quickly and spend less time in hospital.

Roger Jackson, 80, is the first patient in Europe to receive the treatment for his liver cancer. "I feel privileged," he said. "It's impressive to think that sound waves can treat cancer, without the need for patients like me to go through intensive surgery, at what already is a stressful time."

Jackson (pictured) was treated at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, England, which is currently the only hospital in the country offering the therapy.

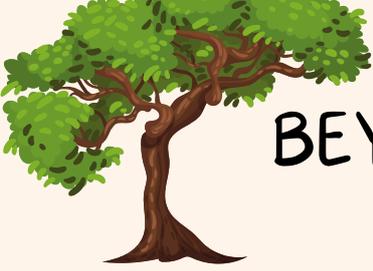
"Histotripsy represents a hugely exciting and new era of cancer innovation and care," said the hospital's chief exec Roland Sinker. "With faster recovery times ... this not only reduces the strain on our hospital beds, but also frees up surgeons to focus on the more complex cancer cases."

Studies are underway to explore histotripsy's effectiveness on other cancer types.

[Click here for the clip](#)



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



# BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES PART 2...



## What is Inter Faith week?

Inter Faith Week is happening across the UK from Sunday 9th November to Sunday 16th November. The theme for 2025 is 'Community: Together We Serve'.

Inter Faith Week is a nationwide project, that brings together schools and faith and belief groups (including those who are non-religious) to celebrate how people believe different things. Across the UK, there will be opportunities to learn about and get to know people of many faiths and beliefs. It's a time to be kind, understand one another better, and celebrate the great things that people do for their communities. Lots of fun things happen during the week, such as talks, walks, parties, and learning activities.

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Should fireworks be changed so we protect animals and people at the same time?

An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people. Loud fireworks can scare pets, wildlife, and some people who find sudden noises upsetting. Supporters of the campaign say we can still celebrate with low-noise fireworks or light shows that keep everyone safe and happy.

Things to talk about at home...

Do you celebrate Bonfire Night or an occasion with fireworks?  
Do you enjoy fireworks? Discuss with someone at home.  
The campaign suggests low-noise fireworks and drone shows as alternatives to traditional fireworks. For each, think about the pros and cons.

[Click here for the clip](#)



# Y5 trip to Gurdwara

## Sikhism



Our Year 5 trip to the Gurdwara was an amazing experience that helped us see what we had been learning about in class come to life. We learned more about Sikh beliefs and traditions, and we were able to see the prayer hall, the Guru Granth Sahib, and how people show respect inside the Gurdwara. We also enjoyed visiting the Langar hall where we were provided a lovely meal. Also, we had the amazing opportunity to learn about the importance of sharing and equality through our experience. It was a peaceful and inspiring visit that helped us understand Sikhism in a real and meaningful way.



# DOWNSVIEW PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE 2026?

02087644611 or [sec1@downsview.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:sec1@downsview.croydon.sch.uk)

- ✓ Do you want to be part of a community school who cares about the whole child?
- ✓ Are you as passionate about sustainability as we are?
- ✓ Are you looking for a school that has fantastic facilities and massive grounds with green spaces and wooded areas to explore? We have an exceptional Forest School where all teachers have Level 3 Forest School's accreditation.
- ✓ Do you want to be part of a school who celebrates diversity and inclusion?



We even have our own  
School Dog- Joey!

Here is what some of our Nursery and Reception parents have said:

*"I highly recommend Downsview . The structure and their ethos is amazing. The children have a wide variety of learning resources which are always fun for them. The staff are amazing with the children and the school has so much to offer."*

*"We are incredibly pleased that we chose Downsview for our child. She has settled well, loves her teachers and has made a lovely group of friends. She is thriving at Downsview, and is boosted by the encouragement that is given to all children - effort is rewarded daily, and the children are taught to celebrate their own successes as well as those of their friends, however big or small. The enthusiasm, friendliness and kindness of the teachers are seen across the school from the Headteacher through to the Support team. The grounds and facilities are also fantastic - a huge grass playing field and playground, set back from the road - not seen within many London schools! I can't recommend Downsview enough." [Click here for more...](#)*

**TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 9.00AM - 10.30 AM**  
**WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 9.00AM - 10.30 AM**  
**TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025 AT 9.00AM - 10.30 AM**

# School

## FUND 25-26

# THANK YOU!

Schools are constantly having to work to very tight budgets and we rely greatly on the kind generosity and support of our parents. Each school year we ask parents if they are willing to contribute to the School Fund. This voluntary contribution allows the school to purchase additional resources for the children and this year we would love to purchase some additional equipment for our outdoor learning areas.

