

A Message from Our Chair of Governors

Hello, I'm Philip Eracleous, Chair of Governors at Downsview

Our Governing Board plays a key role in helping the school run smoothly and continue to grow. We set the school's strategic direction, ensure we're providing the best education possible and have oversight of the school's finances.

We also support and challenge the Headteacher and Senior Leaders, making sure the school remains safe, inclusive and focused on the needs of every child. Listening to the views of parents and the wider community is an important part of this work.

To help us do this effectively, we'd be grateful if all parents and carers could take a few minutes to complete our [Downsview Parent Questionnaire](#)

Your feedback helps us understand what's working well and where we can continue to improve.

By completing the questionnaire, you help us:

- Shape future plans and priorities
- Ensure parent voices are represented in governor decisions
- Identify ways to further support children and families.

The questionnaire is quick, and all responses are confidential.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support – **it truly makes a difference!**

PLATINUM

Kayson, Aieda, Felix, Marian, Isabel, Ador, Ibrihim, Gabby, Zainab, Ava, Israel, Bodhi, Leo, Kawthar, Sorrel, Seren, Kit, Jake, Ray, Mila, Bonnie, Dua, Safa, Aisha, Osheli, Hannah, Hana, Frederick, Rory, Ahmad, Hakeem, Safaa, Jonathan, Clara, Grace, Aurelia, Alicia, Nai, Betty, Hannah, JackInnes, Nancy, Allegra, Wren, Izaak, Teddy, Ebrahim, Olivia, Ayaan, Bea, Emma, Frankie, Isobel, Sadie, Zaine, Rabia, Sidney, Amelia, Karan, Dylan, Nieva, Khadijah, Nela, Auriella, Ananya, Mia, Rivka, Emily, Isaac, Dexter, Elayna, Benjamin, Phoebe, Juno, Lorenzo, Amar, Thomas, Jude, Serah, Freya D, Adam, Arianna, Darcey, Hafsa, Izzy, Jayen, Minnah, Ollie, Rebecca, Sam, Zoe, Amelia, Ariana, Aya, Felix, Bianca, Lincoln, Neive, Zephyr, Alice B, Leo, Evelyn, Aliabbas, Alice I, Leonardo, Cali, Fatimah, Hanaa, Suhani, AnabelleAda, olivia E, Fabian, Isa, Muhammad, Ella, Edie, Sasha, Isabelle, Karim, Creamea, Jival, Otto, Vedika, Razia, Arya, Lincoln, Pavlin, ZunairaHazel, Akashi, Pedro, Shannon, Eden, Penny, Muzaynah, Ellis, Sofia AH, Safiya B, Jathiya I, Abdullah, Nia O, Ruby R, Aden T, Khadija, Willa, Emma, Luna, Emayah, Norah



DATES FOR THE DIARY...

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



NOVEMBER

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)



Mon 24th LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
FOD - Santa/Grinch Breakfast

Thurs 27th Bring You Parent To School Day (BYPTSD) see PG4 for more detail

Fri 28th Winter Fair Donations - Mufti Day

Tues 2nd EYFS Prospective parents tour 9am - 10.30am

Thurs 4th Year 3 Stone Age Day

Fri 5th Christmas Jumper Day
 Christmas Lunch (check out the website for the menu)
FOD - Winter Fair (2pm-5pm)

Tues 9th EYFS/KS1 Winter performance 9.30-10.45am & 1.45-2.45pm

Weds 10th KS2 Winter performance 9.30-10.45am & 1.45-2.45pm

Mon 15th FOD Christmas movie night 3.30-5.00pm
FOD Christmas Shop

Tues 16th FOD Santa Run

Weds 17th FOD Christmas Shop

Thurs 18th Pantomime Day
 Class Christmas Parties

Fri 19th School breaks up at 1.15pm for ALL children



Mon 5th INSET for Pupils

Mon 12th Clubs Start

Tues 13th Year 4 Come Dine with Me!

