



Downsview Newsletter



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1ST MAY 2026

Happy Birthday Joey!

This week, we've been celebrating a very special occasion—**Joey's Birthday Week!** It has been filled with the most wonderful moments: cuddles, cards, games, laughter and so many memories that we will treasure for a long time to come. Joey has truly been at the heart of it all, **enjoying** every second of the **celebrations**.

Please do take a moment to watch our short video (**CLICK ME**), where you'll see just how much fun he's been having and all the lovely things he's been getting up to with the children.

Over the years, Joey has spent lots of time **listening** to stories and reading the fantastic writing produced by our children. Inspired by their creativity, he decided it was time to write a story of his own—with a little help from his mummy, of course! Today in assembly, **Joey proudly shared his book** with his closest friends before its official "release" to the public.

We are expecting to receive the proof on Tuesday, and all being well, it should be available to buy from next Friday. The children are incredibly proud of Joey—and we are too!

Sold on...



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2026

Dates for the Diary

[Link to School Calendar](#)



Sustainability Calendar LINK



Mon 4th Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thurs 7th **Y5** - Come Dine with Me!
Y1 Squirrel - Trip to Pizza Express

CLOSED

Mon 11th - Fri 15th Y4 Dragonfly Swimming - ALL WEEK

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st Y4 Goldfinch Swimming - ALL WEEK

Weds 20th **Y2** - Come Dine with Me!

Thurs 21st **Dare to be Different Day!**

Fri 22nd May - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Weds 3rd **Y1** Fox to Pizza Express

Weds 10th **Sports Day** - N & R (am) - Yrs 3 & 4 (pm)

Thurs 11th **Sports Day** - Yrs 1 & 2 (am) - Yrs 5 & 6 (pm)

Fri 12th Father's Day assembly N-Y2
FOD Father's day gift shop

Mon 15th - Fri 19th Y5 Wren Swimming - ALL WEEK

Mon 15th FOD Circus

Fri 19th Father's Day assembly N-Y2
FOD Father's day gift shop
FOD Mufti day Summer Fair

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Y5 Raven Swimming - ALL WEEK

Fri 26th **Y5** Trip to Harris Beulah
FOD - Re:cycle Event (3.15pm)

Mon 29th **LAST WEEK OF CLUBS**



SUMMER

13th Apr - 22nd May 26

Half Term: 25th - 29th May

1st June - 20th July 26

Inset days: 22nd May 26 & 20th July 26

Bank Holiday: 4th May 26



2nd Sept - 23rd Oct 26

Half Term: 26th Oct - 30th Oct

2nd Nov - 18th Dec 26

Inset days: 2nd & 3rd Sept



4th Jan - 25th March 27

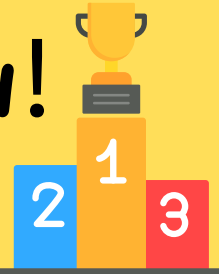
Half Term: 15th - 19th Feb

Easter holidays:

26th March - 9th Apr 27

Inset day: 4th Jan 27

Sports Days at Downsview!



We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our
Annual Sports Days at Downsview!

We are excited to celebrate another fantastic year of sport, teamwork and determination. The children have been practising hard and are eager to showcase their skills.

The Event

Children will take part in sprint races followed by a fun carousel of activities including throwing, jumping and team challenges. All pupils will remain in their year groups throughout the day, with activities carefully planned by the PE team to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

House Teams

Children will compete for their House, earning points for:

 Red  Yellow  Green  Blue

What to wear

- PE kit (tracksuit or black shorts, weather dependent)
- Downsview House colour T-shirt
- Water bottle, sun hat and sun cream if needed

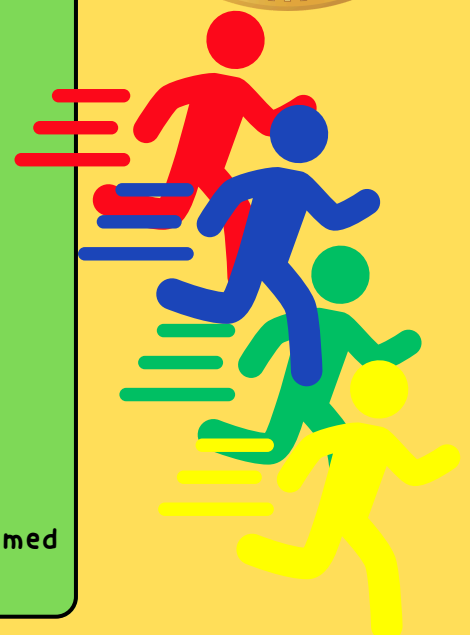
Dates and times

- Nursery & Reception – Wed 10 June | 9:15–11:30
- Years 3 & 4 – Wed 10 June | 1:10–3:00
- Years 1 & 2 – Thu 11 June | 9:15–11:30
- Years 5 & 6 – Thu 11 June | 1:10–3:00