**We would like to suggest a minimum contribution of £30 per family.**

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and can be made on-line using the Magicbooking website. Please log into your account, go the E-Shop and select the item School Fund 2025-2026

## 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](http://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.

**Apply Now**

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[www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

## Childcare provision 2025 - Parents/Carers survey

We would like to invite parents and carers to tell us about their childcare needs, and their experiences of childcare in Croydon. This will help us to make sure we have enough high-quality childcare places for everyone that needs them.

Please take part in our survey - **it closes 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

[CLICK HERE](#)

[Childcare provision 2025 - parents/carers survey | Get Involved Croydon](#)

REUSE • REPURPOSE • RECYCLE

Bring and Swap your old Christmas Jumpers in November's EcoLiving Fest

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER BIG SWAP

From the Community to the Community

15th November 2025 • From 1pm to 4pm  
• Holy Innocents Church Hall

## Eco Living Fest!

SAT 15TH NOVEMBER 1-4PM  
HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH HALL  
SOUTH NORWOOD  
192A SELHURST ROAD  
SE25 6XX

Free entry

ELECTRICAL REPAIR • KIDS ZONE  
LEARN CLOTHES MENDING • BICYCLE REPAIR  
SWEET & SAVOURY VEGAN FOOD & DRINKS  
ENERGY ADVICE • ETHICAL FINANCIAL SERVICES RANKINGS • CLOTHES SWAP  
CLEANING & BODY CARE REFILLS • FOOD GROWING INFO & ADVICE • PLANT-BASED DIET INFO & ADVICE • DROP OFF TERRACYCLE ITEMS

festive edition

FREE WORKSHOP! NATURAL WREATH-MAKING!

For more about our events and how to get involved at our monthly or special events visit [www.holynorwoodchurch.org.uk](mailto:www.holynorwoodchurch.org.uk)

## Polish for an A+

### Preparation for GCSE and A Level Polish exams.

Teacher with over 20 years of experience working with bilingual children.

- ✓ Learning Polish from scratch.
- ✓ Support with returning to the Polish education system.
- ✓ Certified AQA examiner.

ACA Approved Examiner 2025

Have questions? Call and find out more. **+44 7925 413745**

INDIVIDUAL APPROACH • EFFECTIVE METHODS • FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

Location: South West London, student home visit.

## KNITTING & STITCHING OLD JUMPERS

Prepare for winter and bring your old jumpers to our dedicated stall. Come to our Bimonthly EcoLiving Fest

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025, at Holy Innocents Church in South Norwood

# Dreaming of a greener

CHRISTMAS



## I'M DREAMING OF A GREENER CHRISTMAS

### 5 WAYS TO HAVE MORE FUN WITH YOUR FESTIVE OUTFITS:

- 1 Swap with a friend or relative.
- 2 If you "need" an item you don't have, or a bigger size, buy secondhand.
- 3 Upcycle a piece of clothing to become festive.
- 4 Reuse your festive accessories every year.
- 5 Don't buy gimmicky t-shirts, jumpers or socks for friends unless they will really love and wear them.

### 5 SUSTAINABLE WAYS TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS JUMPER:

- 1 Use fabric paints and pens
- 2 Sew on pom poms, buttons or bells
- 3 Add Christmas-themed applique patches
- 4 Avoid glitter (it's a micro plastic)

### Clothing



**ONE CHANGE TO MAKE:**  
Re-wear your secondhand Christmas Jumpers every year - no matter how ugly!



## I'M DREAMING OF A GREENER CHRISTMAS

### 4 SUSTAINABLE WAYS TO FEAST:

- 1 Meal and event plan to avoid over-catering.
- 2 Ask everyone to bring a dish to share so you're not providing too much or too little for guests - especially with last-minute additions!
- 3 Choose a vegetarian or vegan option when you eat out or plan a meal.
- 4 Clear out your freezer beforehand. Freeze veg when you have prepared too much or leftovers after a meal.

