

## WINTER PERFORMANCE

We are **so proud** of our children for delivering such a **heart-warming** and energetic performance. Their enthusiasm truly created lifelong memories for all of us. A special thank you to our readers, Owen, Esther, George and Esme, who did a fantastic job in bringing the show together.

Our actors were simply **amazing**—what a professional and polished show they put on! We also want to extend our gratitude to the parents for being such a wonderful audience and for your ongoing support throughout the year.

To our **dedicated and hardworking** staff, thank you for your **resilience** and commitment in making this performance happen. Your efforts made it look effortless, and without you, none of this would have been possible.

Our **Winter Performance is always** with such a joyful celebration, let's carry forward the spirit of togetherness, love, and gratitude. This performance was more than just singing, costumes, and acting—it was a true celebration of community and **teamwork**.

Remember, the magic of this season is found in the moments we share with one another. Let's cherish these moments and spread that joy wherever we go.

On behalf of everyone at Downsview, thank you for your continued **support and kindness**. We wish you and your families a peaceful, joyous, and love-filled winter season.

Let's hear it one more time for our incredible children, **supportive parents, and amazing staff!**



## PARENT GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share the outcome of the recent School Governor **elections** at Downsview School.

After a thorough nomination and voting process, we are pleased to announce that **Muireann McSwiney and Rachel Hearsey** have been duly elected as the newest members of our Governing Body.

We are thrilled to welcome **Muireann and Rachel** to the team and look forward to introducing them to the wider school community. Their contributions as Parent Governors will be invaluable in helping us continue to shape the strategic direction and vision of Downsview School, ensuring that we provide the best possible learning environment for all our pupils.

**School Governors** play a **crucial role** in supporting the leadership team, monitoring the school's performance and making key decisions that impact both the academic and pastoral development of our students.

Having active, engaged parents like Muireann and Rachel on the Governing Body strengthens the partnership between the school and our wider community, helping us ensure that the **voices of parents and carers** are represented in shaping the future of our school.

We would also like to **extend our gratitude** to everyone who participated in the election. Your **engagement and support** demonstrate the strength and spirit of our school community and we are truly grateful for your ongoing **commitment to Downsview School**.

Once again, congratulations to Muireann and Rachel and thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. We look forward to working together with our Governors to make Downsview School an even better place for **learning, growth, and achievement**.

# DATES FOR THE DIARY...

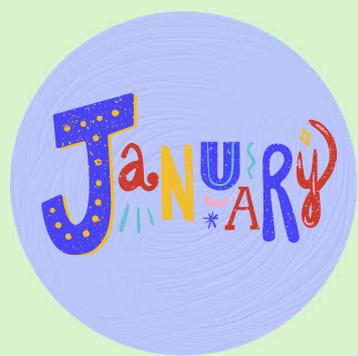
[LINK TO WEBSITE CALENDAR...](#)

## DECEMBER

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)



- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> **FOD** Christmas Movie night 3.30-5.00pm  
**FOD** Christmas Shop  
**FOD** Elfridges
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> **FOD** Santa Run  
**Y5** trip to the Science Museum & Choir at care home
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> **FOD** Christmas Shop & Choir to church  
**FOD** Elfridges
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Pantomime Day  
Class Christmas Parties
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup>** **School breaks up at 1.15pm for ALL children**



- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> **INSET for Pupils - No School**
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> **Clubs Start**
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> **Year 4** Come Dine with Me!
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> **Reception Height & Weight checks**
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> **FOD** Mufti Day - Rainbow Hamper
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Young Voices Choir event
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> **SEND** Coffee Morning - 9.15 - 11.00am
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> **Year 3** Come Dine with Me!



## February

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

## 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 - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 26  
**Half Term: 25th- 29th May**  
1st June - 20<sup>th</sup> July 26  
**Inset days:** 20th July 26  
**Bank Holiday:**  
4th May 26





Merry Christmas!

# BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES



## What does Kindness look like?

This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. It shows that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

### Things to talk about at home...

Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Can you think of a time someone was kind to you? How did it make you feel? Do you believe helping others can make us feel happier too? Why? What are some small acts of kindness we can do at home, at school, or in our community?

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Positive NEWS



### A roadmap for ending plastic pollution was published

After a global treaty to end plastic pollution was derailed by petrostates in August, scientists have published their own roadmap for tackling it.

Commissioned by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the report warns that plastic pollution will double by 2040 at the current rate. However, it says that existing solutions could "virtually eliminate" it, while supporting millions of jobs.

