

Downsview Newsletter

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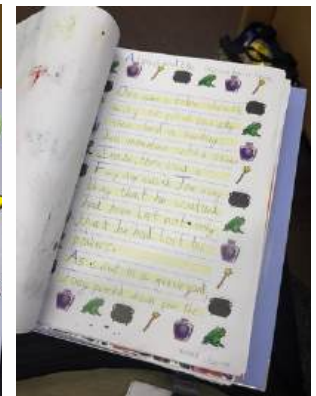


22ND MAY 2026

Joey's incredible achievement in publishing his own book has inspired children across the school to see themselves as writers and authors too... and wow, look what our Year 2 children have produced!

The children have worked incredibly hard to write their own magical spells and publish them in a beautiful Book of Spells for the whole school to enjoy in our library. From magical potions to wonderful wishes, their creativity and imagination shine through on every page. Children, if you would like to discover the magical and marvellous spells they have created, come along to the library at lunchtime and enjoy sharing this special book with a friend.

Joey's success has also encouraged writing beyond the classroom. Dayna and Valentina have been busy at home writing stories and creating their very own books... something they have been passionately doing for over a year. Mrs Gray has personally read their work and has been extremely impressed by their creativity, dedication and writing skills. What a fantastic way to spend spare time and a wonderful reminder that writing can take us anywhere when we are inspired to share our ideas with the world!



Please send us a picture of the children/family reading their book! Joey would love to see and hear what you think of it!
head@downsview.croydon.sch.uk

ALL BOOKS AVAILABLE TO BUY ON

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Downsview Vacancy Board

JOIN OUR TEAM

- School Caretaker
- Dual Role - Teaching Assistant (Level 2) & Extended Schools Support Assistant
- Classroom Teacher
- School Cleaner

2026

Dates for the Diary

[Link to School Calendar](#)



Sustainability Calendar LINK



Weds 3 rd	Y1 Fox to Pizza Express
Weds 10 th	Sports Day - N & R (am) - Yrs 3 & 4 (pm)
Thurs 11 th	Sports Day - Yrs 1 & 2 (am) - Yrs 5 & 6 (pm)
	Mon 15th - Fri 19th Y5 Wren Swimming - ALL WEEK
Mon 15 th	FOD Circus
Fri 19 th	Father's Day assembly N-Y2
	FOD Father's day gift shop
	Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Y5 Raven Swimming - ALL WEEK
Fri 26 th	Y5 Trip to Harris Beulah
	FOD - Re:cycle Event (3.15pm)
	FOD Mufti day Summer Fair
Mon 29 th	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS



Weds 1 st	Nursery Meet and Greet (PM)
Thurs 2 nd	Y1 Hedgehog - Pizza Express - AM
Fri 3 rd	FOD Summer Fair 2.30pm-5pm
Tues 7 th	Reception morning- New Children (Sept start only)
Fri 3 rd	FOD Summer Fair
Fri 10 th	Culture Day at Downsview
Weds 15 th	Year 6 - BBQ & awards ceremony
Thurs 16 th	Whole School BBQ
Fri 17th	Last Day for Pupils- 1.15pm finish - No After School Club
Mon 20th	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

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

AUTUMN

2nd Sept - 23rd Oct 26

Half Term: 26th Oct - 30th Oct

2nd Nov - 18th Dec 26

Inset days: 2nd & 3rd Sept

SPRING

4th Jan - 25th March 27

Half Term: 15th - 19th Feb

Easter holidays:

26th March - 9th Apr 27

Inset day: 4th Jan 27

Dare to be Different

BREAK THE RULES



Our Dare to Be Different Day was a huge success and the children absolutely loved it!

For one day only, we threw some of the usual rules out of the window and embraced fun, creativity and individuality. The school was filled with make-up, hair dye, sweets, gum, own clothes, crazy hairstyles, suits and ties, funky face paint and so much more!

Whilst things may have looked a little different, what stood out most was how incredibly well-behaved and respectful our children were throughout the day. It reminded us that no matter what they wear or how colourful their hair may be, our children continue to demonstrate the values we are so proud of every single day.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day so special. Events like these create joy, laughter and lasting memories for our children – and this was certainly a day to remember!



DARE

— TO BE —

DIFFERENT



Downsview Successes

A huge well done to Zaki and the U9 football team for winning the League Cup last weekend in a nail-biting final!

It has been a long journey to get there. After finishing as runners-up last year, the team showed determination and resilience to bring home the trophy this year – a fantastic achievement!

We are also incredibly proud that Michael and Laurie are both part of this talented team. What a brilliant accomplishment for all involved – congratulations!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

We recognise that ongoing conflict and distressing world events may be affecting members of our school community. Many families may have personal, cultural or family connections to regions experiencing conflict and may be feeling worried, upset or anxious.

