

Downsview Newsletter



6TH FEB 2026

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



★ Weekend Fun Ideas!

Looking for ways to make your weekend super fun? Check out these ideas!

🌿 Explore the Outdoors

Go for a walk, spot birds, or have a nature treasure hunt. Take a notebook and draw what you see!

🎨 Get Creative

Paint, craft, or build with Lego. You could even bake a yummy treat with your family!

📖 Read and Imagine

Pick a storybook or make up your own story. Share it with friends or family - it's story time magic!

⚽ Move and Play

Ride your bike, play football, dance, or try a new game. Moving is fun and keeps you healthy!

👨👩👧👦 Family Fun Time

Play board games, have a picnic, or watch a fun movie together. Laugh, relax, and enjoy!

💡 **Tip:** Try something new this weekend! You might discover a new hobby or favourite activity.

Kids Days Out! - Follow this Link



PLATINUM

Ada G, Ada R, Cree H, Harmony G, Jasmine O, Louis CB, Lucas K, Mel P, Milena P, Olive B, Penelope P, Willow R, Yara PGB, Zainab E, Gabby Zainab Leo Bodhi Ava Israel Elsie Sonna, Kit, Bonnie, Kawthar, Isla, Ray, Jake, Seren Sorrel Mila, Isabel, Edward, Mollie, Ruby P., Maximos, Anaiah, Alma, Rowan, Ezra, Ibrahim, Bryn and Felix, Mohammed, Bella, Bille, Kaly Zara, Roan, Isa, Maison, Hana, Taalia Kali Dahlia Ahad, Amareon, Jack, Betty, Aviel, Romi, Naila, Hannah, Aureila, Noah, Sophie H, Mya-Li SD, River R, Livsey S, Orin T, Frank WT, Ayaan K, Aiylah K, Beatrice CB, Emma V, Isobel W, Musta N, Rabia T, Zaine H, Aniyah-Leigh F, Esther B, Layla C, Freddie D, Sidney M, Kit M, Zion T-M, Khadijah W, Freya L, Maryam H, Leo P, Nuriyah M, Zofia L, Sam G, Raphael, Aarvi, Juno, Phoebe, Ethan, Reuben, Nassim, Akaylah T, Alex W, Amelia Q, Ariana I, Aya M, Bianca D, Felix D, Joshua L, Leo B, Natalia J, Neive S, Marley D, Muhammad H, Zach W, Zephyr G, Ziva L, Annalisa C, Lily B, Arianna S, Ambra C, Isabella D, Maxon N, Izyah H, Minnah S, Zoe KA, Jayen R, Adam I, Lillialana M, Laurie M, Sam SM, Kaya S Darcey S Armando T, Ace WB, Luna-Rae J, Hafsa A, Faris, Eryk, Alice B, Anabelle, Evelyn, Taran, Aliabbas, Ximena, Otto N., Arya S., Sasha C., Jival M., Karim K., Ruqayyah D., Edie B., Isabelle F., Cian O., Zunaira T., Razia R., Lincoln J, Khari, Sariyah-Mae, Naif, Valentina, Storm, Cici, Dayna, Petra, Sara, Olivia, Noah, Antonia, Daria, Jimit, Hector, Adam, Oscar, Olivia, Muhammad, Fabian Ray, Aaliyah, Ada, Millie, Ella

2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY



FEBRUARY

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)

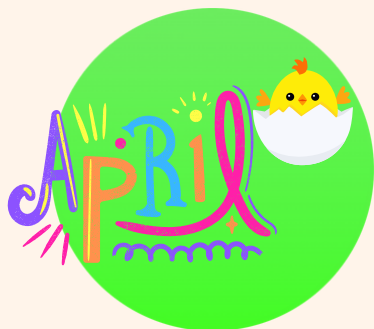
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CALENDAR...

February

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

March

Careers (STEM Week)
Weds 4th **Author Visit**
Thurs 5th **World Book Day Lunch**
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



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

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

REMINDERS

Action Required

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

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! 💙

#DownsviewProud #SchoolLife
#StayConnected #schooldoglife



Enhancing Safety with New Parking Signage by Zig Zag Areas!

Downsview Primary and Nursery School is committed to ensuring the safety of all pupils, families and staff, especially during busy times such as school **drop-offs** and **pick-ups**. To support this, we have installed new parking signage on the roads adjacent to the zig zag areas outside the school.

