

As we approach the end of the spring term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many wonderful achievements and experiences our children have enjoyed over the past few months at Downsview .

This term has been filled with rich and engaging learning opportunities, from high-quality lessons in the classroom to a wide range of extracurricular activities. A particular highlight has been our STEM Week, where the children showed great curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see so many families engaging with and supporting this event—thank you for helping to make it such a success.

I continue to feel incredibly proud of how our children demonstrate our core values of love, cooperation, diversity, resilience, responsibility and trust in all that they do. These values are evident daily in their learning, their relationships and their conduct around the school.

As always, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your ongoing support. Your involvement and partnership with the school make a significant difference to the experiences we are able to provide for the children.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break with your families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be another exciting and productive summer term.



The smallest  
act of kindness  
is worth more  
than the greatest intention.  
Kahlil Gibran

## Easter Joke of the Week

What do you call a naughty Easter egg?

- A practical yolker

Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?

- Because the chicken had his day off!

Easter is an important time of reflection and celebration for many within our community. For Christians, it marks a season of hope, renewal and new beginnings, symbolising the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It reminds us of the importance of compassion, forgiveness and kindness—values that resonate strongly within our school community.

Easter is also widely celebrated in different ways beyond its religious meaning. Many families enjoy traditions such as Easter egg hunts, sharing meals together and spending quality time with loved ones. These moments help to strengthen connections and create lasting memories, something we greatly value at Downsview.

At school, we use this time to encourage children to reflect on themes of new life, growth and positivity. Whether through learning, creativity or time spent together, we hope this season brings a sense of joy and renewal to all our families. Wishing you a happy and peaceful Easter.

# 2026

# DATES FOR THE DIARY



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

## MARCH

Sustainability Calendar [LINK](#)

## April



## May



**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Cricket Swimming - ALL WEEK**

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> **Dance Squad** - Regionals  
Weds 15<sup>th</sup> **Year 1** - Trip to Water and Steam Museum  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> **FOD** - Boot Fair

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Ladybird Swimming - ALL WEEK**

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> **Y1** Phonics Workshop  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> **Joey's Birthday week**  
Weds 29<sup>th</sup> **Year 3** Natural History Museum Trip

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> **Joeys' Birthday BBQ**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> **Year 5** - Come Dine with Me!  
**Year 1 Squirrel** - Trip to Pizza Express

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Dragonfly Swimming - ALL WEEK**

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Year 4 Goldfinch Swimming - ALL WEEK**

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

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> **Year 1** Fox to Pizza Express

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> FOD Taylor Swift tribute concert  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Sports Day - N & R (am) - Yrs 3 & 4 (pm)  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Sports Day - Yrs 1 & 2 (am) - Yrs 5 & 6 (pm)  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Father's Day assembly N-Y2  
FOD Father's day gift shop

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Wren Swimming - ALL WEEK**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> FOD Circus  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> FOD Mufti day Summer Fair

## 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**



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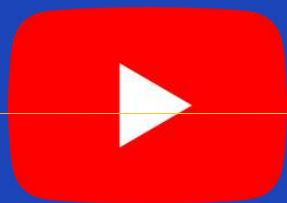
SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

# ADMISSIONS

**TO APPLY PLEASE [CLICK HERE!](#)**

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW REEL [HERE!](#)**

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA,  
CLICK ON THE ICONS BELOW!**



# BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Positive News

Picture News

## What should represent a country?



The Bank of England, that designs and makes the UK's banknotes, has said that future notes will include British wildlife, such as animals or plants, instead of historical figures. At the moment, UK banknotes feature the British monarch on the front and wellknown people from history on the back. However, some believe the back of banknotes should instead celebrate nature, showing animals, birds, or plants that live in the UK.

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

Things to talk about at home:

- Look at a coin or banknote you have at home. What pictures or symbols can you see on it? Why might they have been chosen?
- Different countries show different things on their money, such as leaders, buildings, or wildlife. What do you feel money should say about a country?
- Imagine you could design your own coin or banknote. What picture would you include and why? Ask someone at home about what they would choose.

