



# Downsview Newsletter



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

24TH APRIL 2026

## Earth Day 2026

### Downsview celebrates our planet

This week, we were **proud to celebrate Earth Day** across the school. It provided a valuable opportunity for children to reflect on the importance of **caring for our planet** and to think about the small changes we can all make to protect it.

Throughout the week, classes engaged in a **range of activities**, from discussions about sustainability and climate change to creative projects **inspired** by the natural world. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and thoughtfulness from the children, who showed a real **understanding of their role** in looking after the environment.

We look forward to **continuing** this important work as part of our commitment to developing responsible, **informed global citizens**.

We would **love for this learning to continue** at home. As a simple challenge, we are encouraging families to choose one small change they can make together - whether that's **reducing plastic use, turning off lights** when not in use, **recycling more carefully**, or **spending time outdoors** appreciating nature.

**Every small action makes a difference!**

**HAPPY**  
**HEARTH**  
*Day*

**Frank (Y2 Bluebell) & Jasmine (Acorn) are set to represent Downsview** in the Steps for Change Children's Challenge on 20<sup>th</sup> September and they'd love you to **join them!**



The pair will take on a family-friendly riverside adventure with purpose **from Kingston Bridge to Hampton Court** and back, with participants able to run, stroll, or roll 5 or 10K.

It's all in aid of Able Child, a **charity supporting children with disabilities in Eastern and Southern Africa to access education, stay safe from harm and abuse, and have their voices heard**. The charity aims to ensure no child is left behind.

**Frank and Jasmine** are very excited about the free snacks, T-shirt and medals but they also can't wait to do something special for kids just like them who want to go to school but can't.

To find out more and sign-up visit [www.ablechild.org.uk/sfc](http://www.ablechild.org.uk/sfc)

**JOIN OUR**

**TEAM**

**Downsview  
Vacancy Board**

Follow LINK to our website below  
**EYFS Level 3 Learning Support  
Assistant**

# 2026

# Dates for the Diary



[Link to School Calendar](#)

## Sustainability Calendar LINK

# APRIL

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Joey's Birthday week</b>
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y3</b> Natural History Museum Trip

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Joey's Birthday BBQ</b> FOD - Re:cycle Event (3.15pm)
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5</b> - Come Dine with Me! <b>Y1 Squirrel</b> - Trip to Pizza Express
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y4 Dragonfly Swimming - ALL WEEK</b>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Y4 Goldfinch Swimming - ALL WEEK</b>
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y2</b> - Come Dine with Me!
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Dare to be Different Day!</b>
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>May - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>

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Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Y1</b> Fox to Pizza Express
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sports Day</b> - N & R (am) - Yrs 3 & 4 (pm)
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sports Day</b> - 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
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y5 Wren Swimming - ALL WEEK</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	FOD Circus
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	FOD Mufti day Summer Fair
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Y5 Raven Swimming - ALL WEEK</b>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Y5</b> Trip to Harris Beulah FOD - Re:cycle Event (3.15pm)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST WEEK OF CLUBS</b>

# JUNE

# 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 26 & 20<sup>th</sup> July 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

# SPRING

4<sup>th</sup> Jan - 25<sup>th</sup> March 27  
**Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
 Easter holidays:  
 26<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> Apr 27  
**Inset day: 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 27**

# Free electricity will be on offer this summer, a new programme revealed

In the UK's summer months, when the days stretch longer and the sun shines brighter, electricity demand is lower. An increase in smaller, more local electricity generators is also contributing to less demand on larger power stations, as is the growth of renewables.

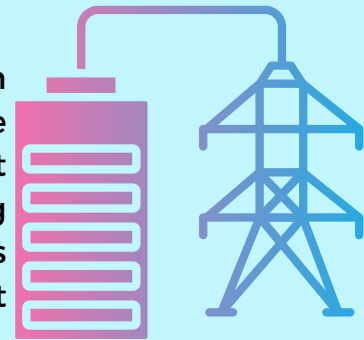
**The result? Surplus electricity.**

In a programme revealed this week, the UK's National Energy System Operator (NESO) has said that electricity companies can now incentivise customers to use more electricity during these times of excess. That could mean doing more washing, running the dishwasher or charging EVs at certain times - and getting a reward for doing so. Such rewards could come in the form of cheaper or even free electricity, or points that could be turned into gift cards.

