

BACK TO SCHOOL!

We are **thrilled** to welcome **all** our children, families, and staff back to Downsview for an exciting **Spring term** filled with opportunities to **learn, grow** and be **inspired**.

There is so much to look forward to, from engaging lessons to **special events** that will enrich your child's learning experience. Please do keep a close eye on our **newsletters**, as we will be sharing important dates and details about upcoming activities to help you stay informed and **involved**.

One highlight to note is **Careers Week**, as mentioned in Mrs Hussey's recent Dojo post. We would love to **invite parents and carers** to come in and share their career journeys with our children.

This is a **wonderful** way to make learning relevant and inspiring, showing our children the **many paths** they can follow and giving them something exciting to work towards. We can't wait to get started and make this term one full of **achievement and joy!**

This week in assembly, we explored the having a growth mindset—the belief that we can all get better at things through effort and learning. Just like a baby brother or sister who is curious and loves to explore new things, our brains are designed to grow and get stronger every time we try something new or work hard.

Scientists now understand that it's our mindset that really matters. Some people have a fixed mindset, thinking "I can't do this" and giving up easily, but others have a growth mindset—they believe that with practice and effort, they can improve and succeed.

When we have a growth mindset:

- We see mistakes as chances to learn, not failures.
- We understand that hard work is the key to getting better and we keep trying, even when things are difficult.
- We learn from feedback and celebrate others' successes as inspiration.

Our brains are like muscles—the more we exercise them by learning and facing challenges, the stronger and smarter they become. So remember, if you find something tricky, it just means you can't do it yet. Keep trying, and you'll get there!

We encourage all our children to embrace this positive way of thinking as they grow and learn throughout the year.



A reminder that Downsview is a **'no-nut' school**.

This means that **no food items containing nuts**, or with any traces of nuts, are permitted in school.

This policy is in place to **protect** children with nut allergies, as even very small amounts can cause a serious, and potentially life threatening, **allergic reaction**.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to **check ingredients** carefully before sending food into school and to support us in keeping all children safe.



COLD WEATHER



As the **colder weather** sets in, we **kindly** ask for your support in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately to **stay warm** and comfortable throughout the day.

Please make sure your child brings a **jumper, fleece or cardigan and a suitable coat each day**, as we spend time both indoors and outdoors throughout the day.

PLEASE - Clearly name every item of clothing. This is especially important, as it helps us return lost items quickly and reduces the number of unclaimed garments in school.

Keeping children warm helps them stay healthy, focused, and **ready to learn!**

Thank you for your continued **cooperation** and support.



Join the Downsview Gardening Club!

I run the Gardening Club on Thursdays from 3:15 - 4:15pm at Downsview and am looking for an assistant/helper to join me.

Time commitment - 1 hour per week

No experience necessary - help me support the children with activities and gardening projects

Paid role

If you, or someone you know, would like to get involved, please contact me directly.

Gemma - 07826 551353

2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY

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



JANUARY

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)



Mon 12th **Clubs Start**
Tues 13th **Year 4** Come Dine with Me! (12.15pm)
Thurs 15th **Special Lunch Menu**
Fri 16th **FOD** Mufti Day - Rainbow Hamper
Mon 19th Young Voices Choir event
Tues 21st **Year 5** - Road to Riot STEM Event
Thurs 22nd **SEND** Coffee Morning (Music Room) - 9.15 - 11.00am
Reception Height & Weight checks
Wed 28th **Year 3** Come Dine with Me! (12.15pm)



Fri 6th **Mufti Day** - World Cancer Day
Thurs 12th Parents Evening - 1.30pm-7.20pm
Mon 16th - Fri 20th February HALF TERM
Tues 24th **Year 5 - Trip to Transport Museum**
Thurs 26th **Book Fair**
Fri 27th **FOD** Joey Bar Event