Thurs 15th Reception Height & Weight checks

Fri 16th FOD Mufti Day - Rainbow Hamper

Mon 19th Young Voices Choir event

Thurs 22nd SEND Coffee Morning - 9.15 - 11.00am

Wed 28th Year 3 Come Dine with Me!



Term Dates

Autumn

1st Sept - 24th Oct 25

Half-term:

27th Oct - 31st Oct

3rd Nov to 19th Dec 25

Inset days: 1st & 2nd Sept 25

Spring

5th Jan - 27th March 26

Half Term: 16th- 20th Feb

Easter holidays: 30th March -

10th Apr 26

Inset days: 5th Jan 26

Summer

13th Apr - 22nd May 26

Half Term: 25th- 29th May

1st June - 20th July 26

Inset days: 20th July 26

Bank Holiday:

4th May 26



BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES



What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?

McDonald's changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said the new boxes encourage creativity and let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour-your-own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond.

Things to talk about at home.

Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Share your thoughts - do you think it's a good idea? Share what you might draw on the box. One of the aims of the campaign is to encourage children to express themselves. Do you believe it achieves this aim? Can you think of any other ideas?

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS

EU to put climate on the curriculum

The EU has committed to putting climate education on the school curriculum, a move hailed as a "watershed moment" by climate groups.

Announcing the measure, the EU said that climate literacy was "essential for fostering an informed understanding of the climate crisis, building resilience to disinformation, and creating a sustainability-skilled workforce."

The campaign group earthday.org, which has long lobbied for climate education, welcomed the move. "Climate education is not just about combating the climate crisis," said its president Kathleen Rogers. "It's a critical foundation for training the global workforce, equipping everyone with the green skills needed to thrive in an evolving economy, and empowering businesses to grow sustainably in a rapidly changing world."

The EU's commitment to climate literacy was made as nations submitted their nationally determined contributions (NDCs) to the Paris agreement. It means that 152 countries now have climate education included in their national commitments.

"Education is a fundamental tool in building climate resilience," said earthday.org's Max Falcone. "Just as literacy paved the way for the first Industrial Revolution, climate education will ignite the next revolution, one that addresses the climate crisis."

[Click here for the clip](#)



PARENT PAGE

REMINDER

To enter front gates at Biggin Way, press Bell icon. 
If you need to reach the Extended Schools Team directly, please use our
new contact number: **07857 500544.**

The **Marston Way** School Gates close at **9am** the School Office are
unable to open after this time.

IMPORTANT

Registration for pupil attendance closes at **9.05am.**

If your child arrives after this time, please ensure that they are **brought
to the School Office** so that their attendance can be formally recorded.

**This is a legal requirement set by the Department for Education and
forms part of our statutory safeguarding procedures.**

Help Us GO VIRAL

Dont forget to follow us on Insta, Facebook & subscribe to our Youtube page.



Instagram: [Downsviewprimary_croydon](#)



Facebook: [Downsview Primary and Nursery School](#)



Youtube: [@meghanpughandjoeytheschool9677](#)

Thursday 27th November 9am - 10am

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

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

Reception

Come and see us learning our phonics

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

DOWNSVIEW PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE 2026?

02087644611 or 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...](#)

FINAL TOUR:
TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2025 AT 9.00AM - 10.30 AM

Have you applied yet?
Primary School Admissions 2026/2027

With 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 admission criteria for your preferred schools.
3. Check the school's website for more information.
4. Book a visit, early school entry (starting from 21 January 2026).

A set of 16 forms apply online.
Parents who apply online will receive a confirmation email.
If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Apply Now

Working for Croydon | CROYDON

Dreaming of

a greener

CHRISTMAS



I'M DREAMING OF A GREENER CHRISTMAS

5 SUSTAINABLE SWAPS:

- Make your own crackers.
- Rent, or reuse a Christmas tree. You can even use a potted, live tree and keep in your garden for future Christmases!
- Use an alternative to wrapping paper, like furoshiki or reusable gift bags, particularly those that upcycle fabrics.
- Send e-Christmas cards or donate to charity instead.