Refill schemes are touted as a key solution. France is among the nations to have mandated them, obliging supermarkets to have dedicated spaces where customers can bring their own containers to stock up on items.

The mass adoption of such schemes, the report says, could cut annual plastic pollution by 83%, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower the health impacts of plastic by more than half, all while supporting 8.6m jobs.

"This report shows a path to cut pollution by 83% by 2040. It's ambitious, but achievable," said Dr Costas Velis from Imperial College London, which contributed to the study.

His colleague Dr Ed Cook added: "This report is a wake-up call. Progress on plastic pollution has stalled and is worsening, but we can make a big impact by shifting investment from single-use plastics to reuse and product system redesign."

[Click here for the clip](#)



BETTER  
TOGETHER



Ensure sustainable  
consumption  
and production  
patterns



# PARENT PAGE

## IMPORTANT

When reporting your child absent from school.  
Please give specific reasons for the absence.

Your child's **FULL** name and **Class / Year Group**.

Please remember to report to  
[attendance@downsview.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@downsview.croydon.sch.uk)

## DON'T FORGET

School closes for pupils on  
**19<sup>th</sup> December** - please note  
that pick up is at 1.15pm  
**There are no afterschool  
provisions available**



Help Us GO VIRAL

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



Instagram: [Downsviewprimary\\_croydon](https://www.instagram.com/downsviewprimary_croydon)

Facebook: [Downsview Primary and Nursery School](https://www.facebook.com/DownsviewPrimaryandNurserySchool)

Youtube: [@meghanpughandjoeytheschool9677](https://www.youtube.com/@meghanpughandjoeytheschool9677)



# Is my child too ill for school?



## High Temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

## Feeling anxious or worried

It's normal for children to feel a little anxious sometimes. They may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can make a child's anxiety about going to school worse, so it's good to talk about any worries they may have. You can also work with the school or to your GP to find ways to help them.

## Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

## Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

## Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis, unless they are feeling very unwell.

## Ear Infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

## Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

## Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

## Measles

If your child has measles, they'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.



# Is my child too ill for school?

## Ringworm



If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

## Scarlet fever



If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

## Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)



You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

## Sore throat



You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

## Threadworms



You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

## Vomiting and diarrhoea



Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school on the first day to let us know that your child won't be in and give us the reason.

Please email: [attendance@downsview.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@downsview.croydon.sch.uk)



# School



# Admissions 2025



**What makes Downsview Special?**

 **Nurturing & Inclusive Heart** - Inclusive, nurturing support where every individual feels valued & empowered to thrive.

 **Forward Thinking Curriculum** - Endless opportunities in a curriculum & environment that sparks creativity, growth & wonder.

 **Proven Academic Success** - Our success is driven by care, curiosity & high expectations for all learners. We empower children with the knowledge & resilience needed to achieve their full potential.

**Are you ready to secure a place where your child can flourish?**



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[www.downsviewprimary.co.uk](http://www.downsviewprimary.co.uk)  
[downsviewprimarycroydon](https://www.facebook.com/downsviewprimarycroydon)  
[Downsview Primary and Nursery School](https://www.instagram.com/meghanpughandjoeytheschool19677)  
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# FOD NEWS



A massive **THANK YOU** to all the teachers, staff, and parents who supported us both before and during our Winter Fair.

We couldn't have done it without your help.

**We have raised this winter**

**£3814.09**

**Winter fair**

**£786.79**

**Breakfast with  
Santa and Grinch**

## ELFRIDGES SANTA'S SECRET GIFT SHOP

Please remember to look out for the bag with the presents that the children will take home on both **the 15th and 17th.**

## The Season of Giving... Even After Christmas!

As we plan ahead for future school events, we'd be grateful for any unwanted Christmas gifts you may find yourselves with (it happens to all of us!).

### We are collecting:

- Any **unopened gifts**
- **Boxes of chocolates and sweets**
- **Bottles of drinks** (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- **Christmas jumpers** (all sizes)



Your generosity will help fuel our exciting plans for **prizes, raffles, and fundraising** events in the year ahead.

Please drop off any donations at the school office.

### DECEMBER

- **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

### JANUARY

- **16<sup>th</sup>** - Mufti Day- Rainbow Hamper

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

**DON'T  
FORGET**

For any events, Pay at:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/)



# Santa Run Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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>

Let's grow together: Support the amazing businesses run by our school families.