Careers (STEM Week)
Weds 4th Author **Visit**
Thurs 5th Book Fair - **Ends**
Fri 6th Bring Your Parent to School Day - **Careers**
FOD - Decorate a peg competition entries
Fri 13th **FOD** - Mother's Day Gift Shop
Mother's Day Event (**N-Year 2**) 2.30pm-3.15pm
Mon 23rd **Last Week of Clubs**
Fri 27th School **finishes** at **1.15pm** for **ALL** children
Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April - Easter Holidays

Term Dates

Spring

5th Jan - 27th March 26
Half Term: 16th - 20th Feb
Easter holidays:
30th March - 10th Apr 26
Inset day: 5th Jan 26

SUMMER

13th Apr - 22nd May 26
Half Term: 25th - 29th May
1st June - 20th July 26
Inset days: 20th July 26 & 22nd May 26
Bank Holiday: 4th May 26

Autumn

2nd Sept - 23rd Oct 26
Half-term: 26th Oct - 30th Oct
2nd Nov - 18th Dec 26
Inset days: TBC

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

FOD NEWS



Happy New Year to everyone from all of us at Friends of Downsview. What a phenomenal few months we have had since September thanks to you all. 2026 is already set to be filled with a lot of FUN!

RAINBOW HAMPERS FOR JOEY BAR EVENT

We have lots of exciting events coming up, including **FOD Mufti Day on 16th January!**



This week, each class has received a hamper box to decorate in their assigned colour. On Mufti Day, instead of a cash donation, children are asked to bring in a non-perishable item in their class colour to help create hamper prizes for the Joey Bar event on 27th February.

Here are the colours:

Nursery - Pink, Reception - Orange, Year 1 - Blue, Year 2 - Purple, Year 3 - Red, Year 4 - Yellow, Year 5 - Green and Year 6 - Silver/Gold

Some examples of the items you can bring:

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

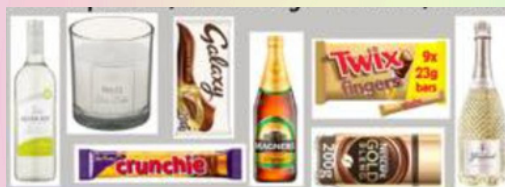
Year 3

Year 4

Year 5



Year 6



Thanks For
Your Support

The Season of Giving... Even After Christmas!

We'd be grateful for any unwanted Christmas gifts you may find yourselves with (it happens to all of us!) to use for future events.

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 plans for **prizes, raffles, and fundraising** events in the year ahead.

Please drop off any donations at the school office.



DECEMBER RECAP...



ELFRIDGES



SANTA'S SECRET GIFT SHOP

We hope you loved the gifts the children chose for you as much as they loved picking them out for you!

TOTAL RAISED: £370



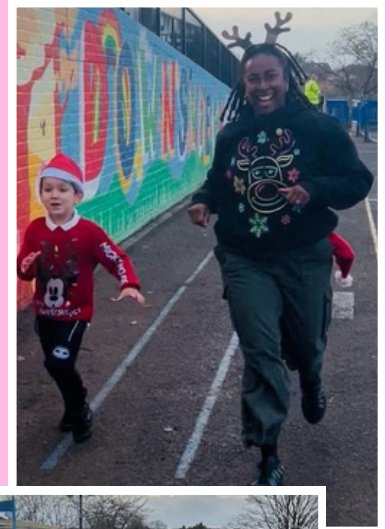
Thanks to our Year 6 helpers & parent volunteers!



Santa Run 2025



What a spectacular and super fun, first ever, Santa Run event! We would like to thank you for all the generous donations you supported the children with! The kids and teachers had a blast and we will definitely add this to the calendar for next winter! Big thanks also to Victor and the "Downsview Dashers" for making this happen.



OUR FAB HELPERS!

Wow!

TOTAL RAISED:

£3440

+ £450 GIFT AID!

JANUARY

- 16th – Mufti Day– Rainbow Hamper Donations

FEBRUARY

- TBC – World Book Day Decorate a Dolly Peg
- 27th – Joey bar event

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

**COMING
SOON**

BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES



Can famous people help others make good choices?

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most wellknown creators, MrBeast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.