### 4 FESTIVE VEGGIE OPTIONS:

- 1 Nut roast
- 2 Whole roasted cauliflower or cauli steak
- 3 Beetroot wellington
- 4 Veggie pies

Pickling/chutneys use up leftover fruit and veg, make great gifts and encourage eating up tasty leftover meat and cheese!

### Feasting

**ONE CHANGE TO MAKE:**  
Encourage relatives to take leftovers home - and eat them!





## NOVEMBER

### WREATH MAKING

We regret to inform you that this event has been **cancelled due to insufficient bookings.**

Refunds will be issued in full to the two attendees who had booked – you'll receive confirmation shortly.

### MORE EVENTS IN NOVEMBER BELOW



Book  
ticket

Book  
ticket



## Breakfast with SANTA

24TH NOVEMBER 8.30-9.30AM  
KS2 HALL  
(Open for all Nursery – Y6)

We have Santa himself visiting our school to have breakfast with the children. He will read a story while the children are having breakfast then walk around to talk to the children and give them a small gift.

What's included:  
- breakfast  
(gingerbread cookie, a yoghurt pouch, choc milkshake and a piece of fruit)  
- a small gift  
- decorate your own crown to take home

£6/child



Please book your tickets:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps>



## MEET the GRINCH

24TH NOVEMBER  
8.30-9.30AM  
KS1 HALL  
(KS2 children only)

We have an UNINVITED guest who announced their visit alongside Santa in our school! He will have breakfast with the children while talking everything NON Christmassy! He will walk around to talk to the children and maybe even give them a small gift if he feels like it.

£6/child

What's included:  
- breakfast  
(gingerbread cookie, a yoghurt pouch, choc milkshake and a piece of fruit)  
- a small gift  
- a Christmas cracker



Please book your tickets:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps>

# YEAR REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE

A big thank-you to everyone who showed interest in becoming Year Representatives! As it happens, only **Reception** put forward candidates

The school will be setting up the Reception group chat very soon, so Reception parents – you're in great hands and will be wonderfully well informed!

As for the other year groups... well, you'll have to keep enjoying all your updates right here in our lovely newsletter for now

## DONATIONS

### WE WOULD NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOW:

- party bags, gift bags (any size, any kind)
- party bag fillers
- toys (new, used)
- xmas wrapping paper
- books (new and used)
- soft toys (new and used)



If you donate used toys, books, please make sure **they are in good condition and fully working.**

## CRAFTS AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH

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

11TH NOVEMBER  
3:30-5:00PM

THEME: LIGHT CELEBRATION



## 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!](#)



# SUPPORT DOWNSVIEW WHEN PLANNING YOUR NEXT TRIP WITH [BOOKING.COM](https://www.booking.com)!

Planning a trip? When you book your accommodation through **Booking.com** this week, they'll donate £10 to our school, at **no extra cost to you!** [CLICK HERE](#)

You enjoy your adventure — and Downsview benefits

**Hurry, the offer ends at midnight on Sunday, 9th November!!!**

**How to secure a £10 donation this week**

- 1 Click the buttons within this email or open the easyfundraising website or app and search for [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com)
- 2 Click 'Shop now' and we'll take you to [Booking.com's](https://www.booking.com) website
- 3 Complete your booking with [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) and get your free £10 donation!

[Get a £10 donation](#)

## WINTER IS THE TIME FOR HOT CHOCOLATE

**EVERY FRIDAY!**

AT 3.15 PM NEAR THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Plain Hot Chocolate.	- £1.50
"The Works" Hot Chocolate (whipped cream, sprinkles and marshmallows)	- £2.50
Tea or Coffee	- £1.00
Snacks	- £0.50
Sweet-bags	- £1.00

**FREE BISCUIT WITH EVERY HOT DRINK**

VEGAN & HALAL options are available!

Bring your own hot drinks cup to get 50p discount!



