

Downsview Newsletter

<https://www.downsview.croydon.sch.uk/>



At Downsview, we believe that playtimes, working collaboratively in lessons, Forest School and Golden Time are some of the key opportunities for children to develop important life skills such as inclusion, fairness, safety, trust and cooperation.

Throughout the school, children are exploring these values in age-appropriate ways as part of their PSHCE curriculum. They are encouraged to reflect on what makes playtime and other social interactions enjoyable and fair for everyone. This includes learning how to include others, respect different perspectives and ensure that games and activities are safe and welcoming for all.

During playtimes and dedicated PSHCE lessons, children discuss how to build trust by playing fairly and following agreed rules without constant adult supervision. They also experience how mixing teams and changing groups helps create fairer, more balanced opportunities for everyone to participate and succeed.

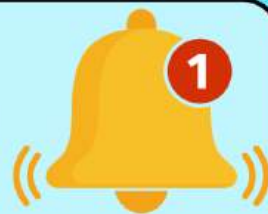
A special part of our week is Golden Time, where all children engage in cooperative games designed to practice these social skills in a fun and supportive environment. Golden Time helps children build teamwork, respect and empathy, reinforcing the values taught in their lessons and encouraging positive relationships across the school.

We are proud to see our children grow not only academically but also socially and emotionally, developing the skills they need to become caring, responsible, and confident citizens.

We encourage parents to support their children's learning at home by giving them time to think and respond, breaking down instructions into manageable steps, using clear and simple language, and asking questions that help their child focus on key features or make comparisons—just as we do in school to develop strong thinking and communication skills.

Parental Image & Video Consent

Action Required



From classroom activities to sports days and school celebrations, photographs and videos play an important role in sharing school life. They allow us to **celebrate achievements**, showcase **learning** and strengthen our school community.

To **continue using images of your child** in school displays, newsletters, the school website, social media and other approved school communications, we require your consent.

Please **click** the link **below before 30/1/26**: [Parental Consent Form](#) to complete the new parental image and video consent form.

It is important that ALL parents and carers complete this form, even if consent has been given previously. This forms part of our shared responsibility to **keep children safe** and protected and ensures the school remains **fully compliant** with GDPR requirements.

The form is **quick** and straightforward to complete. Your response helps us **respect individual** preferences while safely celebrating the many **positive** experiences across our school.

Thank you for your **continued support**.



WhatsApp

From time to time, parents may choose to set up their own **WhatsApp groups** to support communication and build connections within the parent community. Please ask your Class Rep for details of our Parents WhatsApp Group.

While these groups can be a positive way to network and foster a **sense of community**, we kindly remind parents that they should always be used respectfully and constructively.

Any concerns relating to the school or individual matters should not be discussed within these groups, but instead raised **directly with the school**.

If you have any concerns, ideas or suggestions, please use the appropriate channels by speaking with your child's Class Teacher, a member of the Leadership Team, or the Senior Leadership Team. This ensures that matters can be addressed **fairly, appropriately and effectively, in line with the school's policies and procedures**.



Reminder



Downsview

is Smartphone Free

We would like to remind all families that Downsview Primary is a **smartphonefree school**.

Years **5 and 6**: Pupils who need a phone for safety may bring a simple **“brick” phone** for calling or texting only.

Year 5 phones kept in the school office at the start of the day

Reception – Year 4: **Phones are not permitted at school.**

Many secondary schools are also limiting smartphone use and research shows that reducing early exposure helps support children's mental health and wellbeing.

Thank you for helping us keep Downsview a **focused and safe** learning environment.



Smartphone Free Childhood | Resources for Parents

Explore guides, tools and inspiration for parents. Your most common questions about kids and smartphones – answered. Free tools and guides to help you create real change in your community. Detailed guides to help you take action – based o...

smartphonefreechildhood.org

2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY

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



JANUARY

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)



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
 Tues 10th **Pancake Day Lunch**
 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**
Chinese New Year Lunch
 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



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

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*

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
Instagram: Anasa_healing
Mobile: 07591 258864

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



Your moment of calmness awaits

CDW ME!

“Absolutely Delicious!
Thank you so much! :)”

Review
☆☆☆☆☆



“Yummy Chicken Curry & Rice! “



“Delicious Tikka
& Tasty
Flapjack” Thank
you!”



“5 Stars *****”



“Lovely Meal!
Thanks for a
wholesome &
memorable
experience!”

Yum!



“The Cake was
Perfect! Delicious
food too!”

“Delicious! Wonderful
selection. Thank you!”



“FOOD WAS GREAT!”



“Very tasty & full of
flavour Burrito! Thanks
for the experience!”

5.0
RATING

“The Tikka was
amazing..so delicious.
The dessert was *****”

“5* Cake, Chicken Tikka
& Bean Burrito was
AWESOME!”





Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?

Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. It is named after Dr Jane Goodall, who spent her life protecting animals and encouraging people to look after nature. The award recognises kind and caring actions that make a positive difference, even when people are not looking for praise.

Things to talk about at home...

What do you think about the new award? Share with someone at home. Do you believe it's important to recognise kind actions? Can you think of someone you know who helps others or cares for the world in everyday ways? Can you come up with other ways that people can be recognised for their actions?

[CLICK HERE](#)



Positive NEWS



The UK put junk food ads on a strict diet

Television adverts for junk food are now only permitted in the UK after 9pm - and not at all online - under new rules that came into force on Monday.

The move is part of a drive to tackle childhood obesity. According to the National Health Service, one in eight children between two and 10 in England are obese.

The restrictions apply only to products, meaning companies can still broadcast adverts plugging their brands. Affected items include sweets, pizzas and ice creams, which are among the main drivers of childhood obesity.

"Bringing these long-awaited restrictions into force is an important step towards protecting children from relentless junk food advertising," said Katharine Jenner, executive director of the Obesity Health Alliance.

"But this legislation will only deliver its promise if it is robustly enforced and strengthened. Loopholes such as the broad brand advertising exemptions, the narrow range of products and media [included], and reliance on an outdated nutrient profiling model risk limiting its impact and driving advertising into other channels, including outdoor spaces."

[Click here for the clip](#)



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



Please be on time, every minute counts!

Recently, we have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. While we understand that mornings can be busy and unexpected situations do arise, arriving at school on time is extremely important for every child's learning, wellbeing, and overall school experience.

It is important children are:



Ready to learn - Children start the day calm, settled, & focused.



Don't miss out - Late arrivals miss key instructions and learning time.



Feel Included - Starting together helps children feel confident and part of the class.



Good Habits - Teaches responsibility and organisation.

How You Can Help at Home!



Prepare bags, uniforms and lunches the night before.

Set a regular morning routine

Leave a little extra time for travel

FOD NEWS



Thank you to everyone who generously donated items for the Rainbow Hampers for the Joey Bar event. Your kindness and support are truly appreciated!

If you weren't able to drop off your donation today, there's still time—donations can be brought in on **Monday**, and the children can take them directly to their classroom. Thank you again for your support! 🌈



27TH FEBRUARY

FOD
Golden Ticket

Have a delicious chocolate bar with a chance to find a GOLDEN TICKET under the wrapper and win one of the **rainbow hampers** and so many other wonderful and exciting prizes!

We have over 45 Prizes!!

Just a few from the long list:

- a special **mufti day** for your **WHOLE class**
- **ice lollies** for your **WHOLE class**
- **extra 30 mins golden time** for you and a friend
- **be Joey's minder** for the day

SALE STARTS

19th, January
Monday 8 am.

PRICE

£3 Each
2 for £5

Buy as many as you like !

YOU CAN BUY YOUR MILK, DARK OR VEGAN BARS



For any events, Pay at:
www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/



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)

Please drop off any donations at the school office.

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

Uniform SALE

12 February 1:30 - 7 pm

During parents evening, at the office



NEW DATES FOR 2026! LIVINGSTONE ROAD PLAY STREET

A CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TO PLAY HAPPILY AND SAFELY IN A STREET CLOSED TO CARS!

- SUN 8TH FEB
- SUN 8TH MARCH
- SUN 12TH APRIL
- SUN 10TH MAY
- SUN 13TH SEPT
- SUN 11TH OCT

CYCLE
CHALK
SKIP
CHAT
COMMUNITY

1.30 PM -
3.30 PM

KIDS MUST BE
SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT!



<https://bit.ly/3YZGk3b>
[LRplaystreetCR7](https://www.facebook.com/LRplaystreetCR7)

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www.croydon.gov.uk

WHAT IS PLAY STREET?

WELCOME TO THE LIVINGSTONE ROAD (CR7 8JM) PLAY STREET, WHERE THE ROAD BECOMES A KID'S PARADISE, THANKS TO OUR AWESOME LOCAL RESIDENTS! WITH CROYDON LOCAL AUTHORITY GIVING THE GREEN LIGHT, KIDS CAN ZOOM ON BIKES, SCOOT LIKE PROS, SKATE, CHALK, SKIP TO THEIR HEARTS' CONTENT, MASTER HOPSCOTCH, OR KICK A SOFT BALL AROUND—ALL IN A SAFE ZONE (AT THE TOP END)! ADULTS KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR LITTLE ADVENTURERS, WHILE OUR VOLUNTEER STEWARDS ARE ON DUTY TO ENSURE EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY. AND GUESS WHAT? IN 2026, WE'RE HOPING TO ADD SOME COOL NEW FEATURES LIKE A TOY AND BOOK SWAP! STAY IN THE LOOP—JOIN OUR BRAND-NEW FACEBOOK GROUP FOR ALL THE LATEST UPDATES. LET THE FUN BEGIN!