Things to talk about at home...

Talk to someone at home about the summit and the campaign. Do you think lots of people will choose to take part? Why? Share who influences you. Talk about how some of the people we admire or look up to are well-known or famous, and others may be family or friends. Ask someone at home about who influenced them when they were younger. What impact did they have?

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS



Electric vehicle sales moved into the fast lane

The global electric vehicle (EV) market shifted up a gear in 2025, according to energy think tank Ember, which has revealed that a quarter of cars sold this year were electric.

Much of the growth has been driven by EV uptake in emerging markets where, until recently, adoption has been slow off the mark. Ember said that its analysis shows that "the EV race has truly gone worldwide."

In Singapore and Vietnam, EVs made up 40% of sales, surpassing the EU and the UK. Indonesia overtook the US for the first time this year, with EVs cornering a 15% market share. Meanwhile Thailand sold more EVs than Denmark in the first quarter of 2025, reaching a 20% share.

Ember is also reporting gains in south and central America. Uruguay, for example, is on a par with the EU at 27%.

"In 2025, the centre of gravity has moved," said Ember's electricity and data analyst, Euan Graham. "Emerging markets are no longer catching up, they are leading the shift to electric mobility."

[Click here for the clip](#)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 7

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



BETTER
TOGETHER





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?

www.downsviewprimary.co.uk - WEBSITE

[downsviewprimarycroydon](#) - INSTAGRAM

[Downsview Primary and Nursery School](#) - FACEBOOK

[@meghanpughandjoeytheschool19677](#) - YOU TUBE

Celebrations

Values

N - Ada
 R - Ador
 R - Lili
 R - Kawthar
 Y1 - Amareon
 Y1 - Jalilah
 Y1 - Maison
 Y2 - Frank
 Y2 - Aniyah-Leigh
 Y2 - Lawrence
 Y3 - Serah
 Y3 - Leonardo
 Y3 - Nassim
 Y4 - Muhammad
 Y4 - Ace
 Y4 - Leonardo
 Y5 - Fabian
 Y5 - Petra
 Y5 - Vedika
 Y6 - Zidane
 Y6 - Hajra
 Y6 - Aliyah

Effort

R - Olive
 R - Ruby-Jane
 R - Chloe
 R - Dylan
 Y1 - Zakayla
 Y1 - Ayla
 Y1 - Odinn
 Y2 - Kiale
 Y2 - Aleksander
 Y2 - Aiyala
 Y3 - Denis
 Y3 - Raphael
 Y3 - Mia
 Y4 - Ariana
 Y4 - Zoe
 Y4 - Aliabbas
 Y5 - Salimatu
 Y5 - Kyra
 Y5 - Florence
 Y6 - Melissa
 Y6 - Ruby
 Y6 - Hamzah



Red House Winners

Family Power-Up!

Learning with Letters and Numbers

Fun, hands on workshops for parents, grandparents and carers where you'll explore creative activities to boost children's skills with letters and numbers.

- Bookmarks and storytelling
16th January 9.30-11.30
- Funky Phonics
23rd January 9.30-11.30
- Game on: a family guide to apps and games
30th January 9.30-11.30



Refreshments on the day from 9am



Workshops take place at CALAT New Addington centre
 61 Central Parade · New Addington · CRO OJD



Croydon Adult Learning And Training

For more information, pop into one of our centres or email:
familylearning3@croydon.gov.uk

www.calat.ac.uk/family-learning

Playground



We kindly ask that the playground is cleared by 3:30pm, and by 3:45pm on Fridays. This is to ensure that our clubs and extended schools can safely use the grounds, and that only authorised individuals remain on site.

We also request that **NO** football games take place anywhere on the playground. Due to the high number of children and adults moving around at these times, it becomes unsafe to have a ball in play. Additionally, our staff are unable to supervise these games, and should an incident occur, we may not be able to address it due to other responsibilities and workloads. Please remember to walk your bikes and scooters off the property to ensure every's safety.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep the school grounds safe for everyone.