LITTLE CITY  
Croydon

## CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Sat 6th - Sanderstead United Reformed Church 10:30am-12pm

Fri 12th - St Andrews Church, Coulsdon 10am-11:15am

Weds 17th - St Augustine's church, South Croydon 9:30am-10:45am

Tues 23rd - St Mildred's Church, Addiscombe 10am-11:15am  
11:30am-12:45pm SEND only

Exclusive discount code: DOWNSVIEW

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# Meditation for Everyday Life

## Bringing Calm to Your Daily Routine



Treat yourself to a moment of calm each week

**All** Downsview school parents are invited to our Parents' Meditation Class, running every Thursday during term time from 9:00am to 11:00am.

*These sessions offer a peaceful space to unwind, rebalance and reconnect*  
*No previous experience needed, just bring a mat and a blanket*

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### Important information

**Time:** Thursdays, 9:00am – 11:00am  
**Meeting Point:** Marston Way Gate  
**Cost:** £15 per session, or £12 per session if booking 3 or more sessions as a bulk

**To book:**  
**Email:** [anasa.healing4u@gmail.com](mailto:anasa.healing4u@gmail.com)  
**Instagram:** Anasa\_healing  
**Mobile:** 07591 258864

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Take this weekly time just for you; breathe, release and reconnect.



Your moment of calmness awaits

# Celebrations

## Values

N - Ada  
 R - Mila  
 R - Ruben  
 R - Harley  
 Y1 - Dahlia  
 Y1 - Sidney  
 Y1 - Thomas  
 Y2 - Isobel  
 Y2 - Dylan  
 Y2 - Ismael  
 Y3 - Ondrej  
 Y3 - Nuriyah  
 Y3 - Shalom  
 Y4 - Cali  
 Y4 - Vignesh  
 Y4 - Maxon  
 Y5 - Isa  
 Y5 - Joshua  
 Y5 - Pavlin  
 Y6 - Manuella  
 Y6 - Zoya  
 Y6 - Haniya

## Effort

R - Ada  
 R - Bonnie  
 R - Elsie  
 R - Maximos  
 Y1 - Zephyr  
 Y1 - Ellie-Jayne  
 Y1 - Mohammed  
 Y2 - Zaine  
 Y2 - Amelia  
 Y2 - River  
 Y3 - Preston  
 Y3 - Leo  
 Y3 - Century  
 Y4 - Faris  
 Y4 - Rhys  
 Y4 - Armando  
 Y5 - Rahma  
 Y5 - Valentina  
 Y5 - Ruqayyah  
 Y6 - David  
 Y6 - Amara  
 Y6 - Abdul



**Red  
 House  
 Winners**

PLATINUM  
 TICKET



Olive, Louis, Ada, Harmony, Jasmine, Lucas, Robyn, Yara, Zainab, Willow, Edward, Ezra, Anaiah, Bryn, Albee, Joe, Salvatore, Kaiden, Violet, Bertie, Mila, Isla D, AaronAviel, Ayat, Leo, Makaii, Noah, Oliver, Zephy, Koa, Taalia, Dahlia, Noah, Ahad, Mohammed, Bella, Sufyan, Thomas, Ameera, Safiyah, Freddie, Aniya-Leigh, Ayva, Charter, Kit, Layla, Andra, Esther, Aylla, Zahra, Samuel, Muhammad, Jayden, Ava, Yuri, Hussnain Osian, Kivein, Sariah, Iasir, Mustabshira, Nevaeh, Melissa, Hunter, Malena, Wilfred, Sabrina, Vanesa, Noah, George, Sophie, Monty, Raffie, Arsheen, Zeus, Preston, Sophia, Hope, Asiya, Isaac, Maryam, Uraz, Jonah, Amirah, Joshua, Marley, Muhammad, Natalia, Annalisa, Vignesh, Zach W, Zach R, Akaylah, Ziva, Muhammad, Reniah, Maya, Sofia, Taran, Muaaz, Zahra, Barin, Ruby, Eryk, Zaki, Ximena, Sara, Laurie, Ambra, Armando, Isabella, Kaya, Lily, Maxon, Rose Valentina, Bilal, Sara, Petra, Cici, Sariyah, Hector, Joshua, Antonia, Adam, Storm, Olivia, Dayna, Cian, Millie Aliyah, Manit, Zoya, Amechi, Manuella, Melissa, Adam, Raegan, Abdul-Kadar, Evie, Haniya, Hajra W

Mathletics

**Infants**

**Gold: Fox**

**Silver:**

**Hedgehog**

**Bronze:**

**Squirrel**

