

FRIDAY 2ND MAY 2025

# NEWSLETTER



*"True happiness comes from within."*

BMD

# THANK YOU!!



Basketballs



Cones



Netballs



Tennis balls



Footballs



Hula hoops



Using the funds raised from the Sponsored Fitness Challenge 2024, we have new PE equipment!

## 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**

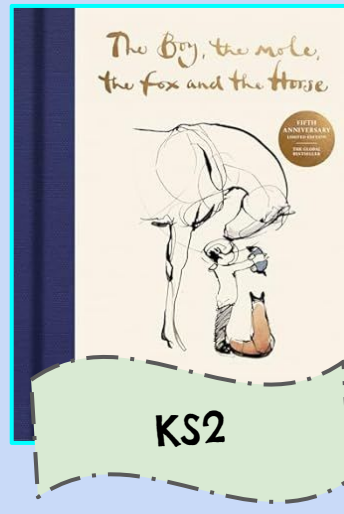
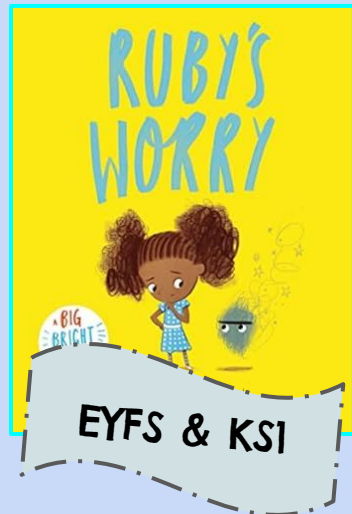
Tuesday 22nd July  
2025 @ 2pm

Friday 19th December  
@ 2pm

Friday 27th  
March 2026 @  
2pm

# Wellbeing Workshop

With many thanks to James Dixon's wonderful **PTA**, the children were able to participate in an 'Emotion Explorer drama and wellbeing workshop' delivered by Theatre company, West End in Schools.



We learnt and acted out different emotions that we feel and what self care strategies we can use to help us deal with these emotions for our wellbeing.



# Year 6 - London Zoo



On Friday 25th April, Year 6 travelled to London Zoo in Regents Park as part of their science topic 'Living Things and their Habitats'.



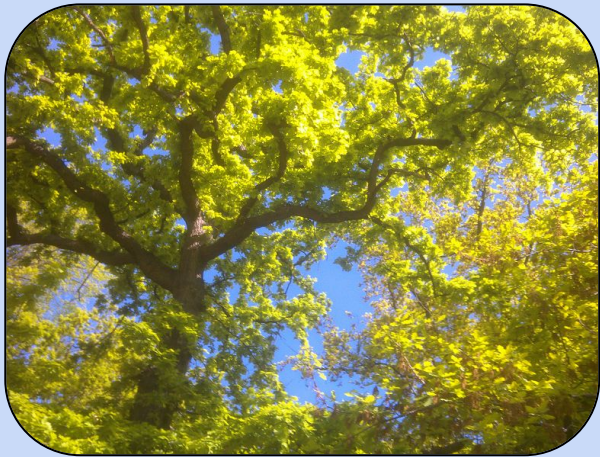
The children chose which animals they wanted to see. They saw a huge range in their habitats, some of them, we were even able to walk around. Some brave children went in with the spiders, monkeys and butterflies! Year 6 had a fun and educational day and their behaviour was exceptional!



After lots of walking, we were very tired!



# Reception - Crystal Palace Park



Our Reception classes had a great trip to Crystal Palace Park last week to observe the changing of the seasons. We spotted lots of signs of Spring, from lush green leaves and blossom on the trees, to bluebells and cow parsley and even a coot building a nest! We also saw a very odd thing growing at the top of a monkey puzzle tree, which turned out to be an edible pine cone!



# Year 4 - Horniman Museum

Yesterday, Year 4 had a lovely time visiting the Horniman Gardens in Forest Hill.



With the weather bright and sunny, the children really enjoyed being able to put their sketching skills to the test by getting to draw the skyline of London.



Afterwards, the children enjoyed a lovely picnic on the grass!



