

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

In the Autumn term, we invited all parents and carers to take part in our Parent Questionnaire. Since then, we have carefully analysed the responses and reflected on what our families and children are telling us.

We received a wealth of positive feedback alongside some constructive suggestions. We are pleased to share that several of the points raised have already been addressed. For example, we introduced a bucket for loose change donations, reviewed and improved our communications, and made changes to the school meals provision.

You may be interested to know that our Sustainability Team and Junior Governors have worked closely with the catering team to adapt the menu to better reflect Downsview tastes. The new menu launched in January, and the feedback so far has been very positive – a great example of working together to make a difference.

As a Senior Leadership Team, we understand that there can be costs associated with different aspects of the school day. If your family has any concerns about these costs, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are here to listen and explore ways to provide support, ensuring every pupil can fully participate in and benefit from all that the school offers.

There are many things to be proud of at Downsview, and it is wonderful to see these strengths recognised by our community. Here are some highlights from the feedback:

### **Strengths Highlighted by Parents**

#### **Staff Commitment and Care**

Parents consistently praise the dedication, skill, and kindness of our teaching and support staff. Ms Pugh's energetic leadership, alongside the whole team's commitment, creates a warm, family-like atmosphere that parents deeply value.

#### **Learning Opportunities and Enrichment**

The wide range of extracurricular clubs, music lessons and events is greatly appreciated. Many parents note their children's happiness, engagement, and progress, reflecting the positive learning environment and inclusive ethos we strive to maintain.

#### **School Values and Environment**

Parents feel the school effectively promotes individuality, diversity, wellbeing and moral growth. Our core values and the respectful, safe environment are frequently mentioned as key strengths.

#### **Communication with Teachers**

Parents appreciate the personalised communication through Class Dojo and feel their concerns are listened to and acted upon.

We encourage you to read the full report, including all feedback and actions, on our website here:

[Link to full Parent Questionnaire report](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership in making Downsview a wonderful place to learn and grow.

**In addition to the wonderful feedback we receive from our current families, our recent open days for prospective new parents, held at the end of last term, were a great success. We have been delighted to receive many lovely comments about Downsview from those visiting and considering our school for their children! Click the link.**

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# 2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY

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



## JANUARY

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)

## February

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> **Mufti Day** - World Cancer Day  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> **Pancake Day Lunch**  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening - 1.30pm-7.20pm  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> February HALF TERM**  
**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Year 5 STEM Week**  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> **Year 5 - Trip to Transport Museum**  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> **Book Fair**  
**Chinese New Year Lunch**  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> **FOD Joey Bar Event**

## March

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



**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Cricket Swimming - ALL WEEK**  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> **Dance Squad** - Regionals  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> **FOD** - Boot Fair  
**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Cricket Swimming - ALL WEEK**

## Term Dates

### Spring

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

### SUMMER

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

### Autumn

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

## REMINDER - Action Required

Parental Image  
Video 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.



# FOLLOW US



Message from Joey  
our school dog!



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Stay **connected with us** as we celebrate achievements, share the **latest news** giving you a front row seat to all the **exciting things** happening around our school. 📱✨

Don't miss out - join our community today and be part of the Downsview journey! ❤️

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#StayConnected #schooldoglife

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**FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-10 WITH EXPERIENCE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE**

A 10-week after-school programme supporting children to improve wellbeing, emotional literacy and understanding of healthy relationships through fun, group-based, creative activities.

Every Tuesday during term time in South Norwood

13 January- 24 March 2026  
4-5:15 pm for 5-7 year olds  
5:30-6:45 pm for 8-10 year olds

Connect with other parents and carers

Travel support and food provided

This programme is for families that have been free from abuse for at least 1 month.