WHO CAN COME?

ALL LOCAL KIDDOS AND THEIR GROWN-UPS! IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO MINGLE AND CHAT WITH NEIGHBOURS WHILE THE LITTLE ONES PLAY AND MAKE NEW PALS.

VOLUNTEER TO STEWARD

JOIN THE FUN AT PLAY STREET, POWERED BY VOLUNTEERS, AND BE ON OUR DREAM TEAM TOO! AS A STEWARD, YOU'LL BE THE GUARDIAN OF ROAD SAFETY WHILE YOUR LITTLE ONES PLAY. WE OFFER QUICK TRAINING AND IT'S EASY TO STEWARD AS YOUR CHILD HAS FUN. WITH A BIG CREW, WE SHARE THE JOY, SO NO NEED TO BE AT EVERY SESSION. WE'LL EVEN DECK YOU OUT WITH HIGH-VIS GEAR AND WHISTLES!



CONTACT US ON 07739 536029 TO HOP INTO THE STEWARD WHATSAPP GROUP OR JOIN OUR NEW FB GROUP AND INSTA PAGE.



<https://bit.ly/3YZGk3b>

[LRplaystreetCR7](https://www.facebook.com/LRplaystreetCR7)



FB GROUP QR

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www.croydon.gov.uk

FEBRUARY

- **8th** - Livingstone Road PLAY STREET
- **27th** - Joey bar event
- **TBC** - World Book Day Decorate a Dolly Peg

MARCH

- **10th** - Crafts at Downsview

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

COMING
SOON

COMMUNITY




LITTLE CITY CROYDON

JANUARY 2026
Thursday 29th
St Mildred's Church
ADDISCOMBE
09:30am - 10:45am

Discount code: **DOWNVIEW**

Mobile role-play a dventure for under 6's
www.booking.com/littlecitycroydon



Norbury Park LTC
Back by Popular Demand
The Great Norbury Bake Off
Saturday 17th January, 10am to 1pm



Bring Your Bakes
 Cakes, muffins, pastries & savouries — all welcome

Cake Competition
 Bake a 5-a-day themed cake
 Win the Star Baker wooden spoon for best fruit or veg creation!

Treats, Quiz & Raffle
 Buy homemade bakes, test your baking knowledge & try your luck

£5 Entry - Unlimited Tea & Coffee
 Sip all morning while you enjoy the goodies

All proceeds support
 Norbury Park LTC & The Cassandra Centre (Registered Charity 1125508)

Norbury Park Lawn Tennis Club, Rear of 55 Edeline Avenue, SW16 4RT. www.norburyparkltd.co.uk

ANOTHER PLANET

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

QR Code: [Scan for more info!](#)

- 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 cafe — 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!

ACCESS WELLNESS



New Year. New Energy. New You.
 Ready to move better, feel stronger, and build lasting habits?
 Access Wellness offers personal training and group sessions that fit your life, and your schedule.

2026 Special Offer.
2-Months. 50% Off!

[See our service plans here](#)



Celebrations

Values

N - Huey
 R - Zane
 R - Keyra
 R - Leeladevi
 Y1 - Lili
 Y1 - Zaiyana
 Y1 - Leo
 Y2 - Auriella
 Y2 - Livsey
 Y2 - Sariah
 Y3 - Jack
 Y3 - Sonny
 Y3 - Maryam
 Y4 - Suhani
 Y4 - Neive
 Y4 - Lilialana
 Y5 - Daria
 Y5 - Esme
 Y5 - Rahma
 Y6 - Aryan
 Y6 - Norah
 Y6 - Eric

Effort

R - Robyn
 R - Sonna
 R - Ada
 R - Theo
 Y1 - Lucas
 Y1 - Aiden
 Y1 - Kyan
 Y2 - Ayva
 Y2 - Aylla
 Y2 - Hamza
 Y3 - Reuben
 Y3 - Duncan
 Y3 - Noah
 Y4 - Sara
 Y4 - Akayla
 Y4 - Astley
 Y5 - Naif
 Y5 - Aryan
 Y5 - Razia
 Y6 - Jacob
 Y6 - Zakariya
 Y6 - Ellis

TIME TO CELEBRATE

PE



Yellow House Winners

Eco Living Fest!

A bi monthly event run for the community by the community

SAT 17TH JANUARY
 1-4PM
 HOLY INNOCENTS
 CHURCH HALL
 SOUTH NORWOOD
 192A SELHURST ROAD
 SE25 6XX

free entry

ELECTRICAL REPAIR • **KIDS ZONE** • **BICYCLE REPAIR** • **LEARN CLOTHES MENDING** • **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**

FREE WORKSHOP!
MINDFUL COLLAGE

learn more about our events and how to get involved at sustainth.org or email sustainablethorntonheath@gmail.com



Attendance
 Infant: Daffodil
 KS2: Adder



You Rock!