Downsview Newsletter

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

20TH MARCH 2026

Today, we join many of our families and community members in celebrating Eid. We wish everyone a joyful and peaceful Eid filled with happiness, reflection, and togetherness. At Downsview, we are proud to celebrate the rich diversity of our school community and the values of respect and cooperation that bring us all together.

Recently MPs have voted to not ban social media for under-16 year olds, however the government have launched a national consultation on children and social media which parents can take part in until 26th May and will help to inform policy.

I thought this would be of interest to the parents/teachers/carers of Downsview and was wondering if this should be included in the newsletter? Link to take part is below - https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation

PARKING - AGAIN!

Please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school. These markings are there to **keep children safe** by ensuring drivers and pedestrians have a clear view when crossing the road. When vehicles stop or park on these lines, it blocks visibility and makes it much harder for drivers to see children stepping into the road, increasing the risk of accidents. Even stopping for a short time can create a dangerous situation during busy drop-off and pick-up times. We kindly ask all parents and carers to respect these road markings and park safely a further away. By doing so, you **help keep our pupils, families, and staff safe every day**.



Health Update: Meningitis & Vaccinations

We have been advised of a recent increase in meningitis cases nationally. There are currently no related cases locally and the overall risk remains low, but it is important to stay informed.
Meningitis and septicaemia can develop quickly, so early recognition is vital. Symptoms may include:

- **Sudden onset of high fever, vomiting, diarrhoea or severe headache**
- **Stiff neck and sensitivity to light**
- **Joint and muscle pain**
- **Cold hands and feet, or a rash that does not fade when pressed with a glass**
- **Extreme sleepiness or difficulty walking**
- **Confusion, drowsiness or seizures**

If anyone develops any of these symptoms, seek urgent medical help. **For advice, contact your GP or NHS 111. In an emergency, call 999 or go directly to A&E.**

Vaccinations are the best protection. Routine childhood and teenage vaccines protect against several causes of meningitis and are free on the NHS. It is important that vaccines are given on time, though missed doses can usually be caught up.

If you are unsure whether your child is up to date, please check their **Red Book** or contact your GP.

The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service **(CYPCIS)** is currently offering the MMR vaccine to any child, in any school year, who has missed one or both doses.

Most clinics require parents to book an appointment:
Tel: **020 3903 3360**
Email: krft.croydonimms@nhs.net
Book online: **Click me...**

For more information about Meningitis/septicaemia and childhood vaccination schedules, please visit our school website: **Meningitis/Septicaemia & Childhood Vaccination Schedules**

2026 DATES FOR THE DIARY



LINK TO WEBSITE CALENDAR...

MARCH
Sustainability Calendar LINK

March

Mon 23rd	**Last Week of Clubs**
Tues 24th	**Downsview's Got Talent**
Weds 25th	**Individual photos**
Thurs 26th	**Year 5** Trip to London Eye
	Individual photos
Fri 27th	School **finishes** at **1.15pm** for **ALL** children

Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April - Easter Holidays

April

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

Tues 21st	**Y1 Phonics Workshop**
Mon 27th	**Joey's Birthday week**

May

Fri 1st	**Joeys' Birthday BBQ**

Mon 4th Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs 7th	**Year 5** - Come Dine with Me!
	Year 1 Squirrel - Trip to Pizza Express
Sat 9th	**FOD** Jumping Jacks

Mon 11th - Fri 15th Year 4 Dragonfly Swimming - ALL WEEK

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st Year 4 Goldfinch Swimming - ALL WEEK

Weds 20th	**Year 2** - Come Dine with Me!
Thurs 21st	Dare to be Different Day

Fri 22nd May - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Y1 CHURCH VISIT

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE ENRICHMENT



Y1 Church visit

We had a wonderful visit to Downsview Methodist Church where we learned about Christianity in a fun and interactive way. The church members told us some of the parables that Jesus used to teach important lessons about kindness, forgiveness and helping others. We were also taught a song to help us remember the story. We learned about the Easter story and why it is such an important time for Christians. The children were very curious and asked lots of thoughtful questions, which helped them understand more about the Christian faith. At the end of the session all the children made Easter cards to take home. It was a lovely experience and a great opportunity for everyone to learn something new.













Y6 CLINK PRISON MUSEUM

HARSH

Year 6 visited the Clink Prison Museum this week, where they explored what prison life was like in London during the 1500s. The children learned about the harsh conditions prisoners endured and discovered the taxes that inmates faced.



ARTIFACTS

During the visit, they saw a range of historical artefacts, including old handcuffs, and learned about the different punishments used at the time. The experience gave pupils a deeper understanding of how justice and imprisonment have changed over the centuries.















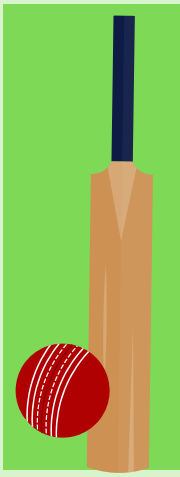
Watch our Reel

Y4 CRICKET





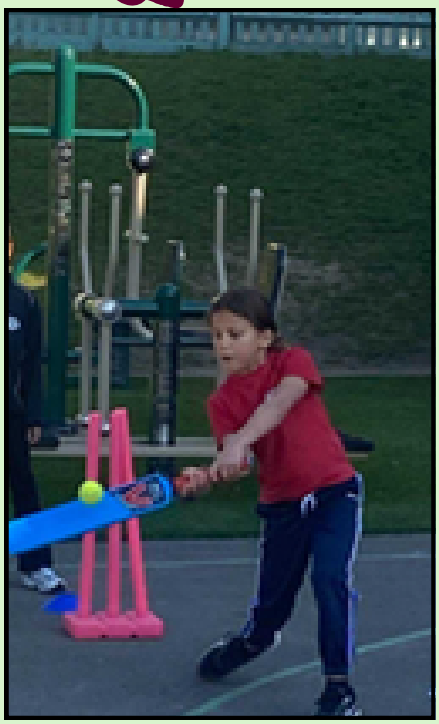




We have been very lucky to have coach Jon from Platform cricket working alongside year 4 every Thursday this half term. Year 4 have been learning to; field and bat using the correct techniques and also demonstrate hand to eye coordination, run between wickets and are beginning to learn the basic rules of cricket.









Yousuf was chosen as the player of the term for showing great skills and was awarded a special medal.

PLATFORM CRICKET LINK

Special Menu

EASTER DESSERTS

MONDAY 23RD MARCH

Bunny's Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

Chocolate Dipped Spiced Shortbread Biscuit

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH

Gooey Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

Hopping Bouncing Banana & Vanilla Rolls

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Springy Squidgy Lemon & Orange Drizzle Sponge



FOD NEWS

FRIENDS OF DOWNSVIEW

FUN!



WELCOME TO THE CIRCUS SHOW







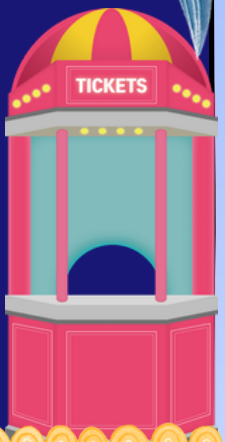
15th JUNE

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.







BOUNCY CASTLES INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE
PLUS MANY STALLS AND GAMES

Gates open: 4.45pm Showtime: 6-8pm



CAR BOOT SALE!!!

18th April 9am-12pm



WE ARE HAVING OUR FIRST CAR BOOT SALE AT DOWNSVIEW!!!!!
CLEAR YOUR LOFT AND THE KIDS' ROOM DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, BRING EVERYTHING TO OUR SALE, AND SPEND THE MORNING WITH FRIENDS AND LOCALS.
COME AND MAKE SOME MONEY OR FIND A NEW ITEM TO TAKE HOME!
BOOK YOUR PITCH TODAY!

£10 PER CAR | £5 PER TABLE SPACE
(BRING YOUR OWN TABLE OR BOOK ONE FOR £5 EXTRA)
BREAKFAST BBQ & SNACKS (INC HALAL)
HOT & COLD DRINKSANDY

ENTRY £1/ADULT OR DONATION | KIDS GO FREE!

For more info contact: friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk

What more:

FREE COLOURING ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS 

FACE PAINTING 

FOOTBALL CARD SWAP/SALE 

CANDY FLOSS 

POKEMON CARD LUCKY DIP 

ICE CREAM 

SWEETS 



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

Children's Multi Skills (Drop &Dash)

Cost: £6 per child
Date/Time: Tuesday, 31st March, 9:30–11:30am

• Age Group: **5–11**
• Overview: This session helps kids build a variety of physical skills in a fun environment.
We'll focus on movement, strength, flexibility, balance, hand-eye coordination, and mixed sports like volleyball and running games.
It's a drop-off session, so parents can come back at the end.
Venue: Downsview Methodist Church Hall, Waddington Way.



Cash payment!!!

Spots are limited, so please confirm your attendance via DM ASAP to Victor: 07949 722107

ACCESS WELLNESS

Easter half-term set up

Parents/Carers & Children Joint Fitness Sessions

Cost: Free for adults and **£6 per child**.
Dates/Times:
- **Friday, 3rd April** at 9:00am-10am
- **Friday, 10th April** at 9:00am-10am

• Age Group: **All (as long as parents/carers supervise)**
• Overview: These sessions will get both adults and kids moving together!
We'll cover partner exercises, functional fitness, balance and mobility work, and fun family challenges that promote teamwork.
Venue: Downsview Methodist Church Hall, Waddington Way.





JOIN US AT EASYFUNDRAISING

We're registered with easyfundraising, so you can support us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers donate when you shop through them – at no extra cost to you.

Just sign up and use easyfundraising when shopping online. If you join this month, the school gets £2 plus bonus donations for every new supporter.







APRIL COMING SOON

- **12th** - Street play Livingstone road
- **14th** - Crafts at Downsview Church
- **18th** - Car Boot Sale

Every Friday, we have a ice cream sale and a Minimal Eco Refill shop 3:15 pm

BREAKFAST CLUB

SPACES AVAILABLE!

£5 A SESSION

Start the day the fun way at our Breakfast Club!

We currently have spaces available, and it's the perfect place for children to begin their morning feeling happy, relaxed, and ready for the school day ahead. Children can enjoy a healthy breakfast, fun activities, and time with friends in a safe and welcoming environment.

At Breakfast Club, children can enjoy a delicious and varied breakfast! They can choose from toast, a variety of cereals, yoghurt, and porridge oats, along with six different fruits available daily to keep things fresh and healthy.

There's always plenty of choice so every child can find something they love to start their day feeling full, happy, and ready to learn. If you would like to book your child's space, you can do so directly through your MagicBooking account!

RE:CYCLE STATION: A New Chapter for Our School Community



Something exciting happened at Downsview this week — and it started with **you.**



Our very first Re:Cycle Station event took place, and it was a **heartwarming reminder** of what our **community can achieve** when **we come together.** Organised entirely by parents, the event brought families together to explore three simple but powerful ideas: giving **pre-loved school uniforms** a second life, refilling home and personal care products through our Minml Refill station, and learning how to repair and maintain bikes.



Each of these activities **might seem small** on its own, **but together they represent** a real shift in how we think about what we consume and what we throw away. Every uniform rehomed saves water and raw materials. Every refill cuts down on single-use plastic. Every bike back on the road means one fewer car journey — and with spring on its way, there has never been a better time to rediscover cycling with your children.

This is just the beginning. Re:Cycle Station **returns on 1st May and 26th June**, right after school. And if you have a sustainability idea you'd love to share with other families, **come and join** the Re:Cycle Club — **because the more of us who show up, the greater the difference we can make.**













BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Positive News

Picture News

What makes someone a champion?

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy. The Paralympics are an international sporting event for athletes with disabilities. This year's competitors took part in events such as skiing, snowboarding, wheelchair curling, and ice hockey. Many athletes train for years to compete at this level.
Some have overcome injuries or health challenges, while others were born with disabilities. Using specialised equipment and incredible determination, they compete for medals.

Things to talk about at home:

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- **Who do you find inspiring in sport? Ask someone at home about who they find inspiring.**
- **What does being a champion mean to you?**
- **What helps people overcome challenges? Talk with someone about their experiences.**

Positive NEWS

Cost of reaching net zero 'cheaper than oil price shock'

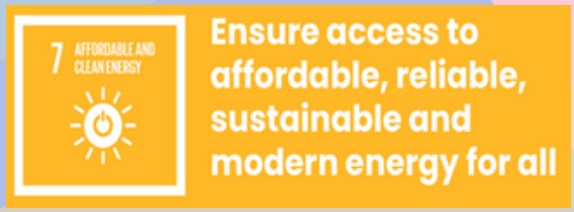
As the Middle East conflict threatens global oil supplies, timely analysis finds that achieving net zero in the UK will be cheaper than staying hooked on fossil fuels during such a crisis.
In its latest report, the UK's independent Climate Change Committee (CCC) put the cost of reaching net zero by 2050 at £4bn a year, or £100bn in total. This, it added, was equivalent to the energy-related costs following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The fallout from the war in Iran is likely to be an ever greater shock, analysts warn. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz, a choke-point for oil shipments, is already hiking up energy prices globally.
"In light of current world events, it's more important than ever for the UK to move away from being reliant on volatile foreign fossil fuels, to clean, domestic energy," said Nigel Topping, the CCC's chair .
While the war in Iran has sparked calls from some politicians to ramp up domestic fossil fuel production in the UK, analysis from Carbon Brief – also published this week – finds that doing so would have a negligible impact on energy security.

"The continued expansion of renewables and low-carbon technologies offers far greater protection against volatile gas imports than new domestic drilling," it found.

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Streaming Services...

Streaming services have become the go-to entertainment choice for many families, with children often favouring on-demand platforms over traditional television. This edition explores the realities behind these services, from rising subscription costs and advert-supported tiers to the impact of autoplay and endless content libraries on young viewers' screen time and wellbeing.

It also highlights key safeguarding concerns, including age-inappropriate material, binge watching, algorithm-driven recommendations and phishing scams. With clear, practical advice for setting profiles, PINs and time limits – alongside tips for discussing algorithms and stereotypes – this guide supports parents and educators in promoting safer, healthier streaming habits.



WAKE UP WEDNESDAY LINK





NURSERY

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

ADMISSIONS

To Apply please click here!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!



Schools are constantly having to work to very tight budgets and we rely greatly on the kind generosity and support of our parents.

Each school year we ask parents if they are willing to contribute to the School Fund. This voluntary contribution allows the school to purchase additional resources for the children and this year we would love to purchase some additional equipment for our outdoor learning areas.

We would like to suggest a minimum contribution of £30 per family.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and can be made on-line using the Magicbooking website.

Please log into your account, go the E-Shop and select the item School Fund 25-26







BLOOM THROUGH NATURE WITH

MR B & MISS DICKENS AT

FOREST SCHOOL CAMP

Dates: 30th, 31st March & 1st April

Time: 9am-3pm

Ages: 5- 11

Venue: Downsview Primary School

Cost: £35 per day

price includes campfire snacks & materials for bush craft

For more information or to book a place please email:

bloomthroughnatureforestschool@outlook.com





ART YARD

Easter Holidays 2026

Downsview Primary School SE19 3XE

Pupils from other schools welcome too!

Pop-Up Book Project

TWO DAY Arts and Crafts Club

Monday 30th March AND

Tuesday 31st March

Ages 6-12

£80 including all materials



Capybara Crafts

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club

Thursday 2nd April

Ages 6-12

£36 including all materials



Chocolate Arts and Crafts/ Egg Hunt

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club

Wednesday 1ST April

Ages 6-12

£38 including all materials



Pop Art Day

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club

Tuesday 7th April

Ages 6-12

£37 including all materials



For more information and bookings, visit:

https://art-yard-creative.square.site

Email: artyardclubs@outlook.com

Celebrations

Values	Effort
N - Bear	N - Willow
R - Jaydan	R - Albee
R - Theo	R - Ibrahim
R - Toby	R - Kit
Y1 - Ameera	Y1 – Bella
Y1 - Alicia	Y1 – Luca
Y1 - Josie	Y1 - Zephy
Y2 - Wren	Y2 - Innes
Y2 - Melissa	Y2 - Luke
Y2 - Amelia	Y2 - Aleksander
Y3 - Machai	Y3 - Freya
Y3 - Sabrina	Y3 – Juno
Y3 – Rivka	Y3 - Muaad
Y4 - Fatimah	Y4 - Melody
Y4 - Rhys	Y4 - Akaylah
Y4 - Ambra	Y4 - Muhammad
Y5 -Sara	Y5 - Naif
Y5 - Zaidan	Y5 - Ruqayyah
Y5 - Aaliyah	Y5 - Amir
Y6 - Inaaya	Y6 - Zara
Y6 - Melissa	Y6 - Manuella
Y6 - Safiya	Y6 - Iakub

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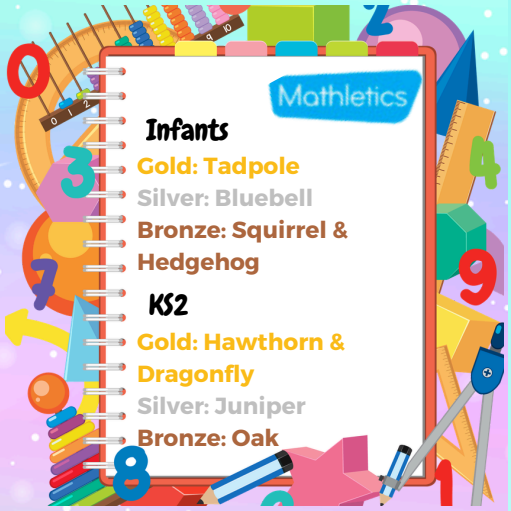
Yellow House Winners



Attendance

Infant: Bluebell

KS2: Wren



LET'S CELEBRATE PLATINUM



Alicja R, Insha R, Muhammed SA, Robyn R, Sisu T, Sophia S, Aether Hope Lili Sienna Amelia Chloe Joe Athena Jaydan, Amaia, Dua, Nia, Zuri, Leon W, Shahzain, Ada, Theo H, Ruby-Jane, Alma, Shirley-Grey, Creed, Ador, Marian and Leela, Zephy, Rory, Osheli, Zakayla, Mason, Koa, Alicia, Ayla, Ellie-Jayne, Leo, Zachary, Oliver, Aiden, , Ziayana, Ollie, Irianne, Maidah, Hunter, Kalonji, Malena, Melissa, Sadie, Osian, Charter G, Karan S, Amelia W, Nela W, Jasmine D, Ayva Z, Auriella G, Ismael, Kiale,Samuel, Nancy, Zahra, Teddy, Amar, Sabrina, Elayna, George, Lorenzo, Naiya, Muhammad Saad, Izzy, Kevin, Adam, Anusha, Machai, Ayo, Viola, Luqmaan, Mehdi, Abena E, Amirah E, Dexter HE, Kartah P-L, Lana W-B, Lincoln S, Luca U, Luis DLCR, Rhys N, Teddy B, Vignesh P, Zach R, Zaynab S, Aliabbas, Leo, Evelyn, Faris, Ximena, Zahra, Alice B, Sara, Fatimah, Muaaz, Barin, Cali, Maya, Anabelle, Arriana S, Isabella D, Miya E, Kaya S, Darcey S, Rose P, Rae Rae, Josh, Isa, Joshua, Bilal, Dexter, Lexi, Ze, Susie, Ana, Canaan, Daria, Mia, Florence, Kadija, Eden-Skylah, Jasmine, Zayn-Abbas, Pavlin, Adam, Ryan, Pedro, David T, Bushra, Willa S, Aliyah V, Zak Q, Amechi U, Emma S, Arjan K, Saima.C, Leilah.P, Nia.O, Danyaal.O, Hazeeb.K