Scan the QR code or get in touch for more information  
[CreativeHealth@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:CreativeHealth@croydon.gov.uk)  
07356194605

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# Supporting your Child Through Friendship Issues: A Guide for Parents

## Conflict vs Bullying

### Understanding Friendship Issues vs Bullying

- Friendship issues often involve misunderstandings, disagreements, or occasional unkindness between peers but are usually isolated incidents.
- Bullying is repeated, intentional harm or intimidation involving a power imbalance.
- Encourage your child to describe what happened and how often, to better understand the situation.

### Practical Strategies to Try at Home

- Listen and Validate Feelings
- Create a calm space to listen without immediate judgement or dismissal.
- Acknowledge their feelings: "It sounds like you're feeling upset, and that's okay."
- Encourage Problem-Solving

### Help your child think through what they can do next, such as:

- Talking directly to the friend if they feel safe to do so.
- Finding ways to include others or join new groups.
- Practising what to say in tricky situations.
- Role-Play Social Scenarios
- Practice common friendship situations and responses at home. This builds confidence and social skills.

### Promote Positive Friendships

- Encourage your child to spend time with friends who treat them well.
- Support involvement in clubs or activities to widen their social circle.

### Teach Emotional Regulation

- Help your child manage feelings of anger or sadness through breathing exercises, counting or talking it out.

### Set Boundaries around the Term 'Bullying'

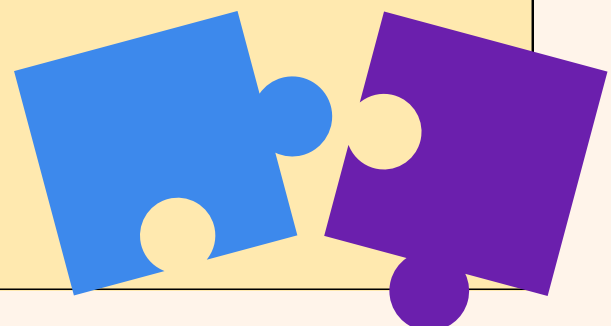
- Explain that not all unkindness is bullying and that it's important to tell a trusted adult if something serious happens.
- Encourage your child to report repeated or serious incidents to school staff.

### Keep Communication Open

- Check in regularly about how things are going with friends.
- Praise your child's efforts to handle situations positively.

### When to Contact the School

- ✓ If the behaviour is repeated, intentional, or causes significant distress.
- ✓ If your child feels unsafe or is reluctant to attend school.
- ✓ If you or your child need additional support or strategies.



# HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

## SCHOOL UNIFORM



All items of clothing, water bottles and lunch boxes should be clearly marked with your child's name as we cannot use valuable time searching for un-named items. Please also make sure that children come to school dressed appropriately to stay warm and comfortable throughout the day.

## ROAD SAFETY



Please be respectful and cautious when driving and parking near the school.

- Drive slowly and carefully, especially around the roundabout and near the church
- Park legally and safely, never blocking neighbours driveways. Please be respectful to our neighbours.
- Keep the vehicle gate at the Biggin Way entrance free at all times, there should be **no parents or children** standing by the entrance **at any time**.

## COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY



The school day finishes at **3:15 p.m.** When picking up your child, please wait in the designated area for their class rather than going to the classroom. If it's raining, don't forget to bring an umbrella, as there is no shelter in the waiting areas.

# HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS CONT.....

## HEAD LICE



Please remember to **check your child's hair regularly for head lice**, as they can easily spread between children at school. Head lice are very common and nothing to worry about, but spotting them early makes them much easier to treat. A quick weekly check at home can really help stop them spreading.

## ABSENCE REPORTING



Parents/Carers **must contact** the school office, using the [attendance@downsview.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@downsview.croydon.sch.uk) mailbox **no later than 9.00am** reporting their child's absence. Please make sure to include your child's class name.

## PUNCTUALITY



**The school gates open at 8.45am** and children should make their way straight to class. **The register closes at 9.05am** and any child who arrives after this time are late and **must report to the school office** to sign in via the electronic InVentry System.

