

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

NEWSLETTER



"A flower blossoms for its own joy."



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This Week at James Dixon



THANK YOU

JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL

By running STEM workshops with us during British Science Week month, which we're linking to the environment this year, you've helped us to plant and maintain one indigenous rainforest tree in Madagascar to restore the degraded rainforests there. Together, we've made a huge difference to restoring rainforests, paving the way for a more sustainable future.

Laura

LAURA CROSS, FOUNDER

Masami

MASAMI SATO, FOUNDER



This impact was created in partnership with the global BIG1 initiative.

BIG1: BUSINESS FOR GOOD

Term Dates 2025



Term Starts

Tuesday 22nd April
2025

Monday 1st
September 2025

Monday 5th
January 2026

Half Term

Monday 26th May
- Friday 30th May
2025

Monday 20th October
- Friday 31st October
2025

Monday 16th
February -
Friday 20th
February 2026

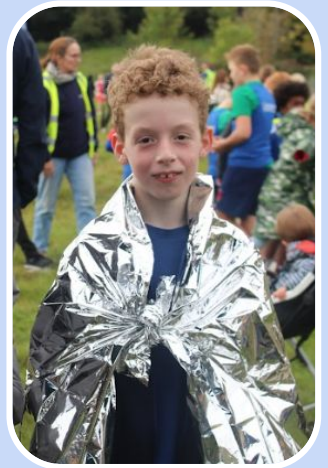
**Term
Finishes**

Tuesday 22nd July
2025 @ 2pm

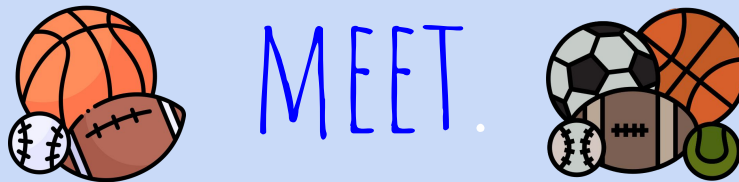
Friday 19th December
@ 2pm

Friday 27th
March 2026 @
2pm

Curriculum Focus - PE



SUCCESS IS WHERE
PREPARATION
AND
OPPORTUNITY
MEET.



I enjoy being able to go outside for PE and doing lots of different sports.
Masen YR5

My favourite unit has been football, I loved dribbling the ball through the gate.
Seb YR5

During netball, I learnt how to pivot and pass!

Areeb YR4

Yoga is fun, I can do a seal pose!

Teddy YR2



Wellbeing

Whether you are at home over Easter, working or on holiday, there are plenty of activities that you can enjoy as a family that will help you to connect and protect everyone's wellbeing.



Creative activities can be fun for all the family, and sitting down together to create something can be a good bonding exercise, stimulating conversation and encouraging sharing. Here is a simple idea to try. Take a clean jam jar, decorate it and fill it with things that will cheer you up and make you feel positive. They could be written affirmations, little toys, sparkly gems or smooth pebbles: anything that brings you joy and makes you feel calm.



Get outdoors to improve your wellbeing! There is lots of fun to be had in the woodlands and countryside around us. Why not:

- Build a den. Take along some old blankets or tarpaulins, some string and some pegs.
- Take part in a scavenger hunt. Choose a theme such as signs of spring, colours or textures.
- Be inspired to create some woodland art using only what you find around you



Chocolate Easter egg nest cakes



Ingredients

225g/8oz **dark chocolate** or a mix of dark and milk chocolate, broken into pieces (see Recipe Tip)

2 tbsp **golden syrup**

50g/2oz **butter**

75g/2³/₄oz cornflakes or puffed rice cereal

36 mini **chocolate** eggs

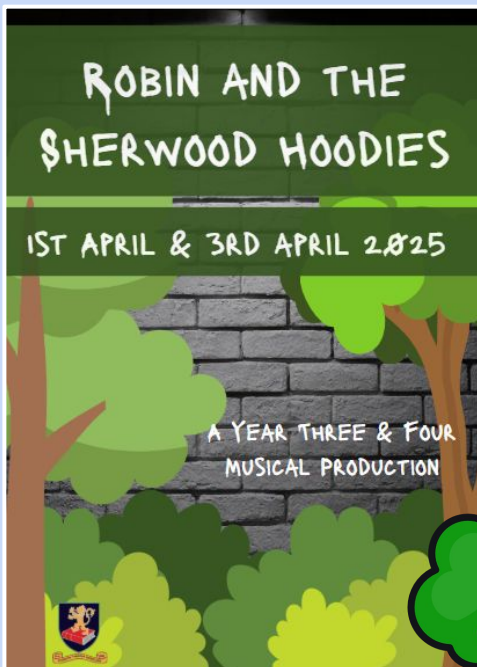
Method

1. Line a 12-hole fairy cake tin with paper cases.
2. Melt the chocolate, golden syrup and butter in a bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water (do not let the base of the bowl touch the water). Stir the mixture until smooth.
3. Remove the bowl from the heat and gently stir in the cornflakes until all of the cereal is coated in the chocolate.
4. Divide the mixture between the paper cases and press 3 chocolate eggs into the centre of each nest. Chill in the fridge for 1 hour, or until completely set.

Year 3 & 4 Production

On Tuesday the 1st April and Thursday the 3rd April, Year 3 and 4 had the performance of their production Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies!

This hysterical show is a riotous romp through the medieval mayhem of Merry England, splattered with shocks and surprises, crazy characters and comic capers.



With a score full of catchy, show-stopping songs, a wonderfully witty script and fabulous choreography, the children had a wonderful time performing their play after all their hard practise and all the adults agreed that they had did a fantastic job.

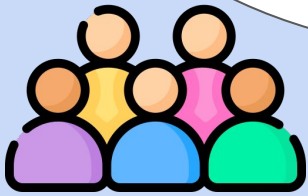


Pupil Leadership

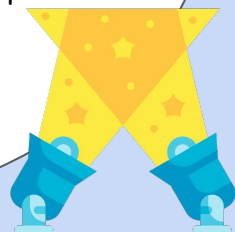


Hi James Dixon.
Had a nice week?
Last week Wednesday, we were lucky enough for a circus to come to our school. I wasn't here for the assembly but people told me it was really fun. Throughout the day, different year groups went to the hall to do some circus skills. These were the diabolo, juggling and my favourite, the flower sticks.

Hi JD. I hope you had a good week.
On Wednesday last week, the JD choir and the Y6 Steel Pan Orchestra went to Fairfield Halls to perform in front of 1200 people. We played Saints and Disney. I was lucky to be the drummer for Saints!



Sup JD, how you doing?
I didn't know we had mini Shakespeares in the school; year 3 and 4, terrific work on your productions. Anyway, nearly Easter. Can't wait! Just know I'm going to be a bit on the round side after the holidays!
Goodbye.



Exciting Writing!

In Year 6, the children have been learning how to write a formal essay to prepare them for Year 7 and beyond!

Thursday 3rd April 2025

LO: To produce a final, edited and presented version of an essay explaining the causes of World War 1.

Essay question: What were the causes of World War 1?

Did you think that the cause of World War 1 was just an assassination? Think again as it was caused by 5 singular reasons and this essay shall explain them all. World War 1 started on 1914 and significantly changed the world. The 5 main triggers were called M.A.N.I.A, an acronym by historians to help them remember.

First of all, Militarism was one of the 5 main reasons. Before World War 1, several European countries brought all their attention on advancing their armies and navies. When other countries saw this, they felt the need to build up their armies as well so they were more dominant and higher in power to their neighbours, this was called 'Arms Race'. For example, Germany, advancing and expanding their navy made Britain do the same as a country who beamed with pride for their navy.

Secondly, European nations constructing intertwined alliances made it so that if one country went to war, others were dragged into it. Allies had to protect each other and vice-versa. You would think this would have brought peace since everyone was sheltering and protect each other by but really

This amazing piece was written by Tanzeela in Caring Class and talks about the reasons behind the start of World War 1.

Sustainability

Easter is just around the corner! Avoid buying new decorations and use your imagination to create eggs-cellent new ones out of items around your home. How about some colourful bunny and chicks made out of old toilet rolls? Or reuse cardboard from packaging to create Easter bunting.

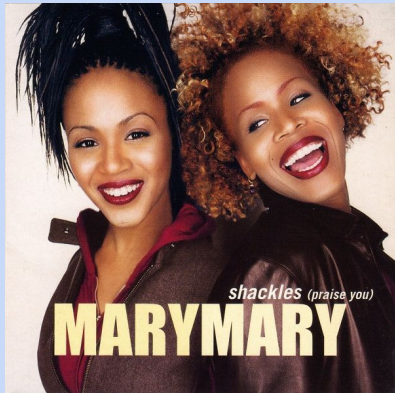


Book Recommendation

The Rescue of Ravenwood is a captivating historical adventure that follows the courageous Georgia and her unconventional family as they embark on a daring mission during World War II. When their home, Ravenwood, is requisitioned by the military, Georgia and her siblings refuse to stand by and watch it be transformed. They devise a plan to save Ravenwood, leading them into a series of thrilling escapades filled with secret codes, hidden tunnels and encounters with spies. Perfect for children who enjoy stories of wartime bravery and the enduring spirit of childhood.



Composition of the Week



Click here to listen
[Shackles \(Praise You\)](#)

Mary Mary - Shackles (Praise You)

Genre: Urban Gospel


Composed in 2000

The song is praised for bringing Gospel to a more contemporary audience, introducing elements of soul music, hip hop, funk and jazz

This is a song they wrote about how in their opinion, God's love sets you free.

