

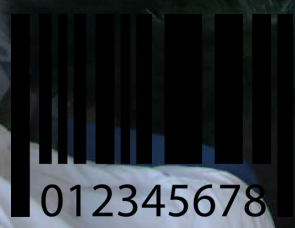
FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024



NEWSLETTER



Christmas creep
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Pupil Leadership



Last week, four of the Pupil Principals decorated the school's Christmas trees (I think mine was the best!) We had a great time, unfortunately Zach and Charlie couldn't join us because Charlie was doing a Dungeons and Dragons club with Mr Coxley and Zach was off sick. I hope you had a nice week too.

Hey JD, had a nice week? Well I have. On Monday, in assembly we learnt about a woman called Gertrude Ederle and how she was the first woman to swim the English channel. On Tuesday, we had singing assembly and we heard the soloists for the first time. On Wednesday, I had a Natterhub lesson with a governor. Thursday we had cricket and on Friday we made snowflakes.



Hey JD! Last week I had a lot of fun because me and the other Pupil Principals decorated the Christmas trees, I hope you like them! On Wednesday, we did a Natterhub lesson for the schools governors. Finally, on Thursday, our year group did some cricket.



This Week at James Dixon



All of our Christmas decorations are made from recycled paper.




Phrase of the week

 **Christmas creep**
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Christmas creep is the gradual lengthening of the Christmas season, with ever earlier displays of lights, wreaths, and decorated trees. Well, with only 10 school days left until the end of term we are guilty as charged!

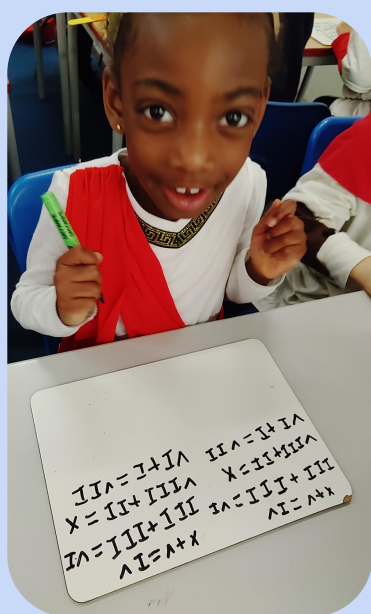
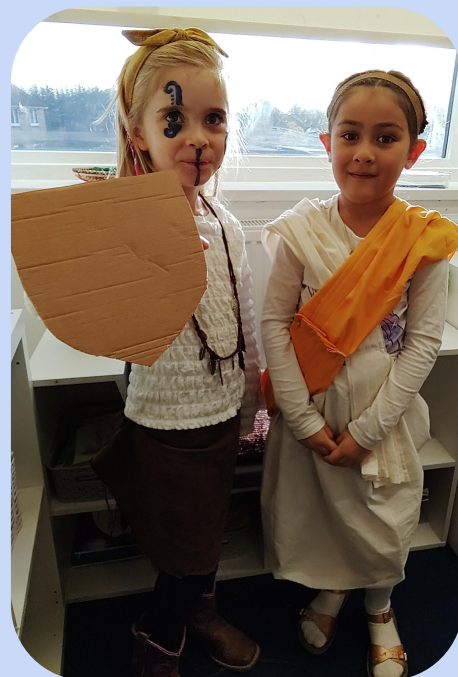
Term Dates 2024-2025

			
Term Starts	Monday 2nd September 2024	Monday 6th January 2025	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half Term	Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025
Term Finishes	Friday 20th December 2024 @2pm	Friday 4th April 2025 @ 2pm	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Year 2 Roman Day



Year 2 had a fantastic Roman Day this week. They made shields, did some Roman Maths using Roman numerals and learnt some interesting Roman facts! Not forgetting some amazing Roman costumes.