## MUFTI DAY

For Christmas Fair

28 NOVEMBER

PLEASE BRING:

- Soft drinks
- Chocolate
- Cake (shop-bought only, with a best-before date after 5th)
- Alcoholic drinks

Don't forget we are looking forward to having your homemade cakes on the day of the fair too!

Thank you for your support!



**DON'T FORGET**

## DATE TO REMEMBER

- 24<sup>th</sup> November – Santa and Grinch Breakfast 8:30–9:30am
- 28<sup>th</sup> November– Mufti day – Don't forget your donation!
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair 2–5 pm

**Every Friday, we have a hot chocolate sale and a Minimal Eco Refill shop 3:15**

# DOWNSVIEW

## ATTENDANCE LEAGUE TABLE

POSITION	CLASS NAME	ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE
 1	 <b>FROG</b>	<b>98.8</b>
2	 <b>ADDER</b>	<b>98</b>
3	 <b>CATERPILLAR</b>	<b>97.9</b>
4	 <b>LIZARD</b>	<b>97.7</b>
5	 <b>BLUEBELL</b>	<b>97.6</b>
5	 <b>LADYBIRD</b>	<b>97.6</b>
5	 <b>RAVEN</b>	<b>97.6</b>
6	 <b>DUCKLING</b>	<b>97.5</b>
7	 <b>SQUIRREL</b>	<b>97.4</b>
8	 <b>DAFFODIL</b>	<b>97.3</b>
9	 <b>TADPOLE</b>	<b>97.1</b>
10	 <b>FOX</b>	<b>97.1</b>
10	 <b>OAK</b>	<b>97.1</b>
11	 <b>HEDGEHOG</b>	<b>96.6</b>
11	 <b>WREN</b>	<b>96.6</b>
12	 <b>HAWTHORN</b>	<b>96.5</b>
13	 <b>GOLDFINCH</b>	<b>96</b>
14	 <b>JUNIPER</b>	<b>95.9</b>
15	 <b>DRAGONFLY</b>	<b>95.8</b>
16	 <b>CRICKET</b>	<b>95</b>
17	 <b>THISTLE</b>	<b>91.5</b>

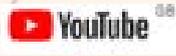
# Celebrations

## Values

N- Zainab  
 R-Dua  
 R-Jaydan  
 R-Felix  
 Y1 - Rory  
 Y1 - Safaa  
 Y1 - Noah  
 Y2 - Samuel  
 Y2 - Ayaan  
 Y2 - Mirha  
 Y3 - Amar  
 Y3 - Sam  
 Y3 - Raffie  
 Y4 - Leonardo  
 Y4 - Natalia  
 Y4 - Darcey  
 Y5 - Kadijatu  
 Y5 - Adam  
 Y5 - Oscar  
 Y6 - Amir

## Effort

N- Penelope  
 R - Nasir  
 R - Albee  
 R - Alma  
 Y1 - Emilia  
 Y1 - Ahmad- Ali  
 Y1 - Hugo  
 Y2 - Zahra  
 Y2 - Iasir  
 Y2 - Karan  
 Y3 - Sabrina  
 Y3 - Zuri  
 Y3 - Miguel  
 Y4 - Alice  
 Y4 - Amirah  
 Y4 - Ambra  
 Y5 - Eden-Skylah  
 Y5 - Sariyah-Mae  
 Y5 - Ella  
 Y6 - Hajra



Instagram:  
[Downviewprimary\\_croydon](https://www.instagram.com/downviewprimary_croydon)  
 Youtube:[@meghanpughandj](https://www.youtube.com/@meghanpughandj)  
[oeytheschool9677](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeYtHeschool9677)



**Green House Winners**

# Pokemon



Pokémon TCG Pocket has exploded in popularity, with over 100 million downloads worldwide. The mobile trading card game is packed with quick battles, colourful decks, and the thrill of opening booster packs – but the excitement can come at a cost.

This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide helps trusted adults navigate the risks – from addictive spending habits to endless new card sets. With tips on monitoring purchases, managing play time, and encouraging fairness, our expert advice supports parents and educators in keeping young players safe while still enjoying the game.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Mathletics

### Infants

**Gold: ALL Reception class 100%**  
**Silver: Bluebell 86%**  
**Bronze: Fox 72%**