At Downsview, we are committed to supporting all members of our community and promoting kindness, understanding and respect for one another. If you or your family are finding current events difficult, the following organisations may be able to offer information, support and a listening ear:

Childline (NSPCC) – free, confidential support for children and young people, available 24/7 online and by phone: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Mind – mental health information and support for adults, young people and families: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

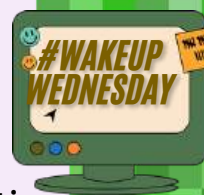
Show Racism the Red Card – anti-racism education and resources for children, schools and communities: <https://www.theredcard.org/>

Minecraft

Minecraft remains hugely popular with young players, offering creative freedom and social interaction. This guide explores how features like public servers, in-game chat and multiplayer modes can introduce risks, including contact with strangers, exposure to inappropriate behaviour and privacy concerns linked to independent server hosting.

It also highlights issues such as griefing, in-game spending and potentially addictive gameplay loops. With clear, actionable advice, the guide helps parents and educators set boundaries, choose safer settings and support children in enjoying Minecraft responsibly while staying protected online.

[WAKE UP WEDNESDAY LINK](#)



YEAR 2



HAVE BEEN EXPLORING SCULPTURE AND WORKING WITH CLAY TO CREATE THEIR OWN HOUSES, INSPIRED BY THE WORK OF RANTI BAM AND RACHEL WHITEREAD. THE CHILDREN DEVELOPED THEIR ARTISTIC SKILLS BY MANIPULATING CLAY, MAKING IMPRESSIONS AND ADDING TEXTURE, PRODUCING SOME FANTASTIC AND CREATIVE FINAL PIECES.

WELL DONE, YEAR 2!



Malaria vaccine 'significantly reducing' child deaths

African countries that were first to roll out a breakthrough malaria vaccine have seen a "significant reduction" in child deaths, a landmark report found this week.

Malaria kills around 600,000 people annually, most of them in Africa, and most of them children. However, the RTS,S malaria jab, which performed well in clinical trials, is now having a positive impact on the ground, the research showed.

Published in the Lancet health journal, the study observed infant mortality rates over four years in Ghana, Kenya, and Malawi after they introduced malaria vaccinations for children. One in eight child deaths, it noted, had been avoided in the countries since the jab was rolled out.

Twenty-five African countries now offer malaria vaccinations to children. Researchers expect similar results, or better, in countries that took up the vaccine more recently. Other vaccines are in development.

"This is very solid evidence of the potential for malaria vaccines to change the trajectory of child mortality in Africa," said the World Health Organization's Dr Kate O'Brien, co-author of the evaluation.

Challenges remain, however. "More financing is needed so that countries can purchase enough vaccine, along with other malaria prevention tools, to reach all the kids most at risk," she said.



[LINK to video](#)

Why do people celebrate different things in different ways?



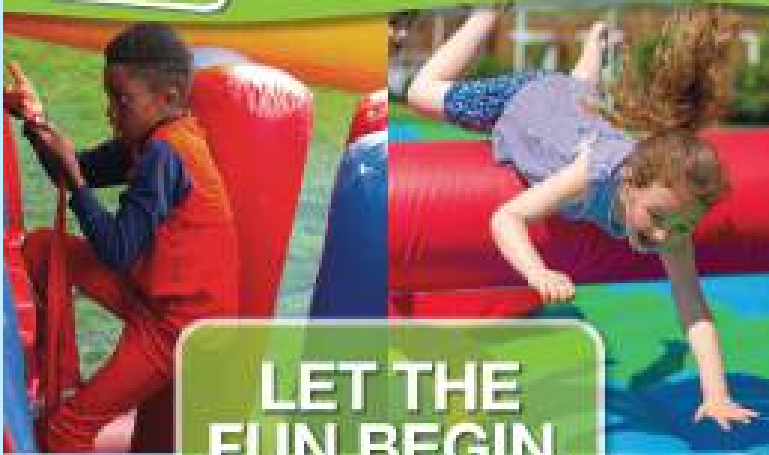
This week, people in the UK and across the world are celebrating Eid al-Adha. Families and communities will come together to pray, share meals, and give to those in need, with celebrations taking place in many different ways.

The festival is a time to reflect on kindness, generosity, and the importance of helping others.

Things to talk about at home...

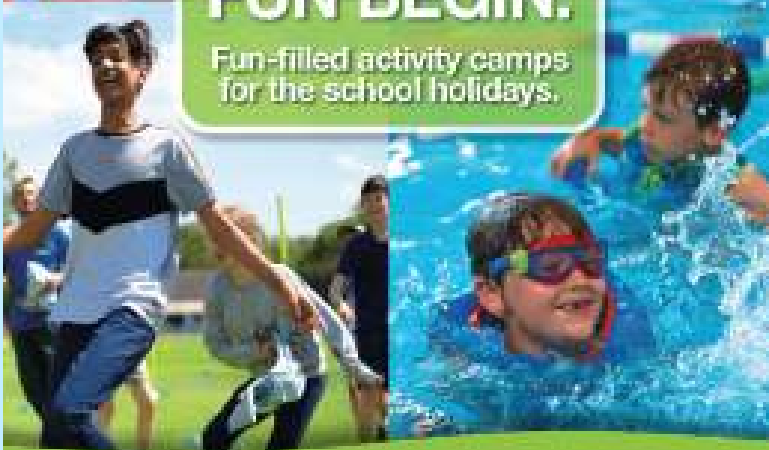
- What celebrations are important in your family? Why?
- Have you ever learned about a celebration that is different from your own? If so, which?
- Why do you think people enjoy celebrating together?
- What are some ways we can show respect for other people's traditions?

