

Road Safety at Downsview Cycling with Care

As many of our pupils at Downsview regularly cycle to school or enjoy riding their bikes at home, we'd like to remind families about the **importance** of **staying safe** on the roads. Whether it's a short journey to school or a weekend cycle, understanding road safety helps keep children confident, protected and able to enjoy cycling **responsibly**.

Why road safety matters

Cycling is a brilliant way for children to stay active and build independence. However, roads can be busy and unpredictable. By teaching children good habits early, we can **greatly reduce the risk** of accidents and help them develop lifelong safe cycling skills.

Helmets: Simple protection that makes a big difference. Parents and carers play a **crucial role** in making sure children wear a properly fitted cycle helmet every time they ride. Helmets **significantly reduce** the risk of serious head injuries if a fall or collision occurs.

When checking a helmet, please make sure:

- It sits level on the head about one or two finger widths above the eyebrows
- The straps form a neat "V" shape under each ear
- It fits snugly under the chin and doesn't wobble
- It doesn't obstruct vision
- A well fitted helmet should feel comfortable and secure

Safe cycling habits to encourage along with wearing a helmet, children should be encouraged to follow these important rules:

- Obey all road signs, signals and the rules of the road.
- Wear bright or fluorescent clothing during the day and reflective materials in low light.
- Make sure their bike has working lights and reflectors if riding when it is low light
- Use **clear** hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Keep to **cycle lanes where available** and be **considerate** of pedestrians when using shared paths.
- Check brakes, tyres and lights before each ride.

Parents and Carers - Setting a Positive example

Children often copy what the adults around them do. By wearing a helmet yourself and following road rules when cycling, you help reinforce safe behaviour. **You can also:**

- Ensure your child's bike is the correct size and properly maintained
- Plan safer routes using cycle paths or quieter streets
- Regularly check helmet fit as children grow

For more official advice tailored to cyclists and families, please see link below for the police guidance on cycle safety:

[Cycle Safety Link](#)

Thank you for supporting safer, more confident young cyclists here at Downsview.



YOUR VOTE MATTERS

We are pleased to inform you that **three candidates** have come forward to stand for the role of **Parent Governor** at Downsview Primary and Nursery School.

Please **follow the link below** to view the candidates' statements outlining their reasons for standing as Parent Governor and to cast your vote:

[Parent Governor Elections - 2025](#)

Important voting information:

- Each Parent/Carer is entitled to **one vote only**, regardless of the number of children they have at the school.
- Any attempt to submit multiple votes will result in all associated votes being disqualified.
- The **closing date** for the ballot is Wednesday 10th December at 10.00am.

We encourage all parents and carers to take part in this important election and thank you for supporting the Governance of our School.

MEET OUR CURRENT PARENT GOVERNORS



ANDY WALTERS



VICTOR ROFFEY



Special Menu
Christmas

Friday 5th December

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

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

Vegan Cranberry & Roasted Vegetable Wellington

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

Dessert:
gingerbread brownie

1000 Halal@Downsview Primary School

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

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

NOVEMBER

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)



Tues 2 nd	EYFS Prospective parents tour 9am - 10.30am
Thurs 4 th	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Fri 5 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch (check out the website for the menu) FOD - Winter Fair (2pm-5pm)
Tues 9 th	EYFS/KS1 Winter performance 9.30-10.45am & 1.45-2.45pm
Weds 10 th	KS2 Winter performance 9.30-10.45am & 1.45-2.45pm
Mon 15 th	FOD Christmas movie night 3.30-5.00pm FOD Christmas Shop
Tues 16 th	FOD Santa Run
Weds 17 th	FOD Christmas Shop
Thurs 18 th	Pantomime Day Class Christmas Parties
Fri 19 th	School breaks up at 1.15pm for ALL children



Mon 5 th	<u>INSET for Pupils</u>
Mon 12 th	Clubs Start
Tues 13 th	Year 4 Come Dine with Me!
Thurs 15 th	Reception Height & Weight checks
Fri 16 th	FOD Mufti Day - Rainbow Hamper
Mon 19 th	Young Voices Choir event
Thurs 22 nd	SEND Coffee Morning - 9.15 - 11.00am
Wed 28 th	Year 3 Come Dine with Me!