Online Safety

[Click to visit the website](#)



We have made childhood smaller, lonelier, and sadder—wrapped in the glow of a screen. It's time to unplug our children from a system that was never designed to protect them and give them back the gift of a real childhood.

Jonathan Haidt



**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

91%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	88%
Honest	96%
Respectful	88%
Energetic	90%
Expressive	89%
Reflective	90%
Resilient	88%
Considerate	94%
Kind	95%
Capable	90%
Cooperative	94%
Caring	90%
Successful	91%

James Dixon
Primary



Next week's achievers

Progress

Energetic Class	Max
Expressive Class	Abdurrahman
Reflective Class	Marley
Resilient Class	Rita
Kind Class	Isaiah
Considerate Class	Alex
Capable Class	Natalie
Cooperative Class	Aurora
Caring Class	Oscar
Successful Class	Jake



Dates for your diary

<u>Monday 7th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Tuesday 8th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Wednesday 9th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Thursday 10th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Friday 11th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>
<u>Monday 14th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Tuesday 15th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Wed. 16th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Thursday 17th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Friday 18th April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>
<u>Monday 21st April</u> <u>Easter Holidays</u>	<u>Tuesday 22nd April</u> RETURN TO SCHOOL	<u>Wed. 23rd April</u> Cheerleading Club 7.45 am <u>Achievers Assembly</u> <u>10.15 am</u> Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm	<u>Thursday 24th April</u> Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm	<u>Friday 25th April</u> <u>Reception Trip to Crystal Palace Park</u> <u>Yr 6 trip to London Zoo</u> Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am
<u>Monday 28th April</u> Drumming Club 12.40 am Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm	<u>Tuesday 29th April</u> Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm	<u>Wed. 30th April</u> <u>Achievers Assembly</u> <u>10.15 am</u> Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm Singing Club Performance to Parents 3.45 pm	<u>Thursday 1st May</u> Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm	<u>Friday 2nd May</u> Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am

PTA Event

VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE REACH OUT TO
YOUR YEAR REPRESENTATIVE.



YOUR PTA NEEDS

YOU

FOR

Picnic & Proms

ON FRIDAY 11 JULY FROM 3PM - 5PM

Introducing the PTA Prepaid card

A new way to pay for PTA events -
cashless & child friendly!



How will it work?

1. Purchase the card for £5
2. Enjoy £6 of fun and treats,
receiving a stamp with each purchase.

1 stamp = £1

Purchase in advance
for £5 and get £1 free!



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE
RAFFLE PRIZES

FOR

Picnic & Proms

IF ANYONE HAS A SIDE HUSTLE AND WANT TO DONATE
OR YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES
THAT MIGHT WANT TO SUPPLY A PRIZE?

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PTA:
JAMESDIXONPTA@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE START COLLECTING



EMPTY, CLEAN JAM JARS

AND CONTENTS



What is a Jolly Jar?

Jolly Jars are medium and large jam jars, with lids, that parents and carers fill up at home with a mix of fun treats for children and donate to the PTA for Picnic & Proms.

These might include wrapped sweets (no nuts), unused small toys, stickers, hair clips, stationery, keyrings, stamps and more. They can be decorated with stickers, ribbons, drawings, but don't have to be.

At Picnic & Proms we will have a stall where children pay £1 to pull a ticket out of a box. They then match their ticket to a Jolly Jar and enjoy the treats.



Contents do not need to be new but must be unused.

There are lots of great items in the £ shops of Crystal Palace and Pege.



**COME IN AND AND SEE
WHAT YOUR CHILD HAS
BEEN LEARNING!**

OPEN HOUSE 1.30PM ONWARDS

Tuesday 3rd June - Year 5

Tuesday 10th June - Year 3

Tuesday 17th June - Year 1

Tuesday 24th June - Year 4

Tuesday 1st July - Year 2



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.



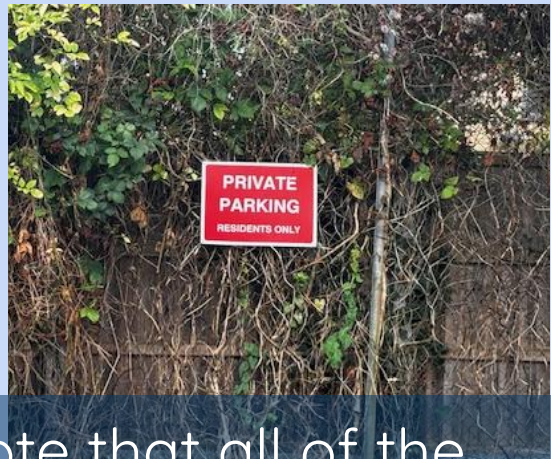
Please scan QR code to visit our website and complete an application form.

James Dixon
Primary



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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