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



LET THE FUN BEGIN.

Fun-filled activity camps for the school holidays.



DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

BOYS/MIXED

- 📅 Mondays
- 📍 Bishop, Trinity, KCC
- 👤 UB-U14s



BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY



GIRLS

- 📅 Fridays
- 📍 Coloma Convent School
- 👤 UB-U16s



BOOK YOUR SPOT TODAY



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Non-stop fun



28TH MAY - 29TH MAY
AGES 4 - 12

10AM - 5PM - PAID PLACEMENTS
10AM - 2PM - FREE VOUCHERS

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL, MITCHAM, CR4 1YG

FUN-FILLED DAYS PACKED WITH ACTIVITIES
MULTI-SPORTS, DANCE, GAMES, FREE PLAY,
CREATIVE PLAY, AND OUTINGS

NUTRITIOUS HOT MEALS ARE PROVIDED
DAILY
FRIENDLY, TRAINED STAFF WHO CARE

BUILD CONFIDENCE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
AND GET ACTIVE!

How to sign up
Follow the link or scan the
QR Code for paid placements

FREE Vouchers will sent directly
by schools to eligible families.
Book at app.holidayactivities.com

Paid HAF places can be booked
here: <https://pbbl.uk/4SbeaJ3>



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DARE TO BE DIFFERENT DAY

WHAT a day! We all had so much fun...but look at the kids...their faces say more than a thousands words could.



CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR SUPPORT!!

Join us at the Downview

SUMMER
FAIR

3rd July

and get your brand in front of 500+ local families and teachers.

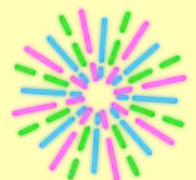
We're offering two simple ways to get involved:

- **Raffle Donation** – Donate a gift card, product, or voucher and get your business seen by hundreds of local parents. Every donor gets a shoutout on raffle tickets and in our weekly school newsletter through July 17th.
- **Event Sponsorship** – From just £100, secure your own space at the Fair. Host a stall, hand out samples, or connect face-to-face with your community from your own branded gazebo or table.

Either way, you'll be supporting vital school fundraising while putting your business right where your customers are.

Get in touch: ✉ friends@downsview.croydon.sch.uk |

Message: Mrs Gray on Dojo



For any events, Pay at:

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



15th JUNE

Tickets - £13.50 each

Family of 4 - £50

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



SUPERMAN

GIFT SHOP 19TH JUNE - FRIDAY

SAVE THE DATE



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 19th.



Online sales open on 11th May/Monday

**EACH GIFT/BOX OF 2:
£2.50**



YOU CAN BUY AS MANY AS YOU LIKE!



**Children's Multi Skills
(Drop & Dash)**

**Parents/Carers &
Children
Joint Fitness**

MAY HALF-TERM SET UP

Cost: £12 per child

Date/Time: Thursday, 28th May, 9:30-11:30 am

Age Group: 5-11

A fun, high-energy morning focused on building core physical skills, including balance, coordination, strength, flexibility and mixed-sport games. This is a drop-off session.

**Venue: Downsview Methodist Church Hall,
Waddington Way.**

Cash payment!!!

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



Cost: Free for adults and £8 per child.

- First parent/carer attends free
- Additional adults: **£8**

Dates/Times: Friday, 29th May, 9:00 am

**Age Group: All (as long as
parents/carers supervise)**

A supportive, family-friendly fitness session with partner exercises, functional movement, balance and mobility work, and confidence-building challenges for all.



**Bicycle
workshop**

UNDER THE BLUE GAZEBO 26TH JUNE 3:15-4PM

**Uniform
Sale**

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.

- 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**



Every item £1 or
fill a bag for £5

PLEASE DONATE!

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

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.

**WE'LL BE ORGANISING A THURSDAY
EVENING SOCIAL RUN AND PLAN TO DO A
TEAM RUN IN AUGUST TO RAISE MONEY
FOR THE SCHOOL.**

It's a great
opportunity to meet
new people,
socialise and get in
shape this summer.
Any level of fitness
catered for and the
sessions are always
led by either Jamal
or Victor.



Please contact - Downsviewdashers@gmail.com, or get in
touch with Victor or Jamal.

MAY

- **28th** - Children's Multi Skills (Drop & Dash)
- **29th** - Parents/Carers & Children Joint Fitness

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

JUNE

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

**COMING
SOON**