5 SUSTAINABLE DECORATIONS:

- Secondhand or homemade
 - Pine cones
 - Fabric or scrap bunting
 - Pom poms and tassels
- Avoid baubles, tinsel and glitter = plastic



Pop along to The Hub to find out how to make these easy decorations!

ONE CHANGE TO MAKE:

Use dontsendmeacard.com to send e-cards in return for a donation to charity. (Greener and Cleaner is available on there!)



Decorating



Special Menu

Christmas

Friday 5th December

Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing and Chicken & Beef Sausage

Halal Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing and Halal Chicken & Beef Sausage

Vegan Cranberry & Roasted Vegetable Wellington

Served with Roasted Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Peas, Carrots & Gravy

Dessert

Gingerbread Brownie



BM2HalalNon Downsview Primary School

CDMM

Y1 & 6



Thank you for your food. I loved spending time with my daughter.
Would highly recommend- 5 stars
Thank you for a lovely lunch! Amazing service.
Loved spending time with my son! Great idea!
Thank you for a yummy lunch and lovely experience with the children.
Delicious food! Thank you for hosting US!
Yum! Thanks
Thank you for the lovely experience and delicious food.
Thank you for the best 'Come Dine with Me' EVER- Downsview wins!
Safaa and mummy really enjoyed having lunch at school together!
The food was amazing and it is good that the children can try new things.
The best waiters in the world- 5 star rating!
Nice Meatballs and Lemon Cake!
Best food ever!
Thank you for the food. The cake was amazing!
Loved every minute of it-
Can we still come next year PLEASE!!



HURRICANE MELISSA APPEAL

As a school, our calendar is already very full with pre-arranged mufti days and charity events, so we will not be holding a specific school-wide event for Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica. However, we want to acknowledge this tragic event and express our heartfelt support for those affected.

We have a growing partnership with **Norbury Manor**, who have kindly set up a way for us to support this cause by contributing to their fundraising efforts alongside Croydon's appeal. If you are able to donate, please consider supporting this legitimate charity through the link below:

Donation Link

or scan the QR Code to access the payment page.

Thank you for your kindness and support during this difficult time



Scan the QR code with the camera on your phone to pay into the pot



SCIENCE



PGL



Y6
School Journey

'Having the best time of their lives'



TEAM BUILDING



SCIENCE

DAY

amazing

Sublime Science



Thank you to the parents who donated £1/2 and to Pastor Adrian from Southside Baptist Church for your kind donation of £300. Your support has made it possible for our children to have this wonderful experience.

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Y2 Learning

Music



WOODS



FOD NEWS



EXCLUSIVE

Christmas

MOVIE NIGHT

RECEPTION - Y6

15 December
Monday

3:15-4:45



A pack of crisps and unlimited Squash will be provided

WHAT FILM: AN AGE APPROPRIATE • IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER THE TIME.

£6



ELFRIDGES



SANTA'S SECRET GIFT SHOP



Our Christmas Gift Shop will be open during school hours on **15th and 17th December.**

Children can browse and choose thoughtful presents for the special people in their lives. All gifts are **£2.50** and **£4.50** each and will be wrapped to take home the same day.

Perfect for parents, grandparents, siblings, friends and more!

KS1 reminder: Please send a list of people your child needs to buy for so our elves can lend a hand.

CHILDREN MAY BUY AS MANY GIFTS AS THEY WISH!

Donate and give love

Help to Support Families in Need

This Christmas, we're offering an opportunity to help families who may not be able to afford to take part in **ELFRIDGES Santa Secret Gift Shop**. You can purchase gifts for children who will then be able to visit our Elfridges shop and choose presents for their loved ones.

Gift values are **£2.50** and **£4.50**, and you're welcome to donate as many as you wish.

Thank you for helping us spread a little extra Christmas magic



For any events, Pay at:

www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/



MAKE A DONATION GIVE Tokens

This year, we're giving everyone the chance to sprinkle some kindness around! You can buy tokens for families in need, so every child can join in the fun at our Winter Fair. The school will discreetly pass these tokens on to families who could use a little extra support.

Tokens can be used at any game stall at the fair.