Year 1 Trip to the Church



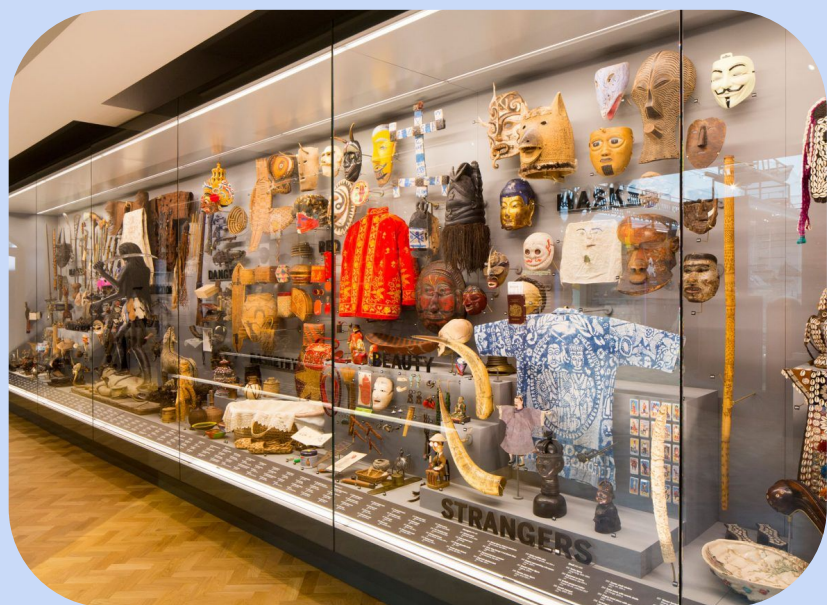
Year 1 had a lovely visit to the church on Tuesday for R.E. Day. We learnt about the features of a church and what they mean.

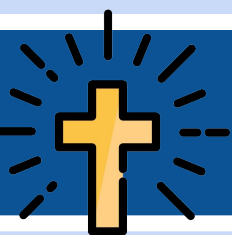


Year 3 Horniman Museum

Year 3 had a fantastic to visit to the Hornimans museum to start off the week on Monday.

We had a great time looking at a range of artefacts and thinking about what that tells us about that historical time. We also had a lot of fun in the park for a fun end to our trip!





RE Day

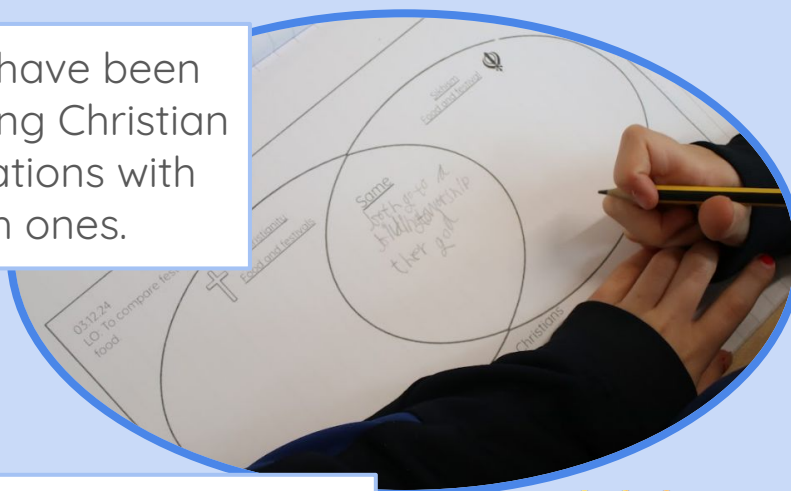


This week, the children at James Dixon have been learning about *Christianity*.



We were lucky enough to have a visit from Mrs Hawthorne who led an assembly about Christianity and the importance of *loving* and *caring* for others.

Year 2 have been comparing Christian celebrations with Sikh ones.



Year 5 have been learning about how Jesus became a religious leader and what it means to influence others.



Year 6 created freeze frames to represent to 10 commandments. Can you guess what these show?



Year 3 were creating story wheels, to tell the Christian creation story.



We're still collecting!



