



At Downsview, the **safety and wellbeing** of every child is our highest priority. Safeguarding is a **shared responsibility**, and we ask all parents and carers to work with us to help maintain a safe, **respectful environment for our whole school community**.

We understand that concerns about children's friendships and interactions may arise – this is a normal part of school life. However, it is **essential** that any worries are raised through the correct channels so they can be **managed appropriately and sensitively**.

Please remember:

- If you have a concern, always speak directly to your child's class teacher or a member of school staff.
- Parents and carers should **never** approach other children, or other parents/carers, to discuss concerns. The playground is not an appropriate place for these conversations and situations can quickly **escalate or be misunderstood**.
- When issues arise, it is the school's responsibility to investigate and to lead on any actions, consequences, and support that may be needed.

Following our **communication and safeguarding procedures** helps protect everyone in our community and ensures concerns are handled **professionally, calmly and confidentially**.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping Downsview a **safe and positive** place for every child.



Voices from Our Parents Evening

Parents Evening reminded us just how special our school community truly is. We were incredibly touched by the messages shared with us. Here's a snapshot of what our families had to say:

✨ "You guys are awesome – thank you for the informative feedback and for always being so welcoming."

✨ "Thank you for creating such a safe, nurturing space for our Nursery children."

✨ "Thank you all for your hard work – you are truly appreciated."

✨ "Great learning, great care and a brilliant Parents Evening. Thank you for being so helpful and informative."

One family shared a particularly heartfelt goodbye:

♥ "After 14 years, this is our final year at DVPS. Every moment has been an absolute blast – from Ms Pugh's crazy assemblies to the highs and lows of football with Mr B. What an awesome team. We'll truly miss this school community."

We also heard:

✨ "Thank you to the amazing teachers and SLT who always support our children to do their best."

✨ "Thank you for your commitment, dedication – not just for education, but for our children's wellbeing too."

✨ "These moments will be lifetime memories."

✨ "Thank you for being a good teacher."

✨ "Thank you for your thorough input."

And perhaps most simply – yet powerfully:

♥ "Thank you for all your hard work. Enjoy the holidays."

To our staff: your care, passion, and dedication do not go unnoticed. You are shaping memories, futures, and lives every single day – and our families see it.

Thank you for everything you do.

#TeamDVPS



2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY



FEBRUARY

[Sustainability Calendar LINK](#)

LINK TO WEBSITE CALENDAR...

February

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**
Wed 25th Downview's Got Talent
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

POSITIVE
VIBES
ONLY

BEYOND

THE SCHOOL GATES

Positive News

Picture News

Do gladiators make good role models?

A new series of the television programme, Gladiators, has recently returned to screens. The show features athletes competing in physical challenges such as strength, speed, and endurance events. The show is broadcast on the BBC and has attracted large audiences, including families and children. Gladiators train for many years to compete at a high level and often speak about discipline, teamwork, and preparation.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you watch Gladiators at home, or are there other TV programmes you enjoy watching together as a family? What do you think makes someone on TV a good role model?
- What skills or qualities do you believe are most important in a role model?
- Share and talk about some of the people you look up to at home, and explain why you admire them.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Positive NEWS

Africa powered ahead on solar



Africa had a dazzling year for solar growth in 2025, with installations soaring by 54% - the sharpest acceleration to date, according to the Global Solar Council (GSC).

More than half of the growth came from utility-scale installations, but the GSC's analysis of solar equipment import data points to households and businesses driving adoption, too.

The news comes after data revealed that cheap electrotech is enabling India "to industrialise without the long fossil detour taken by China and the west".

"Solar plus storage is the hope of Africa," said Sonia Dunlop, CEO of the GSC. "This is the technology that can bring energy access, sustainable development, green growth and resilience to natural disasters and extreme weather."

Meanwhile, UK government data out this week shows that 2025 marked a 10-year high for solar deployment, and set a new record for small-scale installations such as rooftop arrays - up 32% compared to 2024.

Meanwhile, analysis from the thinktank Ember found that storms blowing through the country's windfarms saved the UK £164m in gas purchases.