February

Fri 6 th	Mufti Day - World Cancer Day
Thurs 12 th	Parents Evening - 1.30pm-7pm
Mon 16th - Fri 20th February HALF TERM	
Thurs 26 th	Book Fair
Fri 27 th	FOD Joey Bar Event

Autumn

1st Sept - 24th Oct 25
Half-term:
27th Oct - 31st Oct
3rd Nov to 19th Dec 25
Inset days: 1st & 2nd Sept 25

Term Dates

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



How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?

On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community. The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided. It encourages everyone to think about the power of togetherness and the importance of supporting one another with compassion and joy.

Things to talk about at home...

Talk to someone at home – are they interested in this concert? Do you or they believe it will achieve its aim in bringing people together? Are there any services, concerts, or events that you will be attending during the festive period? Talk about what 'togetherness' means to you and your people at home.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS



Ban on plastic wet wipes announced for England

England is to phase out the sale of wet wipes containing plastic, after the government signed legislation on Tuesday to tackle the stubborn and costly source of pollution.

Plastic wet wipes have become a familiar blight. A recent beach survey showed an average of 20 wet wipes littering every 100 metres of beach across the UK.

"This ban will put an end to plastic wet wipes which choke our sewers, litter our beaches and poison wildlife," said environment secretary Emma Reynolds.

Retailers have until spring 2027 to comply - a timeline campaigners said is too generous. Read the full story [here](#).

[Click here for the clip](#)



BETTER
TOGETHER



PARENT PAGE

Hearing from parents and the wider community is a vital part of this role.

To help us do this well, we kindly ask all parents and carers to take a few minutes to complete our **Downsview Parent Questionnaire**

Your feedback helps us understand what is working well and where we can make further improvements.

By completing the questionnaire, you will be **helping** us to:

- **Shape future** plans and school priorities
- Ensure parents' views are reflected in governor discussions
- **Identify** additional ways we can support pupils and their families

The questionnaire is short and all responses will be treated confidentially.

**Thank you for your continued support
It truly makes a difference.**

The Questionnaire will close on Monday 1st December at Midday

DON'T FORGET

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.



Please follow the link to view
next years lunch menu

[Downsview 2026 - Lunch Menu](#)

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](#)



DOWNSVIEW PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE 2026?

020 8764 4611 or sec1@downsview.croydon.sch.uk

[CLICK ME!](#)

- ✓ 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

Dreaming of

a greener

CHRISTMAS



I'M DREAMING OF A GREENER CHRISTMAS



Brits eat approximately 175 million mince pies over Christmas.



Using 175 tonnes of aluminium packaging in the process.



Save your pie cases and scrunch into a tennis ball-sized lump - and they can be recycled...

Recycle now, diet tomorrow!

ONE CHANGE TO MAKE:

Add crumpled foil to recycling collections.

BETTER STILL:

Don't let food go to waste and eat all your leftovers.



Greener & Cleaner

Eco-Friendly Festivities!

We made beautiful plastic-free Christmas decorations for our school trees—well done to everyone involved! They look absolutely gorgeous. Maybe you could try making some at home too and join in the festive fun while caring for our planet.



Ignite your child's passion for the stage and screen at PSSA Crystal Palace!

PSSA (Pop School & Stage Academy)- provides professional performing arts training for stage and screen across London. We offer fun and dynamic weekly classes in dance, singing, and acting for ages 4-16, packed with incredible performance opportunities throughout the year.

Led by **passionate** Principal Amelia, we create a fun, nurturing space where every child can thrive - whether they dream of the spotlight or simply want a confidence boost.