So far, British Gas, Equiwatt and Octopus Energy have signed up to be part of the scheme. You'll also need to have a smart meter to participate.

A spokesperson from NESO told the BBC: [LINK to the video](#)

**"The complexity of operating the system at low demand is increasing, and we may need to use more of our tools, and use them more often, than in previous summers."**



Goal 7:

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



## What is the best way to support people who need extra help?



New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize.

The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time.

Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.

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

- Share your overall opinion on the glasses, do you think they are a good idea?
- In your opinion, is it better for people to get help from technology or from other people? Why?
- How might these glasses make someone feel more confident or independent?
- What technology do you use at home to help you? How does it help?

[LINK to the learning for the children at home](#)



# Celebrations

## Values

- N - Penelope
- R - Jaydan
- R - Jake
- R - Isabel
- Y1 - Thomas
- Y1 - Ayla
- Y1 - Osheli
- Y2 - Layla
- Y2 - Hussnain
- Y2 - Emma
- Y3 - Charlie
- Y3 - Shalom
- Y3 - Mia
- Y4 - Taliyah
- Y4 - Maxon
- Y5 - Olivia
- Y5 - Millie
- Y5 - Zunaira
- Y6 - Amara
- Y6 - Florence
- Y6 - Muzaynah

## Effort

- N - Zainab
- R - Aether
- R - Sorrel
- R - Alex
- Y1 - Maidah
- Y1 - Sidney
- Y1 - Mark
- Y2 - Auriella
- Y2 - Livsey
- Y2 - Kalonji
- Y3 - Leo
- Y3 - Aarvi
- Y3 - Isaac
- Y4 - Cali
- Y4 - Michael
- Y5 - Sariyah
- Y5 - Antonella
- Y5 - Edie
- Y6 - Inaaya
- Y6 - Jacob
- Y6 - Abdullah

# PE



## RED House Winners



## Attendance

- Infant: Squirrel
- KS2: Frog

## Baby Ballet Stars

Ava, Chloe and Amelia performed as Dancing Swans, as part of their Baby Ballet performance on Sunday.

They took part in three dances on stage, which helped to tell the story of Twinkle and Teddy's Big Day Out! What a fabulous show it was!



## Year 4 Ladybirds Make a Splash!

Year 4 had great fun during their special swimming session in pyjamas! The children learned important water safety and lifesaving skills, including floating and staying calm in the water while fully clothed.

**A fun and valuable experience  
Well done, Ladybirds!**



# Bicycle Workshop

1st May (After School for 45mins)

Join us after school near the Blue Gazebo on the 1<sup>st</sup> May for a hands-on bicycle workshop!

Children (and parents) are invited to learn the basics of bike maintenance, including how to check brakes, cables, chains and tyre pressure to keep bikes safe and road-ready.

If your bike needs a little TLC, bring it along – subject to time and parts availability, we'll take a look and carry out minor repairs where we can.

We look forward to seeing you there and helping everyone ride safely and confidently!



## ADVENTURE in CRYSTAL PALACE PARK THIS HALF TERM

### WILD PLAY HOLIDAY CLUB

10.00-4.00 School Years 1-6 £59/day  
Crystal Palace Park  
Thicket Rd, London  
SE20 8DS

Activities can include:

- Den building
- Track & trail
- Survival skills
- Killer frisbee
- Wide games
- Rope courses
- Craft skills
- Storytelling

[www.wild-learning.net](http://www.wild-learning.net)

We take  
childcare  
vouchers

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

# FOD NEWS



## DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY

**IS BACK!**

This is your time to go crazy with a hairdo, paint your nails, wear a costume or your favourite football kit!