These signs serve to:

- Clearly mark **no-parking zones** to keep the zig zag areas free from parked cars, ensuring clear visibility and safe crossing points for pupils.
- **Remind drivers** of the legal restrictions around school entrances, helping to prevent dangerous parking that could obstruct sightlines or endanger children.
- Promote responsible parking behaviour within the community, contributing to a safer environment for **everyone**.

The zig zag markings and accompanying signage are **vital** in **maintaining safe** access for pedestrians and vehicles, reducing the risk of accidents.

We kindly ask all parents, carers and visitors to adhere strictly to these parking regulations to **protect our children** and support smooth traffic flow.

Thank you for your keeping the Downsview community safe



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BEYOND

THE SCHOOL GATES

Positive News

Picture News

Should children have social media?

Adults in the UK are talking about whether children under 16 should be allowed to use social media, as the government is considering new rules to help keep children safe online. Some people believe social media helps children stay connected, while others worry it can affect wellbeing and mental health. During Children's Mental Health Week, the story reminds us how important it is to look after our mental health both online and offline.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What rules or agreements can help us feel safe when using technology at home?
- Can you think of ideas for families to help balance screen time and other activities?
- What are some of the activities that you do online? Do you do different things online to others at home?

[CLICK HERE](#)



YouTube



Positive NEWS



The murder rate plummeted in England and Wales

While some politicians peddle a "Britain is lawless" narrative, new crime data tells a different story.

According to the Office for National Statistics' (ONS) latest figures, the murder rate in England and Wales fell to its **lowest level since 1977** in the year to September 2025.

Police reported incidents of domestic burglary and vehicle theft were also down - by **12%** and **13%**, respectively - while shoplifting and sexual offences rose by 5% and 8%. The latter, said the ONS, is partly due to the introduction of new sexual offences in 2024.

"Many aspects of violent crime and theft recorded by the police have fallen in the past 12 months," said the ONS' Billy Gazard. "**Homicide and gun crime are at the lowest levels seen this century, while knife crime has also decreased.**"

Police stats rarely provide a full picture as many offences go unreported. However, the data on knife crime is supported by hospital figures, which show a fall in admissions for assault by a sharp object.

The ONS' own annual crime survey further enriches the picture. It quizzes thousands of people on their experiences of crime and the latest results point to a year-on-year decline in incidents, albeit slight.

The ONS data comes after London registered its **lowest murder rate since records began** last year. Meanwhile, the US also saw **a record fall in its homicide rate.**

[Click here for the clip](#)



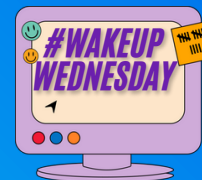
Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



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together



SUPPORTING SAFE USE OF AI



Artificial intelligence is becoming a familiar part of young people's online experiences, with a myriad of school tools and entertainment platforms in use.

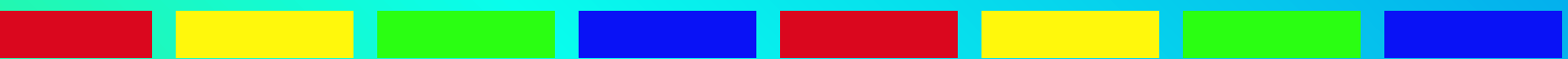
This **#WakeUpWednesday** guide breaks down what AI really is, helping adults explain it clearly and realistically so children don't overestimate its abilities or trust it unquestioningly.

It explores how AI systems work, where they appear online, and why **understanding** them matters.

The guide also highlights key online safety considerations, including misinformation, data privacy, bias and over-reliance on AI tools.

With practical advice on setting boundaries, choosing age-appropriate platforms and encouraging ethical, **creative use**, it **empowers** parents and educators to build digital literacy while keeping children **safe**, **curious** and critically engaged.

[Wake Up Wednesday Link](#)

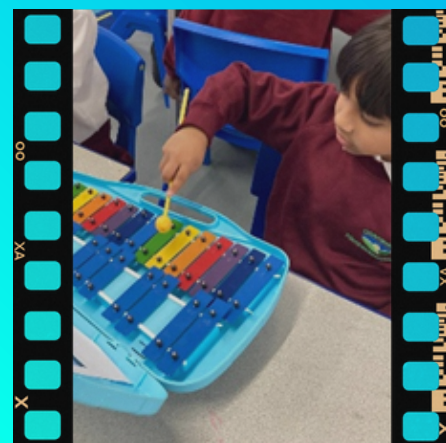


Y2 MUSIC

Year 2's music lessons provided the children with a perfect opportunity to **explore** pitch, notation and the glockenspiel.