# Curriculum Focus - History



**Kings & Queens**  
**-EYFS and year 1**



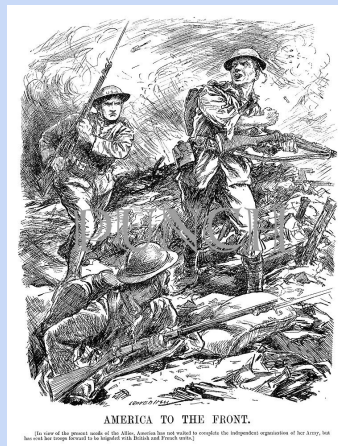
**The Tudors - Year 2**



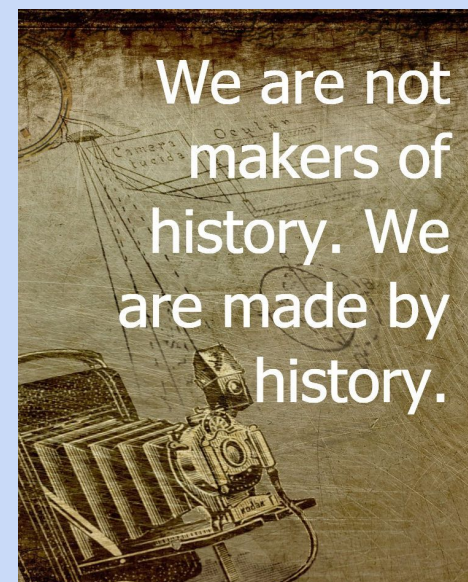
**Ancient Egypt**  
**-Year 3**



**The Industrial**  
**Revolution -Year 5**



**World War I -**  
**Year 6**

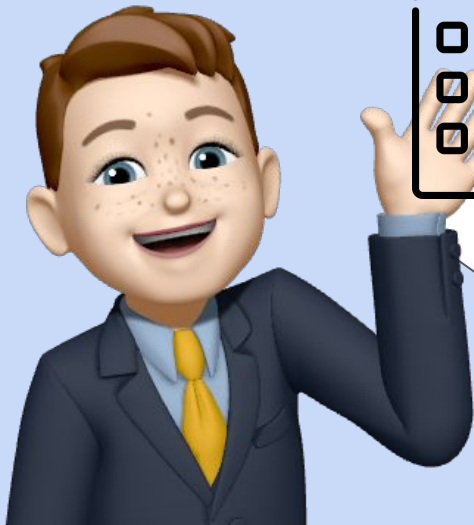


**'I really loved learning about the Egyptians- they were really fascinating and I loved that we went to the museum to see everything in real life'.  
Year 3 Pupil**

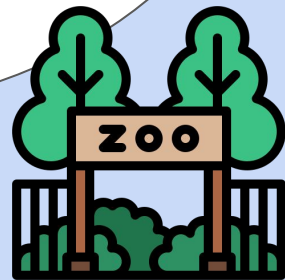
**' I enjoy history because we get to see what things were like in the past and how people used to think.' Year 5 Pupil**

**'History is fun because you get to discover new things but they're actually old things!'- Year 3 Pupil**

# Pupil Leadership



Hi JD! I hope you all had a good week. On Wednesday, there was achievement assembly. Congratulations to all the children who have been making great progress. Year 6 have also been working very hard with their mock SATs tests, so well done to them too!



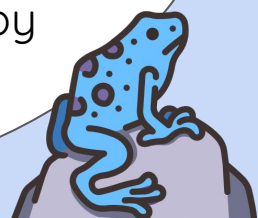
Hey JD, I hope you had a wonderful week. Year 6 have been doing some mock SATS tests. But we were lucky that we got to go to the zoo.

Also, well done to everyone for achievement assembly! Bye JD, have a lovely week.



Hi JD!

You had a good week? Well on Friday last week, the whole of Year 6 went to London Zoo. My favourite place was seeing the Secret Life of Reptiles and Amphibians. In there, I saw lots of snakes, lizards, a poisonous dart frog and a chameleon that can change colour by how it feels. I definitely recommend it.



# Exciting Writing!

LO: To write a biography

## The Spectacular Swift

Taylor Alison Swift is a world-wide phenomenon. She was born on the 13th of December 1989 in Pennsylvania, US. As a rising star, Swift lived on a Christmas Tree Farm with her Mum (Andrea), Dad (Scott) and brother (Austin). She didn't live on this magical wonderland for long, though! When she reached teenage years, she and her family moved to Nashville, Tennessee to pursue her music dreams.

As the new girl, she made a stunning first impression! Her first step to stardom was her performance of 'The Star-Spangled Banner' - the national anthem - at a basketball game. As she started building up her platform, she released her first No.1 single, 'We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together'. She then in 2007, won the CMT Music Award. By this point, she was erecting her fan base. She called her supporters 'Swifties'.

When Tay-Tay released her fifth album, '1989', she sold 14 million copies! As she shot for the stars, she won the Best Female Music Video Award in 2009 and her song 'All Too Well (Taylor's Version)' was ranked No.1 on Billboard's Hot 100 for the longest song.

Now, as one of the most famous pop singers in the world, she won 14 grammys and has broken over 118 world records! She is commendable and in her own pure kindness, donates large sums of money to charities to support needy families, hungry kids and causes that are important to her.

Swift has pursued her musical dreams, the ones she imagined when she was only a young girl. With hundreds of awards, she has persisted. Her latest album, 'The Tortured Poets Department', has been a massive success and so far, has sold over 5 million copies. A roaring success she has turned out to be.

Back in March, the children in Year 5 learned all about Biographies.

I love this one all about the musician Taylor Swift by **Eliza in Capable Class** - it taught me a few things!



# Sustainability

## Sustainable Parenting

Raising eco-conscious kids has become more crucial than ever.

Sustainable parenting not only instils values of environmental responsibility in children but also equips them with the tools to contribute positively to the planet's well-being.