Thank you so much to the generous families who have donated so far. It's not too late to donate items to our festive food collection. We still have 5 hampers which we would like to fill!

Online Safety

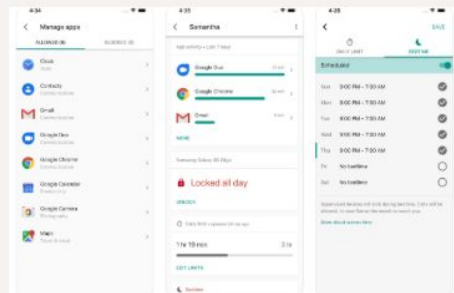
SAFE SETTINGS, CONTROLS & MONITORING

Apple, Android and Microsoft have tools to help you control what younger children can use and how long for. Click the images below for details. Once they are older and have your trust, the same tools can help avoid arguments and help them learn to self-regulate (how long have they really been on insta today? have they put down the phone at all in the last week?).



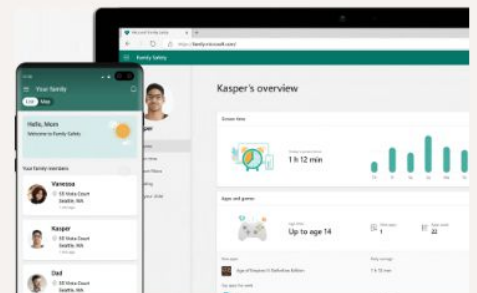
[Apple Screen Time](#)

Great for both parental controls and teen self-regulation



[Google Family Link](#)

[Digital Wellbeing](#) is the next step for the older ones after Family Link



[Microsoft Family Safety](#)

There are no self-regulation features for older teens, but Family Safety is great for the younger ones

Curriculum Focus - Reading



READING AT JAMES DIXON



At James Dixon, we teach Reading every day through the VIPERS scheme.

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



Ela- Y6

The teachers explain how to read and decode really well which is definitely getting me SATS ready.

Rory - Y5

I like the range of books we have at JD. Picture books, short books, chapter books, you name it! I love books on myths the most.

Charleny - Y4

I really like reading here because of the lovely books in the Book Nook. I learn a lot of new things in Reading lessons.



VIPERS is a mnemonic that is used at school to cover the key comprehension skills that are taught as part of the National Curriculum. To further support children's reading, each classroom also has its own Book Nook area which is filled with books tailored to each year group, from which children are able to borrow books from to read at home and at school.

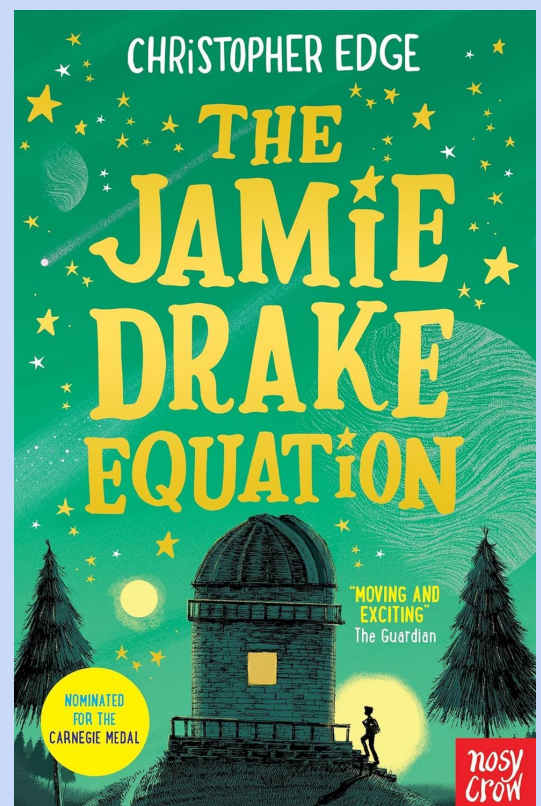
Sustainability



Think about materials: Look at the materials gifts are made from and keep sustainability in mind. Avoid single-use plastic items (especially glitter) that can't be recycled. Buying second-hand items saves on resources and helps to reduce emissions to create a more sustainable future. Vintage clothes, books, home furnishings, and refurbished technology can all make great sustainable gifts.