*Thank  
you!*

## Does how we behave matter as much as how well we play?

A toy company called Mattel has released a new Barbie doll designed to represent people who have autism, with features such as a fidget spinner and noise-cancelling headphones. The doll was created with help from the autistic community, so more people can see themselves reflected in their toys

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

Do you think it's important for toys to show different kinds of people? How do you feel when you see a character or toy that is like you? Can you come up with other examples of books or toys that aim to help people feel included? How can we help other people feel included when they might feel different or left out?



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# Positive NEWS



## The EU passed a green energy 'tipping point'

For the first time, homegrown clean power generated more electricity than fossil fuels in the EU last year – a milestone described by experts as a major “tipping point”.

A review of the EU’s energy sector by Ember, a thinktank, revealed that wind and solar generated 30.1% of electricity in 2025, just edging out fossil power sources, which generated 29.0%. Hydro and nuclear provided the rest.

“This milestone moment shows just how quickly things are changing in the EU’s power sector,” said energy analyst Dr Beatrice Petrovich.

The boom in green energy is not just good news for the climate, though. “For the EU, risks of energy blackmail from fossil fuel exporters loomed large in 2025,” the report noted. “Investing in homegrown renewables is a key strategy to lower that risk, as geopolitics continue to destabilise.” While the EU is managing to wean itself off Russian gas, it has become more dependent on imported liquified natural gas from the US. “The next challenge will be to put a serious dent in the EU’s reliance on expensive, imported gas,” said Petrovich.

Key to that, she added, will be battery deployment, which the report said “accelerated significantly” last year in the EU.

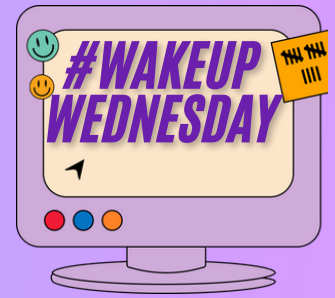
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Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



# MENTAL HEALTH MISINFORMATION ONLINE



Children and young people are increasingly turning to social media for **mental health advice**, but much of what they encounter online is unverified, oversimplified or misleading. This guide explores why platforms like **TikTok and Instagram** have become go to sources and how misuse of clinical language and viral trends can distort children and young people's understanding of mental health. **Aimed at parent and educators**, it offers clear, **expert-led** strategies to counter misinformation. The guide looks at topics such as encouraging open conversations, identifying reliable sources and strengthening school-home collaboration.



Use this information to build young people's critical thinking, **resilience and confidence** in seeking appropriate professional help when needed.

[Wake Up Wednesday Link](#)

## FOOTBALL TEAM

The boys football team had a busy week this week playing three games this week at home starting on Wednesday with a double header against St Cyprians. Downsview started well showing great team play, resilience and determination across both matches. Downsview won both matches 7-0 and 3-0 with goals from Leon, Khari and Caynan.

On Thursday we played a 3rd round cup match against Forestdale with the match ending in a 2-1 victory for Downsview. This means we are now through to the quarter finals in the Croydon cup. We are extremely proud of our boys team and the skill, dedication and fantastic sportsmanship they demonstrated across this week.

Khari said "I was so happy to play and to score my first goal for the school, I hope we win the cup!"



## CIRCUS 15th JUNE

Tickets ON SALE NOW!

Early bird tickets with limited availability

EARLY BIRD - £11.50 each (after £13.50)

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EARLY BIRD Family of 4 (adults & children) - £42  
(after £50)

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PLUS MANY STALLS AND GAMES**

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MUCH  
FUN

Gates open: 4.45pm

Showtime: 6-8pm

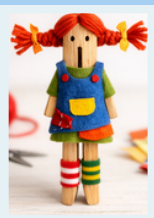


## WORLD BOOK DAY!

Decorate a Dolly Peg as your favourite book character!

### HOW? TO TAKE PART:

- Buy a dolly peg for **£1** from your class teacher or at The Friday Sales  
(Available from 9th Feb - 27th Feb)
- Decorate your peg at home
- Return it to your class by **6th March**



**COMPETITION TIME!**

Each class will vote for their best decorated peg  
The winner will receive an amazing book bundle!