[Click here for the clip](#)

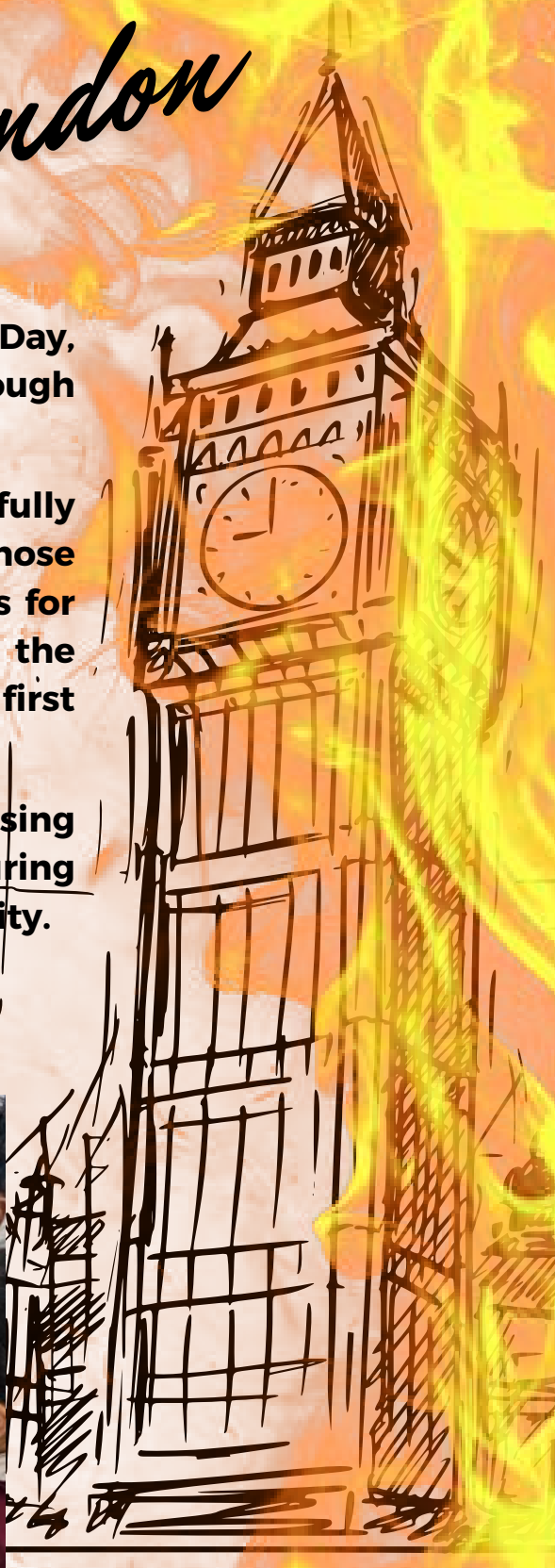


GREAT Fire of London

Year 2 stepped back in time for an exciting WOW Day, bringing the Great Fire of London to life through hands-on learning and creativity!

The children became 17th-century builders, carefully constructing their own wooden houses just like those found in London in 1666. They also turned bakers for the day, making delicious biscuits to link with the famous bakery on Pudding Lane where the fire first began.

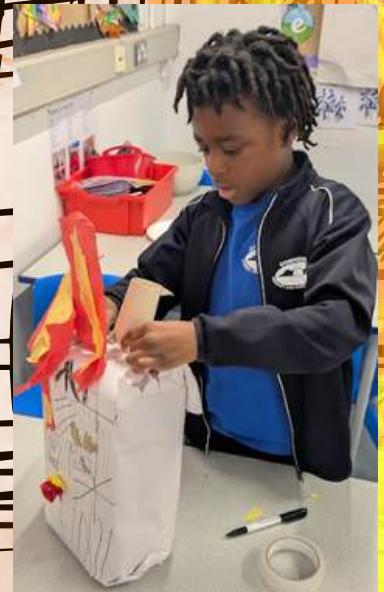
Our young artists recreated the London skyline using beautiful watercolour silhouette artwork, capturing the dramatic scene as flames swept through the city.



The day ended with a powerful (and memorable!) finale – as we safely “burned” our model houses while singing London’s Burning, helping the children truly understand how quickly the fire spread and why so much of London was destroyed.

It was a fantastic immersive experience, full of learning, creativity and historical excitement – well done Year 2 for such brilliant engagement!

Great Fire of London Link



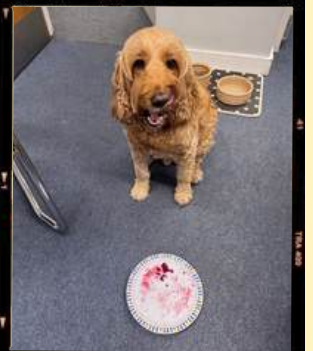


Reception have been immersing themselves in The Gingerbread Man and had great fun baking their very own gingerbread people!

We're pleased to report that, unlike in the story, none of our Gingerbread Men managed to escape from the oven – although there were plenty of giggles and delicious smells along the way!

A lovely hands-on learning experience for our youngest pupils – well done, Reception!

[GINGERBREAD MAN LINK](#)



[Pancake Day Link](#)





BREAKING NEWS

As part of our Climate Action Plan, we've launched a Tree Adoption Project...



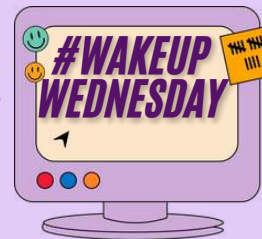
60 selected children have each adopted a sapling they will care for until they leave school.

As the trees grow and flourish, so will they...

Through this initiative, we hope to boost biodiversity in our school and nurture a lifelong sense of responsibility and love for nature.



Top 10 Tips for Parents and Educators Forstering a Sense of Belonging



Feeling a sense of belonging plays a vital role in children's wellbeing, confidence and gives them the ability to thrive, both academically and emotionally. This Wake Up Wednesday guide explores why belonging matters and how small, everyday interactions can make a meaningful difference in helping children feel accepted and included.

Offering ten practical, easy-to-apply tips, the guide supports parents and educators in building positive relationships, celebrating individuality and fostering inclusive cultures at home and in school. Featuring information on language choices, emotional validation and shared decision-making, this edition of #WakeUpWednesday highlights simple ways to strengthen connection and nurture a genuine sense of togetherness.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY LINK



REMINDER

Another small reminder...

We would like to remind you of our Rewards and Special Occasions policy regarding birthday celebrations in school:

- If your child would like to celebrate their birthday with the class, we encourage them to donate a book or game for everyone to share and enjoy throughout the year. This is a wonderful way to create lasting memories while supporting learning and fun in the classroom.
- While it is not common practice, on rare occasions a teacher may choose to celebrate with their class. In such cases, a variety of snacks will be provided, including healthy options.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a positive and inclusive environment for all our children.

Uniform reminder...

This is a friendly reminder about our school uniform policy, which can be found on our website: [Uniform Policy](#). Please take a moment to review it to ensure that all children are dressed appropriately for school.

Included in the policy are a few important safety guidelines:

Hair: If your child's hair is shoulder-length or longer, please ensure it is tied back.

Jewellery: Only stud earrings are permitted; no other jewellery is allowed for safety reasons.

Jumpers and Cardigans: Only school jumpers or cardigans are allowed—no hoodies please.

Bags: Children should bring a book bag or satchel. We kindly request no rucksacks, as they take up a lot of space in the school.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and smart learning environment.

DVPS'S GOT TALENT

R TO Y6

Get ready to
unleash your
talent!

You can do a solo act or
join a group within your
year.

3 acts will be chosen
to represent the Year
group in the final!
Might this be you?

MARCH
25TH

FOD NEWS



Winners of the School Lottery ticket holders' draw:



As you may remember, we promised to have a draw amongst the lottery ticket holders (if you had tickets for at least 3 months since September). The winners get golden coins for our book vending machine for their children to use.

We had 3 winners:

- the most ticket holder: **Niranjela Keen**
- **Beatrix Kapcsa**
- **Ella Lewin**



The children got their golden coins and books on 9th Feb.