Key information

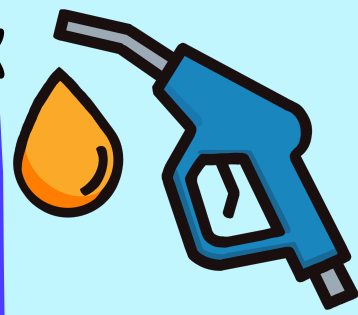
- Please stay with your child's group and remain outside roped areas
- Gates open via Biggin Way: 9:10am (AM) / 1:05pm (PM)

In case of poor weather, events will be rescheduled and you will be informed
by text/email



We look forward to welcoming you for a wonderful celebration
of sport and teamwork!

Electric cars now 'cheaper than petrol' in UK



For the first time, new electric vehicles (EVs) are now, on average, cheaper than petrol models in the UK.

That's according to data from Autotrader, the UK's largest automotive marketplace. It put the average cost of a new electric car at £42,620 in April - compared with £43,405 for a new petrol model.

Autotrader said that the shift was driven by a combination of government grants for electric vehicles and discounting from manufacturers. It comes as the fallout from the war in Iran pushes up petrol prices and supercharges interest in EVs.

"Geopolitical uncertainty, including the situation in Iran, has pushed fuel costs and energy security back to the front of buyers' minds, driving a noticeable uptick in interest in both new and used electric cars," said Autotrader's Bex Kennett.

"While past spikes in EVs haven't always translated into sustained purchasing, this combination of improved affordability and shifting attitudes towards the cars presents a real opportunity to accelerate the switch to electric."

[LINK to video](#)

Goal 7:

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



Why do some people become so important to the world?



Sir David Attenborough, a famous naturalist and broadcaster, is celebrating his 100th birthday. For over 70 years, he has created and presented programmes that help people understand animals, nature, and the planet.

His work has inspired millions of people to learn more about the world and take care of it.

Many people are celebrating his life and the difference he has made.

Things to talk about at home...

- Who is someone you think is important? Why are they important?
- What has David Attenborough done to help people understand the world?
- How can we learn about places and animals we can't see ourselves?
- Do you think you have to be famous to make a difference? Why?
- Can you share something you care about and would like others to care about too?



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

Celebrations

Values

N - Olive
R - Mila
R - Albee
R - Ador
Y1 - Sophia
Y1 - Annabelle
Y1 - Hannah
Y2 - Karan
Y2 - Veer
Y2 - Owen
Y3 - Jonah
Y3 - Miguel
Y3 - Noah
Y4 - Akaylah
Y4 - Rose
Y4 - Anabelle
Y5 - Sasha
Y5 - Dayna
Y5 - Aaliyah
Y6 - Penny
Y6 - Lyndon
Y6 - Hazeeb

Effort

N - Alicja
R - Isaac
R - Ava
R - Lyra
Y1 - Zuriel
Y1 - Ollie
Y1 - Jack
Y2 - Jeshae
Y2 - Lawrence
Y2 - Ismael
Y3 - Asiya
Y3 - Esme
Y3 - Amar
Y4 - Bianca
Y4 - Adam
Y4 - Hannah
Y5 - Kadijatu
Y5 - Erick
Y5 - Rae-Rae
Y6 - Amir
Y6 - Khadijah
Y6 - Saima

PE



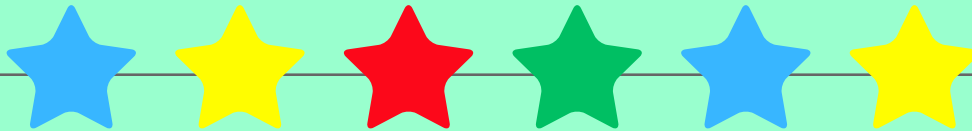
RED House Winners



Attendance

Infant: Tadpole

KS2: Frog



Downsview Vacancy Board

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[Classroom Teacher](#)

[Dual Role - Teaching Assistant \(Level 2\)](#)

[& Extended Schools Support Assistant](#)

[EYFS Level 3 Learning Support Assistant](#)

JOIN OUR

TEAM

Mission Earth

Y3 trip

Earth Day

To mark Earth Day, our Year 3 children took part in a wonderful art and dance project, exploring the challenges facing our planet through creativity and movement.



Spread across two memorable days, the experience began with an in-school workshop where children discussed environmental issues and expressed them through the power of body movement. This was followed by an inspiring dance performance by SW19 Dance Project, held at Thornton Heath Library.

This show was developed with support from Arts Council England and Croydon Libraries. It has been performed to hundreds of primary school children since December 2023.

