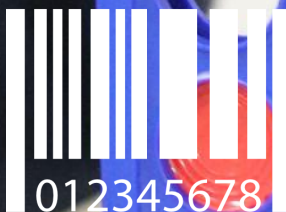


FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

# NEWSLETTER

*“Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads...”*



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# This Week at James Dixon



The Green Room is a dedicated space available to pupils who prefer to be in a calm space during the lunch break. Mrs Daley provides calming music, games and drawing. Access to the Green Room is available to KS2 pupils on request.

## Term Dates 2025

	 HELLO SPRING		 HELLO SUMMER		 HELLO AUTUMN
<b>Term Starts</b>	Monday 6th January 2025		Tuesday 22nd April 2025		Monday 1st September 2025
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025		Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025		Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October
<b>Term Finishes</b>	Friday 4th April 2025 @ 2pm		Tuesday 22nd July 2025 @ 2pm		Friday 19th December @ 2pm

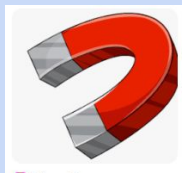
# Curriculum Focus - Science



There's always a lot going on in Science here at JD.....

My snake is about 2 metres long. It likes to eat live mice!

Niamh in Respectful class wanted to show her class the snakeskin that her pet snake had shed at home. Lots of questions about it which was great - Thank you Niamh.



## Science in Reception



Observation is a very important scientific skill!



I am not sure if this is magnetic or not.....



Eddie and Hari from the Science Pupil Leadership team planned and carried out a magnetic activity with some of the Year 4 children.

Science is a great subject for working together and discussing ideas. Year 6 are working as a team to put photos and information into chronological order.



# Sustainability

Year 6 have been learning about the effects of pollution. Take a look at some of the fantastic learning that has been produced!

LO: To understand that the air in many UK cities contains pollution that is harmful to people, plants and animals.

Air pollution is a mix of natural and synthetic substances. Some sources include burnt coal, factories, vehicles and more. Air pollution can cause life short or a life shortage (death), asthma and more.

It is important that we learn about pollution because when we are older we could make the environment/pollution better. We can now recycle now to help the pollution. In the UK, the government and people are trying to stop the pollution now by making some rule such as when you stop at the side of the road to check something turn the cars light off.

## Towards

At the bottom of England the pollution is the worst. At school we learn about air pollution so that when we get older or even now we could do things to prevent air pollution from happening.

LO: To know that litter is waste left in open public spaces. It can be cause environmental damage.

Why is litter a problem in the UK?

## - Humans:

- If wildlife eat waste or litter then if we eat the wildlife the waste litter will get into our systems.
- Flipping attracts vermin such as rats, flies, mice and foxes. Then the vermin goes round near houses and that spreads diseases.
- Litter and waste can contain diseases.

## - Financially:

- Clearing roads and streets costs over £1,000,000,000 (1 billion) per out of taxes that people pay.
- People clean the roads all around the UK using things such as road sweepers and litter pickers that makes it in charge of the council in the county.

## - Beaches/Oceans

- People leave litter on beaches and coasts after picnics and days out all the rubbish will probably wash into the sea and trap life in the sea.
- Fishermen catch the fish or wildlife that might have eat and eat the waste or litter the humans eat it and might catch disease that the litter had.
- It can also make the environment horrible so people won't come to swim in the sea and it'll unpopulated the beach.

## - Wildlife

Animals and life eat and consume waste and litter that can give the animal a disease while being round people they can give and spread the diseases.

## Book Recommendation

Clean Up! is a vibrant and engaging picture book that celebrates community, environmental awareness, and the power of collective action.

It tells the story of Rocket, a young girl determined to make a difference and protect the environment. This book is full of energy, humour, and heart. With its bright and colourful illustrations, Clean Up! is a powerful and inspiring story that encourages young readers to become change-makers in their own communities.



# Pupil Leadership

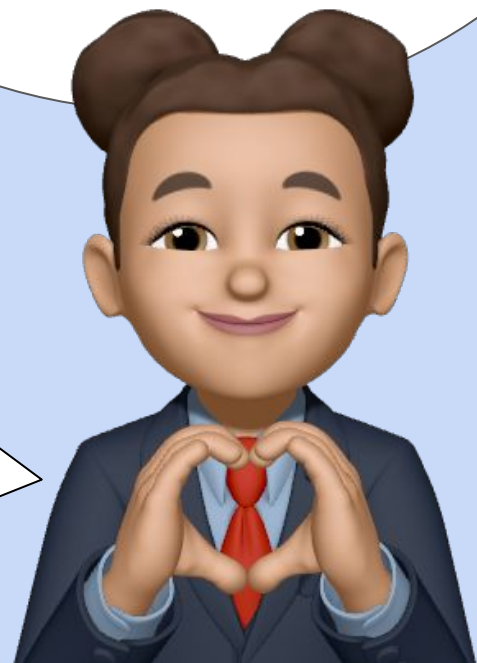


Hi JD!

How was your half-term? I know I had a great one! The first few days I did a sports camp in Beckenham. On Tuesday, I went to the cinema and I watched the new Captain America movie. Now that was a good film! My experience was ruined a little because kids in the row behind us were talking. I hope you had a good half term!

Hi JD, I hope you have enjoyed your half term. Me and my family went to my grandparents house and we almost completed a 1000 piece star wars puzzle. It was a lot of fun! Have a lovely week.