## 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.

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)



# DVPS'S GOT TALENT



# WHAT'S ON

Year 2

# SCRATCH JR

## COMPUTING

## Day

As part of our Computing Day, Year 2 had a fantastic time exploring coding using Scratch Jr. The children were introduced to the basics of programming, learning how to create simple animations by snapping together blocks of code. They designed their own characters, added backgrounds and brought their ideas to life by making each figure move, jump and even talk!

### PROBLEM solving

Throughout the day, the class developed important problem-solving skills, learning how to debug their programs when things didn't go as planned. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine as they created their own short stories and interactive scenes. The children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork, supporting each other as they learned these new skills.

**Well done Year 2 for your brilliant effort! We certainly have some keen coders amongst us!**



### Pupil VOICE



Mya-Li "I loved creating my own scene. I even managed to code my scuba diver to do a back flip!"  
Livsey "I liked putting the coding blocks together to see what they made my character do. I really liked adding sound to my instrument using the sound blocks."

**Click the link below to have a go yourself!**  
<https://codejr.org/scratchjr/index.html>

# FOOTBALL

# RESULTS



## The boys football team League Table



FULL TABLE DETAIL >

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Downsview	8	5	2	1	9	20
2	St Joseph's	8	4	2	2	15	18
3	St James the Great	8	4	1	3	9	17
4	Norbury Manor	6	2	1	3	-1	11
5	St Cyprians	6	0	0	6	-32	6



## The boys football team

Over the last week the boys football team has fought hard to secure their second back-to-back title, it was a well-earned victory which was achieved on Friday with tough competition from local schools including St Josephs and St James the great.

The boy's team will now have a short rest before competing in the semi finals of the Croydon cup and taking part in the league winners cup.

We would like to congratulate the boy's team and thank all of the parents for their continued support over this session.

## On 26<sup>th</sup> March - The girls football team won their first football game last night 1 - 0 against St Josephs!!

On Thursday, the girls' football team travelled to St Joseph's for their very first match, full of excitement and determination. From the first whistle, the team showed great teamwork and effort, playing with confidence and energy.

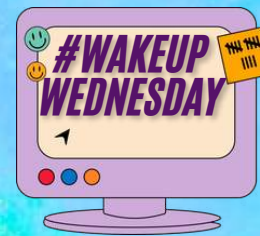
Their hard work paid off when Esme scored a fantastic goal, finishing brilliantly from a well-delivered corner by Ana. Giving them the lead.

The match was closely contested, with both teams creating chances. Raegan came very close to scoring from a free kick, narrowly missing the target, while Edie made several excellent saves.

Throughout the game, the girls remained resilient and persistent, never giving up even when the pressure was high. Their determination and teamwork helped them secure a well-deserved victory, making it a memorable first match for everyone involved.

let's GO!!

# Online Trends Encouraging Violence



Violent clips, online 'wars', and shock-value challenges can spread rapidly across social media feeds – often appearing in front of young people who weren't actively looking for them. This guide explains how algorithms, messaging groups and viral trends can expose children to real-world violence online, sometimes normalising harmful behaviour or encouraging risky offline actions.

It also highlights the emotional, social and legal risks linked to engaging with violent content. From anxiety and community fear to the dangers of sharing or promoting violent posts, the guide offers practical advice for parents and educators on discussing online safety, understanding the law, and helping young people respond positively and responsibly.



## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY LINK

**FELIX FRESH**

The Felix Project, in partnership with BETTER, will be distributing free fresh fruit and vegetables.

WHEN	WHERE
Thursday 2nd April 12-2pm	New Addington Leisure & Community Centre, 88 Central Parade, CR0 0JB W3W:///stand.rope.basic

BRING YOUR BAGS, BOXES, TROLLEYS AND STRONG ARMS, AND TAKE HOME WITH YOU A VARIETY OF DELICIOUS, FRESH FOOD!

Felix | THE FELIX PROJECT | BETTER

CAN YOUR BOSS HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR DOWNSVIEW?