Book Recommendation

The Jamie Drake Equation is a science fiction novel that takes readers on an exciting journey through the cosmos. The story follows Jamie, a young boy whose father is an astronaut on the International Space Station. When Jamie discovers a strange signal on his phone, he embarks on an adventure that mixes scientific concepts with real-world emotions. The engaging writing style and imaginative storytelling make this book a must-read for young science fiction enthusiasts.



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

93%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	94%
Respectful	96%
Honest	95%
Energetic	96%
Expressive	95%
Reflective	94%
Resilient	85%
Considerate	93%
Kind	97%
Capable	92%
Cooperative	95%
Caring	95%
Successful	94%

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Dates for your diary

<p><u>Mon. 9th December</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Football Club 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tues. 10th December</u></p> <p><u>KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30pm</u> (Respectful and Energetic Class Parents only)</p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 11th December</u></p> <p><u>Reception Christmas Performance 2pm</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.30 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec - Yr 6</p>	<p><u>Thur. 12th December</u></p> <p><u>KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30pm</u> (Honest and Expressive Class Parents only)</p> <p><u>Visit to Christ Church Yr 2-6</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm#</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Fri. 13th December</u></p> <p><u>Children's Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day</u></p> <p><u>Transport Trip Reception</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec - Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p>Dance Club Performance 8.15 am</p> <p>PTA Bake Sale 3.00 pm</p>
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James Dixon Preschool

Morning and Afternoon session availability

Mornings: 8.30-11.30am Afternoons: 12.15-3.15pm

What we do:

We focus on learning through play, providing enriching play opportunities and learning experiences.



We also have learning sessions, including:

- Phonics
- Maths
- History/science/geography

We also have weekly Forest school and PE lessons.



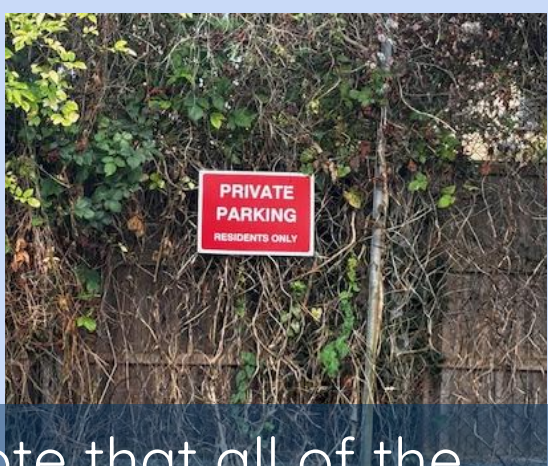
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COURTESY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Respecting Our Neighbours



Please note that all of the parking bays on William Booth Road are private; paid for by the residents.



Help us to have positive relationships with our neighbours.



Respect our neighbours

DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE BAYS



Winter Bake Sale

Friday 13th December

from 3:10pm - No sales before pick up

All items are 50p or £1.00

We take cash or card

Feel free to decorate for
Winter/Christmas/Polar Animals

Please label your bakes if
Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Halal or Vegan

Please bring your **NUT FREE** bakes
to the school office in the morning



We need lots of
baked donations please



If you have a cake box it must be named
and you can collect it from the office next week

We will also be selling Light Wands (£8)
and remaining class teatowels (£5)



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Friday 13th December 2024

Winter themed bake sale 3pm
(We will also sell light wands and class tea towels)

Friday 10th January 2025

PTA AGM 8.45am to 9.45am
(Online and in person with refreshments, a chance to learn more about what we have achieved for your children and get involved)

Friday 7th February 2025

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Phoenix Community Centre Evening
(With Quiz Master Mr Entwistle, tickets will go on sale in January, start gathering your teams!)

Dates
for the **Diary**