Siana



Hey JD,  
I hope you had a lovely half-term I know I did. I went sledding In Switzerland. My best friend, also a pupil principal, saw a member of staff from our school. Remember to stay kind!  
From Yasmin



# Composition of the Week



Click here to listen

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nX\\_ReyaetE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nX_ReyaetE)

## Pachelbel - Canon in D

Genre: Classical

Composed by German Baroque composer Johann Pachelbel

The Baroque is an approach to writing music in which a song or piece is written in a particular key, this particular piece being in the key of D Major

*It's a mystery...*

*Neither the date nor the circumstances of its composition are actually known although it is believed to be between 1680 and 1706*

# Thank you and Well Done!

**Place2Be**

Place2Be's  
**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**  
3-9 FEB 2025

# THANK YOU!

This certificate is awarded to

**James Dixon Primary School**

A big well done on raising an amazing

**£275**

to help more children and young people get the emotional support they need

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2025**

**Ayesha Akther**  
On Behalf of Place2Be

**25 Feb 2025**  
Date

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# Exciting Writing!

This is a dramatic extract from a series of diary entries written by Nehal in Year 6.

They were thinking about what the world might be like after an environmental disaster.

This was her entry after 4 years...

August 19<sup>th</sup> 2029

Dear Diary,

I wish there would be a point in my life where I could go back and read this diary laughing because it would all go back to normal. But I'm not sure that will ever happen we've been evacuated somewhere temporarily and have been given some disgusting food and water. My mum says we have to eat it if we want to get better. And when I try to sleep the only thing I can think of are the dead bodies and skeletons floating in the water. And the horror of dying to survive. The population of the world decreased by over 1 billion. It's funny, by now people thought we would have flying cars, but that's not the case. If I ~~have~~ don't write in this again it's probably because I have not survived but I will miss you diary you're something I can always talk to, like you're a real human. The government says focus on survival but it might be too late now...

# Ramadan

Ramadan is a month of fasting, prayer, and charity for Muslims. During this time, Muslims abstain from food and drink from dawn until sunset. We understand that some children choose to fast at this time and we want to ensure a supportive and understanding environment for them.

To help us support our fasting pupils, we kindly ask that you inform us by completing the following form

<https://forms.gle/agscwh6ZypMa8j8u6>

To everyone in our community who is celebrating, we wish you a peaceful and blessed Ramadan.

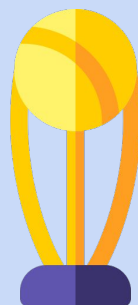


# Kent County Cricket Festival

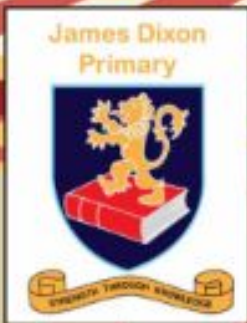
On Tuesday, children from years 2-6 had the opportunity to visit Kent County Cricket Club to participate in a Cricket Festival.



The children impressed the adults and coach Iain with their fantastic bowling skills and incredible team work. Well done JD Cricket Team!



# PTA Event



**JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## Because of YOU, The Circus ? is coming to School

During the School day on:  
Wednesday 26th March



Thanks to the awesome success of our **PTA Quiz**, we've raised enough money to bring the circus to school – and **every class is invited!**



# PTA Event



## Bake Sale

Friday 21st March  
Starting at 3:10pm



All items are 50p or £1.00  
We take cash or card

Feel free to decorate for Spring

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

# Weekly Attendance

*Be here every day, all day!*

95%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	95%
Honest	98%
Respectful	99%
Energetic	90%
Expressive	100%
Reflective	97%
Resilient	97%
Considerate	95%
Kind	94%
Capable	96%
Cooperative	98%
Caring	95%
Successful	88%

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# Next week's achievers

## Attitude to others

<b>Energetic Class</b>	<b>Isahiah</b>
<b>Expressive Class</b>	<b>Adora</b>
<b>Reflective Class</b>	<b>Savannah</b>
<b>Resilient Class</b>	<b>Isabella</b>
<b>Kind Class</b>	<b>Chira</b>
<b>Considerate Class</b>	<b>Ifeoluwa</b>
<b>Capable Class</b>	<b>Asiyah</b>
<b>Cooperative Class</b>	<b>Lexie</b>
<b>Caring Class</b>	<b>Kayne</b>
<b>Successful Class</b>	<b>Yasmin</b>



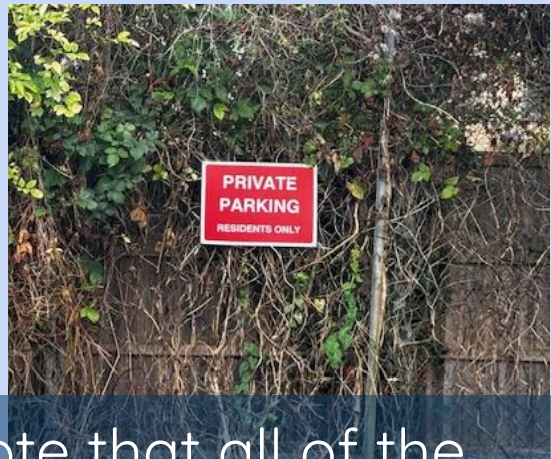
# Dates for your diary

<p><u>Monday 3rd March</u></p> <p><u>China Workshop</u> Rec - Yr 1</p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 4th March</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 5th March</u></p> <p><u>Gymnastics</u> <u>Competitions (selected</u> <u>children)</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitees only)</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 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 6th March</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 7th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 trip to National</u> <u>Army Museum</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon. 10th March</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p><u>Cross Country</u> <u>Parents Meeting Yr</u> <u>3 &amp; 4 3.00 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 11th March</u></p> <p><u>CLASS PHOTOS</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 12th March</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 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 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 13th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 Trip to Buddhist</u> <u>Centre</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 14th March</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon. 17th March</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 18th March</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 19th March</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 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 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 20th March</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 21st March</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>

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# 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**