Winners announced: **11th March**

For any events, Pay at:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/dvps/)



27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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



YOU CAN BUY YOUR MILK, DARK OR VEGAN BARS

SALE ENDS

25th February  
10 am.

PRICE

£3 Each  
2 for £5

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session with a responsible adult.

10TH MARCH  
3:30-5:00PM

THEME: **EaStEr**



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the kids explore



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# 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!

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

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## WHAT IS PLAY STREET?

WELCOME TO THE LIVINGSTONE ROAD (CR7 8JW) 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.

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

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FB GROUP QR

## 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.**

**JANUARY**

- **30th** - Circus Tickets ARE ON SALE NOW!

**FEBRUARY**

- **8th** - Livingstone Road PLAY STREET
- **25th** - Joey bars sales ends
- **27th** - Joey bar event
- **9th -27th** - World Book Day Decorate a Dolly Peg

**MARCH**

- **6th** - Return your decorated pegs
- **10th** - Crafts at Downsview
- **11th** - Dolly peg competition winners announced

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

# TIME TO CELEBRATE

# PE



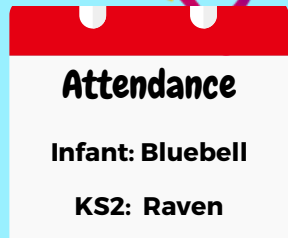
## Celebrations

### Values

N - Alicja  
 R - Sienna  
 R - Leon  
 R - Rowan  
 Y1 - Osheli  
 Y1 - Irienne  
 Y1 - Micah  
 Y2 - Ava  
 Y2 - Andra  
 Y2 - Lawrence  
 Y3 - Asiya  
 Y3 - Noor  
 Y3 - Naiya  
 Y4 - Hanaa  
 Y4 - Felix  
 Y4 - Hafsa  
 Y5 - Zechariah  
 Y5 - Otto  
 Y5 - Ada  
 Y6 - Shannon  
 Y6 - JJ  
 Y6 - Saima

### Effort

N - Jasmine  
 R - Alba  
 R - Zuri  
 R - Harley  
 Y1 - Leo  
 Y1 - Bayleigh  
 Y1 - Sam  
 Y2 - Orin  
 Y2 - Bella  
 Y2 - Nevaeh  
 Y3 - Isaac  
 Y3 - Harvey  
 Y3 - Forrest  
 Y4 - Evelyn  
 Y4 - Dexter  
 Y4 - Harry  
 Y5 - Bonnie  
 Y5 - Isabelle  
 Y5 - Cameron  
 Y6 - Penny  
 Y6 - Leon  
 Y6 - Elijah



## Coffee Time

On Thursday 22nd January, we hosted our **SEND coffee morning**, focused on **Getting the Behaviour You Want** and led by Leanne Guillen from Behaviour Matters. The session helped **develop understanding** around behaviour and why children may sometimes 'misbehave'. It was a very positive morning, with **parents sharing concerns** as well as **ideas and strategies** they use at home. Leanne provided lots of **useful information** and practical approaches for managing more challenging behaviour in a positive way. **Overall, it was an engaging and supportive session. See what our parents had to say:**

- I found it very interesting, a lot of useful information and I have tried to include into our daily routine, which has slowly shown progression!
- The workshop was really useful and it was good to be around other parents who are managing children with similar needs. The strategies shared were helpful too!
- The workshop was very informative. We were provided with useful strategies to manage poor behaviour and better yet, to reduce it. Would happily attend another session like it.
- It was super informative, helpful and full of great ideas and techniques we already used! Thank you for organising it!
- It had a lot of useful strategies, and it was nice to feel that I wasn't alone! I've already tried some strategies, which have helped.



### Mathletics

#### Infants

**Gold: Bluebell & Daffodils**

**Silver: Fox**

**Bronze: Thistle**  
 KS2

**Gold: Juniper**

**Silver: Goldfinch**

**Bronze: Wren**