1 token = 50p

Minimum purchase: 2 tokens (£1)

Let's make the fair magical for everyone!



Your school needs you



Join the community effort
Volunteer today



We urgently need volunteers for the Winter Fair!

If you can spare **just one hour**, it would make a huge difference.

Right now, we don't have enough parent helpers, and the **fair is at real risk of being cancelled.**

Children can be collected from 2pm, or they may stay at school until the usual pick-up time (3:15pm).

This means that if you choose to volunteer, you can help from 2-3pm and then collect your child to enjoy the rest of the fair together.

To volunteer, please sign up using the QR code linking to the Google document.

VOLUNTEER ONE HOUER OF YOUR TIME!

POKEMON CARDS!

We collect any unwanted Pokémon cards!

If you're sick of them lying around, or your child has way too many duplicates, don't secretly throw them away at night like a guilty Team Rocket member.

Donate them to the school instead – we happily adopt orphaned Pichachus, lonely Charmanders, and flocks of identical Magikarps.

Catch 'em... and then send 'em to us! 😊



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!



UNIFORM SALE!!

12TH DECEMBER FROM 2.45PM

Every item £1 or fill a bag for £5

Location: School reception area

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.



PLAY FOR ADULTS.

THE UNFRIEND BY STEVEN MOFFAT

27TH NOVEMBER 2025 - SAT
29TH NOVEMBER 2025

DOWNSVIEW METHODIST
CHURCH HALL, SE19 3XH

Click here to buy the tickets



CRAFTS AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH

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

**9TH DECEMBER
3:30-5:00PM**

THEME:CHRISTMAS



ANOTHER PLANET

Streatham's premier destination for out of this world fun!



Mini Astronauts (ages 0-8)
Explore our galactic soft play zone – zoom, bounce and slide into a universe of fun!



Grown-up co-pilots
Unwind in our cosmic café – Enjoy barista coffee and other-worldly cakes whilst the kids explore



Birthday mission?
Book one of our stellar party packages and let us take your celebration to new heights!



524-528 Streatham High Road, SW16 3QF / @AnotherPlanet_SW16
Come & see why everyone's saying Another Planet is the place to launch your next family adventure!

Reminders

NOVEMBER

- **24th – Santa and Grinch Breakfast 8:30–9:30 am – this is a drop off, no parents** (unless you are a helper) event.
- **28th – Mufti day** – Don't forget your donation!

DECEMBER

- **5th – Christmas Fair 2–5 pm**
- **12th – Uniform SALE** – Last in this Year
- **15th and 17th – Elfridges** : secret gift shop
- **16th – Santa Fun Run** (sponsored run)– the sponsorship form can be collected from your teacher from 25th Nov

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

Celebrations

Values

N - Louis
R - Isaac
R - Anaiah
R - Violet
Y1 - Noah
Y1 - Sufyan
Y1 - Alicia
Y2 - Sadie
Y2 - Ted
Y2 - Kit
Y3 - Gabriel
Y3 - Juno
Y3 - Zeus
Y4 - Aya
Y4 - Fatimah
Y4 - Izyah
Y5 - Joshua
Y5 - Karim
Y5 - Ana
Y6 - Vidhaan
Y6 - Amechi
Y6 - Jathiya

Effort

N - Olive
R - Kit
R - Creed
R - William
Y1 - Amareon
Y1 - Zara
Y1 - Ayat
Y2 - Emma
Y2 - River
Y2 - Ishaq
Y3 - Zosia
Y3 - Benjamin
Y3 - Reuben
Y4 - Luca
Y4 - Suhani
Y4 - Kaya
Y5 - Amir
Y5 - Nathan
Y5 - George
Y6 - Pedro
Y6 - Zara
Y6 - Hazeeb



Attendance

Infant:
Duckling
KS2: Oak



We would like to wish **Mrs Barbour-Macleod** all the very best as she begins her maternity leave. She has been a wonderful support, especially in Dragonfly and her contributions across the school this term have been greatly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming her back in the future and send her our warmest wishes for this exciting new chapter.