Does your employer have a match funding scheme?  
Are they willing to match fund any of our events?

Turn over for more info



**MATCH FUNDING**

We would be grateful if you could find out if your employer has a match funding scheme. If they are willing to match fund any of our events this could be a really large source of income for Downsview and help us raise money to support the school.

It won't cost you a penny!

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The employee runs the ice cream stall at the summer fairs.

The stall makes £128 profit.

The employer matches it by donating £128.

The employer can claim this charitable donation as an expense.

And just like magic your volunteering becomes twice as important!

If your employer can help please contact Mrs. Gray

FRIENDS OF

# FOD NEWS



## 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 DRINKS ANDY

## What more:

FREE COLOURING  
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



FACE PAINTING



FOOTBALL CARD  
SWAP/SALE



CANDY FLOSS



POKEMON CARD  
LUCKY DIP



ICE CREAM



SWEETS



For more info contact: [friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk)

For any events, Pay at:

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



Friends of Downsview  
**DONATIONS**  
for our  
**CARBOOT & TABLE TOP SALE**

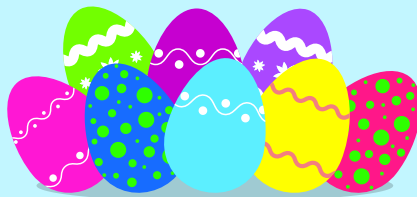
If you can't or don't want to sell your unwanted items, please donate them to us and we will sell them and earn money for our school!  
Our stall will be run by 2 students (from Y4 and Y3)!

**WE ACCEPT ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION:**  
ANY TOYS BOOKS

**SALE 18th APRIL SATURDAY 9AM-12PM**  
COME AND FIND TREASURES YOU NEVER KNEW YOU NEEDED!



**PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS OFF BY 16TH APRIL**



**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

1.30 PM - 3.30 PM

KIDS MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT!

CYCLE CHALK SKIP CHAT COMMUNITY



<http://bit.ly/3YZGk3b>  
LRplaystreetCR7

CROYDON  
[www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

**CRAFTS AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH**

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

**14TH APRIL 3:30-5:00PM**  
**THEME: MUSIC**



**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

- **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

**COMING SOON**

Let's COOK

# EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

MINI SPORTS STARS FC

Multi sports, extra curricular workshops and Arts & crafts camp

**KENLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHYTELEAFE, CR3 0EX**

**MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

9:30AM - 3:00PM  
RECEPTION - YEAR 6

Info@minisportstars.co.uk 07487 796 089 www.minisportstars.co.uk

PAID PLACES AVAILABLE **£20 PER DAY**

**BOOK YOUR FREE EASTER HAF ACTIVITIES**

FUNDED BY GOVERNMENT

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACE



CROYDON HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD  
MINI SPORTS STARS

**LOOK!**

## HOP INTO SPRING CAMP 2026

FESTIVE ARTS & CRAFTS | DRAMA & DANCE SHOWS | GAMES & PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES | EASTER PARTY



**CAMP DETAILS:**

- Selsdon Primary, Addington Road, CR2 8LQ
- 30<sup>th</sup> of March - 2<sup>nd</sup> of April (Mon-Thurs)
- 10AM - 2PM
- AGES 5 - 11

**PAID SPACES:**  
Book Online at OurCamps: 

**FUNDED SPACES:**  
If your child is eligible for Benefit-Related Free School Meals, Book Online: 

**OUR CAMPS**

AWARD WINNING HAF PROVIDER | IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CROYDON COUNCIL

www.OURCAMPS.ORG 07306297789 SCHOOLCAMPINFO@OURPARKS.ORG.UK

## SPORTS FOCUS COACHING Easter Camp

4 DAYS FREE!  
HAF Code needed



Football, Floor is Lava, Arts & Crafts, Tennis, Nerf Battles, Lego

Location: Paxton Academy, Thornton Heath  
Ages: Reception - Year 6  
Tuesday, 7th April - Friday, 10th April  
Timings: 9:00 - 15:00

Dodge Ball, Yoga, Dance, Cricket, Athletics, Cooking & More!