Activities included moving their bodies to represent high and low pitches, **learning** a new song, **playing** the glockenspiel, and **making** musical notations.

Additionally, the children **listened to and discussed** music from the Philharmonic Orchestra. It was a **fun** and **interactive** way to teach the children about music.



CIRCUS 15th JUNE

Roll up, Roll up!

EARLY BIRD - £11.50 each (after £13.50)

~~EARLY BIRD Family of 4 - £42~~

(after £50) **SOLD OUT**

**EARLY BIRD SINGLE AND ALL FULL PRICE
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE**

REMEMBER - This event is open to the whole community so please invite friends/family! Select adult/guest when booking system asks for class.

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

**BOUNCY CASTLES INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE
PLUS MANY STALLS AND GAMES**

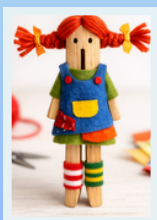
Gates open: 4.45pm Showtime: 6-8pm

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/



27TH 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

Buy as many as you like !



YOU CAN BUY YOUR MILK, DARK OR VEGAN BARS

Dream Team!

Our hot chocolate team is making winter extra cosy with their delicious creations!

Cheers to their hard work!

We welcome new crew members so please come and have a chat!



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

COMING
SOON



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!

1.30 PM - 3.30 PM

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

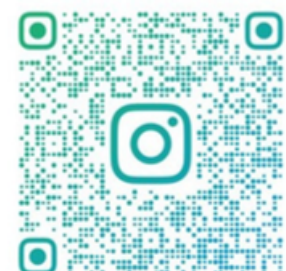
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KIDS MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT!

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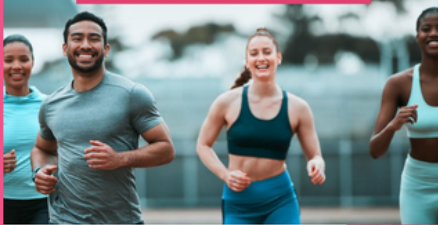






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Donations always needed!

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.



TIME TO CELEBRATE

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Celebrations

Values

N - Milena
R - Seren
R - Israel
R - Ruby-Jane
Y1 - Koa
Y1 - Jamie
Y1 - Safaa
Y2 - Sophie
Y2 - Ayva
Y2 - Kivein
Y3 - Izzy
Y3 - Belle
Y3 - Mehdi
Y4 - Ximena
Y4 - Joshua
Y4 - Ollie
Y5 - Sara
Y5 - Nathan
Y5 - Muhammad
Y6 - Hazel
Y6 - Amechi
Y6 - Eric

Effort

N - Mel
R - Amaia
R - Hope
R - Leyanah
Y1 - Sophia
Y1 - Oliver
Y1 - Ollie
Y2 - Innes
Y2 - Jeshae
Y2 - Kalonji
Y3 - Myiel
Y3 - Monty
Y3 - Charlie
Y4 - Eryk
Y4 - Ava
Y4 - Rebecca
Y5 - Jimit
Y5 - Ahsan
Y5 - Antonella
Y6 - Ella
Y6 - Emma
Y6 - Nia

Yellow House Winners

Attendance

Infant: Bluebell

KS2: Frog



This Half Term, **Miss Smith** will be running another round of **Arts and Crafts Club** right here at **Downsview**!

There will be a '**K-Pop Demon Hunters**' Day on Tuesday 17th February and a '**Joy of Japan**' two-day course which will focus on works and artists from Japan.

Both courses are open to pupils and non-pupils of Downsview, so spread the word!

For more information and to book, visit [Art Yard Website](http://www.artyard.co.uk)

Mathletics

Infants

Gold: Bluebell & Daffodils

Silver: Fox

Bronze: Thistle

KS2

Gold: Goldfinch

Silver: Wren & Raven

Bronze: Juniper

GET 25% OFF YOUR FIRST BOOKING!



BOOK NOW TO JOIN THE FUN!

Activ Camps has been a trusted childcare option for families for over 20 years, providing exhilarating multi-activity experiences for children aged 4-14, in a safe, inclusive, active and fun environment.

Enjoy GIANT inflatables, swimming, terrific tag games, archery, dodgeball and much more, run by fun-loving, fully trained and Enhanced DBS checked staff. Activ Camps will make this a holiday to remember.

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HONOR OAK PARK
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Burntwood School

PECKHAM & BROCKLEY
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