**21st May  
Thursday**

### RULES YOU CANNOT BREAK:

age appropriate clothing, no football boots, no heels or wheels, no jewellery, no fizzy drinks

### RULES TO BE BROKEN

1. WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM
2. NO FOOTBALL KITS
3. NO CHOCOLATE OR SWEETS FOR SNACKS
4. NO MESSY OR COLOURED HAIR
5. NO NAILS VANISH
6. NO TEMPORARY TATTOOS
7. NO MAKE-UP OR FACE PAINT
8. ONLY WATER IN WATER BOTTLES
9. NO FANCY DRESS

**HOW?  
IT WORKS**

**50P FOR EACH RULE YOU CHOOSE TO BREAK.**

**PLEASE GIVE THE MONEY TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER**

Normal school and behaviour rules apply. But **HAVE FUN!**

**FUN!**



## 15th JUNE

Tickets - £13.50 each (family of 4 - £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**



**Bicycle workshop**

Children and parents are invited to learn basic bike maintenance, including checking brakes, cables, chains and tyre pressure to keep bikes safe and road-ready.

**UNDER THE BLUE GAZEBO 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 3:15-4PM**

### Eco refill

- Washing up liquid 100ml £0.40
- Hand wash 100ml £0.55
- Body Wash 100ml £0.55
- Shampoo 100ml £0.70
- Conditioner 100ml £0.70

**CASH and CARD payments are now both accepted**

**Uniform Sale**



Every item £1 or fill a bag for £5

**PLEASE DONATE!**

in the red bin outside the office at the recycling point.

For any events, Pay at:

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

# CAR BOOT SALE!!!

Our very first Downsview Boot Sale was a huge success – busy stalls, amazing vibes, lots of smiles, and plenty of bargains snapped up! The Friends of Downsview second-hand toy stall was manned by two of our students, Harvey (Y3) and Zach R (Y4). They did a fabulous job and showed impressive negotiating and salesmanship skills! It was lovely to see new families and friends join our community – this is what it's all about

Plus as a bonus, we also made

**£969.53**

**AMAZING!**



**Thank you to everyone who came, sold, shopped, and supported.  
We can't wait for the next one!**

# TOY AMNESTY

**WE ACCEPT DONATIONS AGAIN!**

We are accepting used and new toys for our future FOD events. Please make sure they are all clean and in good working condition.

Also, any **NEW** Unwanted Gifts, items (for adults, and kids) for hampers and prizes

**AND ANY NEW TOYS!**

Key rings  
Small toy figures  
Lego  
New hair accessory  
Fidget toys

Small unused craft sets/bits  
Teddies, soft toys  
Party bag fillers  
Girls jewellery



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# SUPERMAN

GIFT SHOP 12TH JUNE - FRIDAY

This year we are doing something different!

We're celebrating the important men in our lives with a sweet treat—2 Original Glazed Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

Boxes will be given to children at the end of the school day on the 12th.



Online sales opens on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

**YOU CAN BUY AS MANY AS YOU LIKE! EACH GIFT/BOX OF 2: £2.50**



## EASYFUNDRAISING !!

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has shopped in support of Downsvie Primary & Nursery School Upper Norwood via Easyfundraising this month!

**NOW SHOWING**

An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books



## THE INCIDENT ROOM

A play by Olivia Hirst and David Byrne

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of May  
7.30pm (Doors open 7pm)  
Downsvie Methodist Church Hall,  
Waddington Way, SE19 3XH  
Tickets on door £11 / In advance £10 + booking fee  
Box Office: 020 8405 6134  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/TheDownsviePlayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/TheDownsviePlayers)



**CRAFTS AT DOWNSVIEW CHURCH**

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

**12TH MAY 3:30-5:00PM**

**THEME: TREES & GARDEN**

Just by taking an extra step when you shop online and collecting a free donation for us, we've raised over **£49.21** in just **30 days!**

Not one of our supporters yet?

Please join today at:



AS PART OF THE SPORTS DAYS AT DOWNSVIEW,  
THE WINNER OF GLADIATORS 2025,  
JOE FISHBURN IS VISITING OUR SCHOOL!

HIS VISIT IS FULLY FUNDED BY FOD.  
DETAILS OF THIS EVENT TO FOLLOW.



### MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Bike repair and eco workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Street play Livingstone road
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Crafts at Downsvie Church
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Dare to be different day

### JUNE

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Superman gift shop
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Happy's Circus
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Joe Fishburn visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Mufti day for summer fair
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Bike repair and eco workshop

COMING SOON

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