Spaces are limited  
To book visit [www.holidayactivities.com](http://www.holidayactivities.com)  
For further info  
Email: [bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk](mailto:bookings@sportsfocusuk.co.uk)  
or Call: 07946 007937

Ofsted Registered

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

Sportsfocuscoaching\_ Sports Focus Coaching Limited

## Fit 4 Future FREE Easter Holiday Activities Camp

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026  
@ St Joseph's Infants & Nursery School, Crown Dale, SE19 3NX

**10AM - 2PM** Ages 5 - 11

**FREE ADMISSION**  
(FOR THOSE IN RECEIPT OF BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS ONLY)

**FREE HOT MEALS AND LOADS OF FUN ACTIVITIES....**

- Fitness Fun
- Multi skills
- Team Games
- Archery
- Board Games
- Sports Tournaments
- Healthy Eating Workshop
- Easter Arts & Crafts
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Nutritional Education
- Parachute Games and more...



Do you receive Benefit Related Free School Meals?  
If so, please search your email inbox for an email from [hello@holidayactivities.com](mailto:hello@holidayactivities.com) and then ...  
BOOK BY clicking the LINK directly below:  
<https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/fit-4-future-foundation/activities/fit-4-future-st-josephs-primary-school-fun-haf-easter-holiday-camp-2026>

# BLOOM THROUGH NATURE WITH MR B & MISS DICKENS AT FOREST SCHOOL CAMP

**Dates:** 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March & 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

[bloomthroughnatureforestscool@outlook.com](mailto:bloomthroughnatureforestscool@outlook.com)





# 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 30<sup>th</sup> March AND  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Ages 6-12  
£80 including all materials



## Capybara Crafts

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Ages 6-12  
£36 including all materials



## Chocolate Arts and Crafts/ Egg Hunt

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Ages 6-12  
£38 including all materials



## Pop Art Day

ONE DAY Arts and Crafts Club  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Ages 6-12  
£37 including all materials



For more information and bookings, visit:

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

Email: [artyardclubs@outlook.com](mailto:artyardclubs@outlook.com)

# LET'S CELEBRATE

## IMPECCABLE BEHAVIOUR

House Winner  
**RED**



N Ada  
N Zainab  
R Zainab  
R Bodhi  
R Leon  
R Kawthar  
R Kayson  
R Ruby  
Y1 Hana  
Y1 Zakayla  
Y1 Hakeem  
Y1 Ahmad  
Y1 Jack  
Y1 Hannah

Y2 Esther  
Y2 Zion  
Y2 Owen  
Y2 Teddy  
Y2 Sadie  
Y2 Rabia  
Y3 Nassim  
Y3 Naiya  
Y3 Dylan  
Y3 Freya  
Y3 Monty  
Y3 Belle

Y4 Zoe  
Y4 Lily  
Y4 Felix  
Y4 Ariana  
Y4 Ximena  
Y4 Sara  
Y5 Muhammad  
Y5 Fabian-Ray  
Y5 Lincoln  
Y5 Zunaira  
Y5 Storm  
Y5 Adam

Y6 Muzaynah  
Y6 Aden  
Y6 Luna  
Y6 Amechi  
Y6 Shannon  
Y6 Daisy



### Attendance this year

Infant: **Squirrel 97.5%**  
KS2: **Frog 97.5%**

### Punctuality this term

Infant: **Tadpole**  
KS2: **Hawthorn**

PLATINUM  
TICKET



Link to our REEL!

### Top Students Autumn Term

#### Infants

3rd - Ray 12,204  
2nd - Chima 14,738  
1st - Murtaza **46,057**

#### KS2

3rd - Shalom- **33,175**  
2nd- Razia **41,910**  
1st - Amari **69,600**



### Top class Autumn Term

#### Infants

3rd- Squirrel 99,047  
2nd - Fox 99,817  
1st - Hedgehog 147,949

#### KS2

3rd - Raven **115,982**  
2nd- Hawthorn **134,875**  
1st - Adder **142,428**