Our talented alumni shine on TV, film, and stage, with many progressing to top-performing arts colleges and careers in the creative industries.

At PSSA, we do more than teach - we uplift, encourage, and inspire.

Ready to see your child shine? **Book your trial and join the magic today!**

The Norwood School

Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm 4-6yrs

5pm - 8pm 6-14yrs

Book now:

<https://pssa.classforkids.io/>

Contact Details:

07535 121617

INFO@PSSA.CO.UK

WWW.PSSA.CO.UK



FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

MAKE YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT MORE FUN!
TRY RUGBYTOTS
Our dynamic weekly play sessions enable **boys and girls aged 2-7** to develop their social and physical skills in a fun, positive environment. For more details, just call or email.
sarahyoung@rugbytots.co.uk
0345 313 0442

ABOUT OUR CLASSES
Come along to one of our fun filled sessions held inside every Saturday at All Saints C of E Primary School, Upper Beulah Hill, SE19 3LG.
Classes are action-packed, teaching your little ones how to catch, pass, kick, & tag, all whilst having lots of fun in a friendly team environment.
FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE!
Saturday, 8.45pm to 9.15pm for ages 2 - 3.5
Saturday, 9.20am to 10.05am for ages 3.5 - 5
Saturday, 10.10am to 10.40am for ages 2 - 3.5
Saturday, 10.45am to 11.30am for ages 3.5 - 5
Saturday, 11.35am to 12.20pm for ages 5 - 7
For more details, just call or email.
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0345 313 0442

rugby tots
The world's favourite rugby play programme

Downsview Methodist Church will be hosting blood donation sessions on **Tuesday 24 March and Tuesday 7 April 2026, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.**

Booking early gives you a better choice of appointment times, so now is a great time to sign up for March and April.

To learn about the donation process and how to give blood for the first time, visit:

[Book a slot](#)

You can also find donation centres near the school here:

[Where to donate](#)

Thank you for considering this life-saving act!



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



Y5 Design and Technology

Vegan Bolognese



Nutritional value

In Design and Technology, Year 5 have been learning about nutrition and what makes a healthy meal. Last week, we made vegan Bolognese. The children chopped carrots, onion and celery which they then softened in a pan. Once softened, they added garlic and vegan mince then waited for these to brown a little. Finally, the children added passata and a bit of water then left it to simmer for 10 minutes. Bon appetite Year 5!

Best day EVER



SPORTS PAGE



FOOTBALL TEAM

The boys football team played their second round of the cup football fixture here at Downsview on Friday 21st November against Ridgeway Primary School.

The football team played an exciting match against Ridgeway. Both teams showed brilliant effort, great sportsmanship, and lots of enthusiasm from the very first whistle.

When the final whistle blew, the match ended 4-0 to Downsview. Every player should feel proud of their effort, teamwork, and positive attitude. A special mention goes to the defenders for their excellent tackling and to the goalkeeper for some brilliant saves.

Well done to both teams for a fun and competitive match!



George (Yr 5) "I was nervous before the game but we played so well as a team and I am proud of everyone".

BADMINTON



10 children from years 3 and 4 made it through to the London Youth games at Redbridge Sports Centre, Forest Road, Ilford in Essex on Thursday 27th November. Downsview School won the previous tournament to represent the Croydon borough.

The Competition was designed to develop and focus on extending children and young people's knowledge & understanding of a particular sport using station based or non-scoring games formats. The children then got to practice their skills and play games against other schools.

LOCAL AREA GEOGRAPHY YEAR 1

Out and about...

As part of our Geography focus on the surrounding area, Year 1 went on a walk around our local area to look at the different types of houses, buildings and local landmarks.





People Who Help Us!



Y1

NURSE

This week, we were delighted to welcome one of our parents to talk about life as a nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital. The children were fascinated to see her stethoscope and even had the chance to check their own blood pressure! Experiences like this inspire our children to think about what they might want to be when they grow up.



WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?



At Downsview, we believe that education is key to achieving our dreams, but equally important is being kind and helpful—values that are at the heart of everything we do. Our core values of love, cooperation, responsibility and respect guide us as we learn about the wonderful people who help our community.



FOD NEWS



Santa Run Tuesday 16th Dec



A fun run! No racing, just festive times with your friends. (Keep an eye out for the cheeky Xmas tree!) A chance to move, laugh and celebrate!



You can dress up that day in Christmassy clothes. Maybe a Xmas Jumper or festive accessories? Gallop like a reindeer, skip like a cheeky elf!



This event will happen in the school day. Parents do not need to attend. Check out Dojo for updates and pics!

On the school field during the school day!

Nursery and Reception: 9.20-9.40 (1 lap)

Year 1 & Year 2: 9.40 - 10.00 (1 lap)

Year 3 & Year 4: 10 - 10.20 (2 laps)

Year 5 & Year 6: 10.20 - 10.40 (2 laps)

This is a sponsored fun activity to raise money for our wonderful school.

There is no minimum sponsorship amount!

The money can be paid by cash or online.

Please request a form from your teacher if your child would like to participate.



<https://superkind.org/campaign/friends-of-downsview-santa-run>



Winter fair 5th Dec Friday 2-5 pm



TOKENS

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

Tokens can now be used at any stall as an additional form of payment.

Cash will still be accepted at all game stalls.

- 1 token = 50p
- Games cost 50p or £1
- Tokens purchased online will be handed to your child on the day of the fair.
- Additional tokens can also be purchased at the TOKEN Stall during the event.

Token Prices:

2 tokens – £1

10 tokens – £4.50

15 tokens – £7

Minimum online purchase: 2 tokens (£1).



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.

Let's make the fair magical for everyone!



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.

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 DISCOUNT WITH EVERY HOT DRINK

VEGAN & HALAL options are available!

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

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

For any events, Pay at:

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



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

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 Pichus, lonely Charmanders, and flocks of identical Magikarps.

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



Celebrations

Values

N - Willow
 R - Haniya
 R - Ayah
 R - Alexander
 Y1 - Mason
 Y1 - Thomas
 Y1 - Rozzie
 Y2 - Andra
 Y2 - Livsey
 Y2 - Kivein
 Y3 - Aria
 Y3 - Machai
 Y3 - Isaac
 Y4 - Evelyn
 Y4 - Lincoln
 Y4 - Kah-Mye
 Y5 - Millie
 Y5 - Jimit
 Y5 - Edie
 Y6 - Inaaya
 Y6 - Eden
 Y6 - Amelie

Effort

N - Lucas
 R - Safa
 R - Ruby
 R - Theo
 Y1 - Hana
 Y1 - Ollie
 Y1 - Aviel
 Y2 - Freddie
 Y2 - Innes
 Y2 - Francis
 Y3 - Belle
 Y3 - Anayah
 Y3 - Hope
 Y4 - Zahra
 Y4 - Bianca
 Y4 - Yousuf
 Y5 - David
 Y5 - Antonia
 Y5 - Cian
 Y6 - Norah
 Y6 - Akashi
 Y6 - Elijah



Red House Winners

The Primary Maths Challenge is 25 questions that start off with easier questions while slowly graduating to harder ones as the paper progresses.

Congratulations to our winners!

Gold - Zach W - 4 Ladybird

Silver

Leon - 6 Oak
 Zak - 6 Oak
 Olivia - 5 Wren
 Safiya - 6 Hawthorn

Bronze

Petra-Jo - 5 Wren
 Zach R - 4 Ladybird
 Valentina - 5 Wren
 Arya - 5 Raven



Infants

Gold: Hedgehog
 Silver: Fox
 Bronze: Thistle

KS2

Gold: Juniper 100%
 Silver: Wren 92%
 Bronze: Raven 89%