Winners of Easyfundraising supporters' draw:

We also promised to raffle a **£20 amazon gift card** amongst the supporters who contributed with any amount for the school's Easyfundraising collection pot (if you had any contribution in the last 3 months until end of Jan).

Congratulations !!!! WINNER: Alison Shapiro.



WORLD BOOK DAY!

Decorate a Dolly Peg as your favourite book character!

GET YOURS FROM YOUR CLASS TEACHER FOR £1 AND DECORATE IT IN HALF TERM AS A FUN ACTIVITY!

Winners announced: 11th March



For any events, Pay at:

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



Downsview Primary & Nursery
School - Upper Norwood

Upper Norwood, London

£2,402.73 raised

128 supporters

Refer a friend and earn £1



We're registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for **FREE**. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself!



All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely **FREE!** These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us **NOW**.

If you sign up this month the school automatically gets **£2** now and more additional bonus payments with every new supporter until **28th Feb!**

Link, QR here and promotional materials attached.



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10 new supporters =	Bonus £10
25 new supporters =	Bonus £50
50 new supporters =	Bonus £150



**CRAFTS AT
DOWNSVIEW CHURCH**

All children up to 12 years are welcome to attend our free session with a responsible adult.

**10TH MARCH
3:30 - 5:00PM**

THEME: Easter



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**Your PTA could get a
£250 bonus this month!**

Beatrix, help unlock bonus donations this month!

As part of our Free £2 App-eal, if 10+ people join you in supporting Downsview Primary & Nursery School - Upper Norwood on easyfundraising via our app by 28th Feb, it unlocks bonus donations!* Plus, they'll get a bonus £2 donation for every person who registers.

CIRCUS 15th JUNE

Roll up, Roll up!

EARLY BIRD - £11.50 each (after £13.50)

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



JOEY
BAR

SALE ENDS

25th February
10 am.

PRICE

£3 Each
2 for £5

Buy as many as you like !



27TH FEBRUARY

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!

CLICK-Watch
Joey's video



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

JB
Golden Ticket

We have over 45 Prizes!!

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



Celebrations

Values

N - Ada
 R - Khalil
 R - Maximos
 R - Lili
 Y1 - Hana
 Y1 - Aurelia
 Y1 - Isa
 Y2 - Yuri
 Y2 - Jasmine
 Y2 - Chima
 Y3 - Maryam
 Y3 - Joshua
 Y3 - Dexter
 Y4 - Maya
 Y4 - Zephyr
 Y4 - Maxon
 Y5 - Cici
 Y5 - Victor
 Y5 - Millie
 Y6 - Evie
 Y6 - Raegan
 Y6 - LJ

Effort

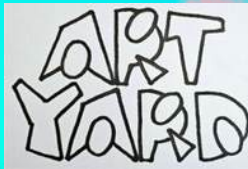
N - Yann
 R - Bonnie
 R - Mollie
 R - William
 Y1 - Mark
 Y1 - Betty
 Y1 - Clara
 Y2 - Wren
 Y2 - Mirha
 Y2 - Iasir
 Y3 - Zion
 Y3 - Noah
 Y3 - King
 Y4 - Asha
 Y4 - Vignesh
 Y4 - Sam
 Y5 - Olivia
 Y5 - Jasmine
 Y5 - David
 Y6 - Anas
 Y6 - David
 Y6 - Arjan



Red 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](#)

Uniform Shed Information

The uniform shed is located on the KS1 playground, next to the train. If you need uniform items outside of sales times, you can contact the uniform shed via email at downsview_uniform@outlook.com

Please note, this email is managed by a parent volunteer and is not a school email address, so it does not follow the school's official communication policy. Uniform items are available for **£1 each**, or you can **fill a bag for £5**.

If you are experiencing any difficulties or need support with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office directly. The school team is always here to help and support families as needed.

Mathletics

Infants

Gold: Bluebell
Silver: Fox
Bronze: Thistle

KS2

Gold: Lizard
Silver: Hawthorn
Bronze: Juniper