### Tips for raising eco-conscious kids

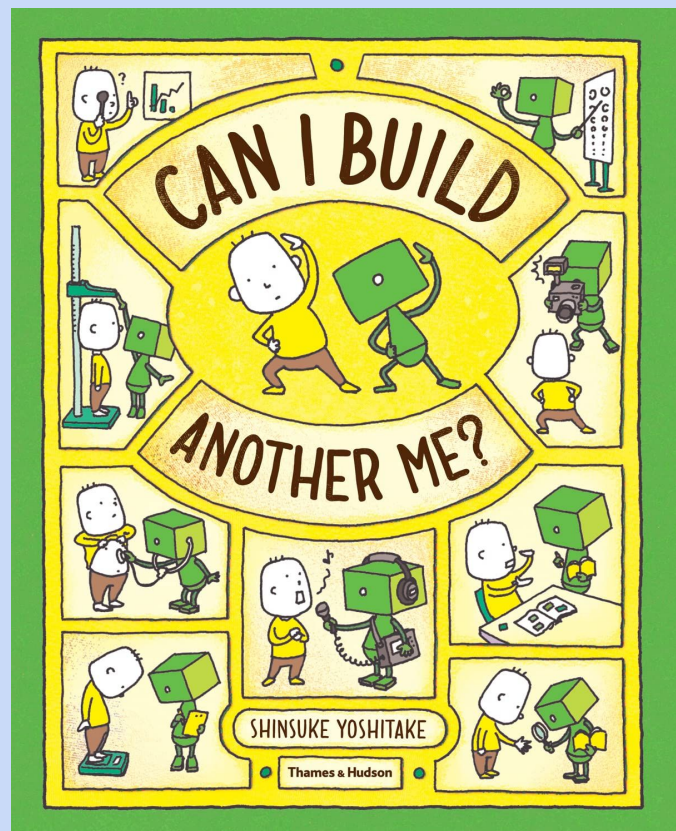
1. Lead by example
2. Educate through experience
3. Embrace gardening and composting
4. Promote conscious consumption
5. Empower critical thinking
6. Practice conscious travel

For further information, please visit -

<https://www.greenhub.tandem.co.uk/>

## Book Recommendation

This is a thought-provoking picture book that sparks curiosity about the possibility of there being more to us than meets the eye. A curious child wonders what it would be like to have a "spare me". This simple question leads to an exploration of all the different things that make up a person, from physical attributes and habits to thoughts and feelings. Through imaginative scenarios and quirky illustrations, readers are encouraged to think about what truly defines "me" in a fun and accessible way.



# Composition of the Week



Click here to listen:  
[Sound of the Shire](#)

## Sound of the Shire

Genre: operatic film score

composed, orchestrated, conducted and produced by Howard Shore between 2000 and 2004

A piece of music that provided ambience for the Hobbit Shire in the Lord of the Rings films

*This excerpt is rather long. If you listened to it all, can you comment on how the music changes throughout the piece?*

# Online Safety

## Explore together

The best way to support your child online is to talk to them about what they do online and what sites and apps they like to use. Be inquisitive and ask them to show you their favourites to check they're suitable.



# Weekly Attendance

*Be here every day, all day!*

94.8%

| Year Group  | Attendance |
|-------------|------------|
| Curious     | 90%        |
| Honest      | 94%        |
| Respectful  | 95%        |
| Energetic   | 94%        |
| Expressive  | 97%        |
| Reflective  | 94%        |
| Resilient   | 94%        |
| Considerate | 93%        |
| Kind        | 96%        |
| Capable     | 97%        |
| Cooperative | 99%        |
| Caring      | 97%        |
| Successful  | 87%        |

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# Dates for your diary

Monday 5th May

**Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 6th May

Year 2 to Crystal Palace Park farm

Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm

Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm

Wednesday 7th May

Cheerleading Club Yr 2 - 6 7.45 am

Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm

Gymnastics Club Rec - Yr 6 3.00 pm

Thursday 8th May

Year 1 trip to Coombe Woods

Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm

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Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Friday 9th May

Year 5 trip to London Zoo

Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am

Monday 12th May

**Yr 6 SATS**

Drumming Club 12.40 am

Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm

Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm

Little Coders Club Yr 1 - 2 3.00 pm

Drumming Club Performance to parents 3.00 pm

Tuesday 13th May

**Yr 6 SATS**

Mini Athletics Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm

Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm

Wed. 14th May

**Yr 6 SATS**

Cheerleading Club Yr 2 - 6 7.45 am

Achievers Assembly 10.15 am

Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Gymnastics Club Rec - Yr 6 3.00 pm

Thursday 15th May

**Yr 6 SATS**

Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm

Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm

Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Friday 16th May

Year 6 trip to Crystal Palace Park

Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am

Monday 19th May

Drumming Club 12.40 am

Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm

Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm

Little Coders Club Yr 1 - 2 3.00 pm

Tuesday 20th May

Mini Athletics Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm

Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm

Wednesday 21st May

Cheerleading Club Yr 2 - 6 7.45 am

Achievers Assembly 10.15 am

Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Gymnastics Club Rec - Yr 6 3.00 pm

Thursday 22nd May

**SPORTS DAY**

Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm

Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm

Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Friday 23rd May

Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am

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# 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](mailto: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.

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COURTESY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE