

FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025

NEWSLETTER



If you want to be happy, be.

Last Week at James Dixon

Picnic & Proms 2025



Term Dates 2025

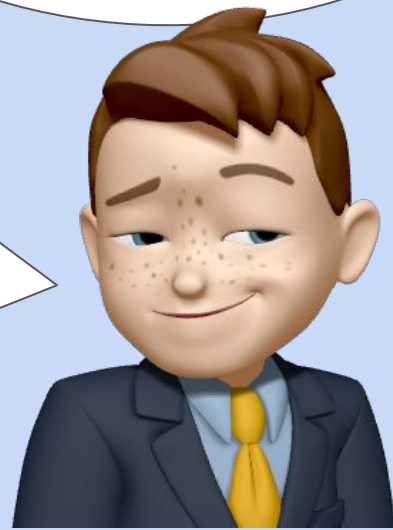
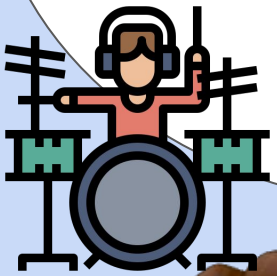
Term Starts	Tuesday 22nd April 2025		Monday 1st September 2025		Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025		Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October 2025		Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026
Term Finishes	Tuesday 22nd July 2025 @ 2pm		Friday 19th December 2025 @ 2pm		Friday 27th March 2026 @ 2pm

Pupil Leadership



Sup JD! Now, this is our last full week of this school year! What did you guys think of our school play, Olivia? But the most important thing is, it was my birthday on the 15th July - the best month!

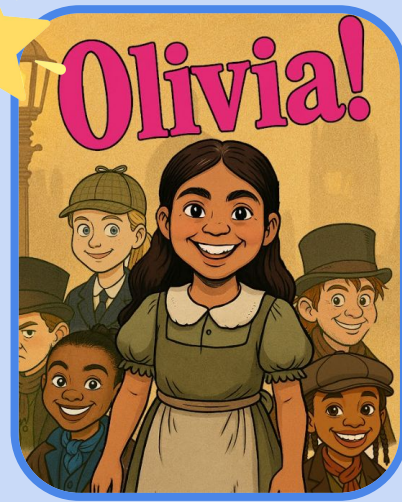
Hi JD. Last week Friday, we held our iconic Picnic & Proms. It was filled with fun and games. Also, Y3, 4, 5 and 6 performed their amazing steel pan skills with me on the drums! Bye!



Hello JD, I am glad that the performance went well and I hope you all enjoyed it. I think Olivia did well but not as good as the fat ladies! Everyone was great though. Bye,
From Rose.



Year 5 & 6 Production



On Wednesday evening Year 6 performed Olivia on stage, supported by the Year 5 choir. It was an amazing show - well done to all!



Wellbeing

Bromley Y offers free support for children, young people and their families. Please take the time to check out their website at

<https://bromley-y.org/>



Webinar for Parents & Carers Changing From Primary to Secondary School

A free, one-off session supporting parents and carers of incoming Year 7 pupils

Reflect on challenges and opportunities for children transitioning to secondary school

Find out about strategies to help your child explore and manage worries



Consider ways to build confidence and promote independence

Think about ways of containing your own worries and emotions about this significant milestone

This webinar is delivered online via Microsoft Teams, facilitated by Bromley Y practitioners.



Thurs 27th June @ 4.00pm

Sat 20th July @ 10.00am

Thurs 15th August @ 1.00pm

Fri 30th August @ 4.00pm

Sat 14th September @ 10.00am

Tues 24th September @ 4.00pm

To assist smooth running of the session, you will be asked to kindly turn off your camera and microphone.

Participation via the chat function is optional.



SCAN ME

Places can be booked on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).

As we approach the Summer holidays, when some children will have more opportunities to be online, just a little reminder on online safety.

- Talk about the positives as well as the risks
- Keep conversations regular and avoid the big 'online safety chat'.
- Be inquisitive - find out what your child likes to do online, even explore games together.
- Ask your child what they would do in a certain situation, eg if they've seen online bullying and discuss.

When you get the chance get outside, explore a new park. Take a walk by a river and paddle your feet. Take a picnic blanket and book and chill outside somewhere. Its free and great for your wellbeing!

Curriculum Focus - Teaching Identity

James Dixon is a Kagan School. We use targeted Kagan strategies based on Rosenshine's Principles to ensure that pupils are engaged in learning. See the example below:

What the research says:

Pupils need to practice new material.

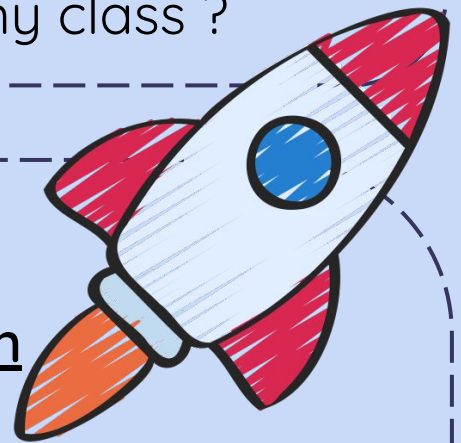


Teacher's reflective questions:

- How well has new material been learned?
- Do my questions include all pupils in my class ?

In the classroom:

Take Off Touch Down



- Ensure all pupils are seated and engaged
- Ask a question which requires an opinion or has two possible answers.
- Allow pupils to have seven seconds thinking time.
- 'Take off if... Touch down if...'
- Scan the room to identify pupils who may be unsure or who give an incorrect answer.
- Go back to pupils who say they don't know or gave a wrong answer, giving them a chance to now say the right answer

Exciting Writing!



Amelie 23/06/25 (E)

Design a Sun Safety Poster

Keeping ourselves safe in the sun is very important. Design a poster to help others learn about staying safe in the sun.



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Our trip to Crystal Palace Park
ANNA

The coot
has a nest.
The trees has
leaves.

This week, our Exciting Writing comes from the very start of school - Reception.

Anna and Amelie have produced some lovely writing and I can't wait to follow their progress over the next few years!



Sustainability

Eco-friendly summer bucket list

20 fun and sustainable activities to do this summer.

How many can you tick off?

Download and share with your friends and family!

- Build a bug hotel.
- Go for a walk or a bike ride.
- Create a mini pond.
- Make your own ice lollies with reusable ice lolly moulds.
- Cook a meal with seasonal food from your local farmers' market.
- Go pond dipping - what species can you spot?
- Do a beach clean.
- Build a bird or bat box.
- Grow your own herbs.
- Make a marble run using items from your recycling.
- Visit your local nature reserve.
- Buy a boardgame from your local charity shop and have a games night.
- Make your own playdough.
- Go fruit picking at a local farm.
- Read our green advice pages to learn more about how to be sustainable.
- Visit your local library and borrow a book.
- Make your own seed bombs.
- Go to an event in your local community.
- Measure your carbon footprint using this [online calculator](#) - can you spot anywhere to improve it?
- Go birdwatching - how many species can you spot?

Make sure you get a grown-up to help you with these activities.

For more eco-friendly ideas, visit: livewest.co.uk/creating-greener-futures-together

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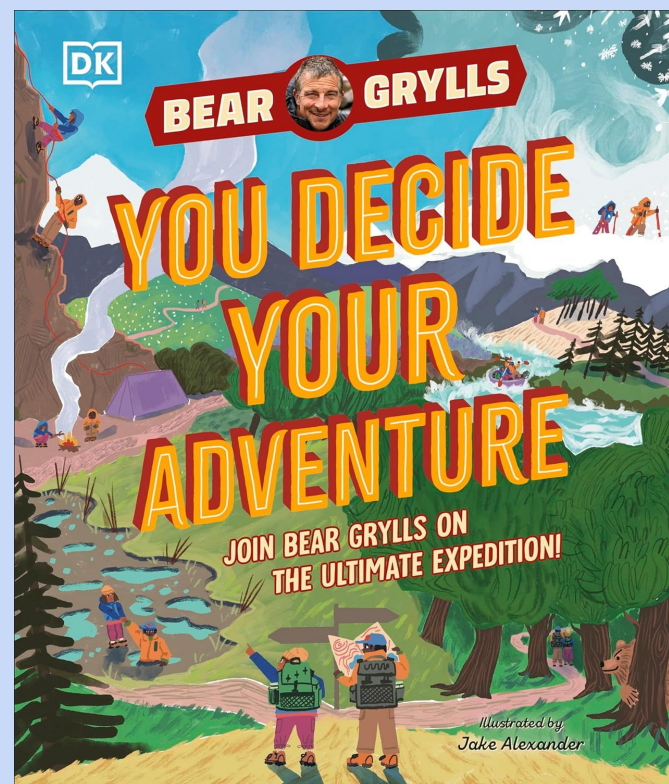
In need of some Sustainable inspiration over the Summer?

Click on the link below to download the Eco-friendly Summer bucket list. Have fun!

[Eco-friendly Summer bucket List](#)

Book Recommendation

You Decide Your Adventure by Bear Grylls is an exciting, interactive choose-your-own-adventure book. Young readers take control of their own survival expedition, navigating challenging scenarios across diverse landscapes. With Bear Grylls' expert tips, this book encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and teaches valuable survival skills while fostering a love for the outdoors.

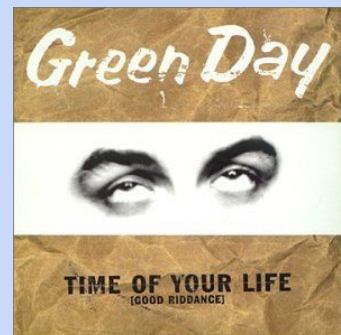


Composition of the Week

Green Day - Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)

Genre: acoustic rock

A ballad by American rock band Green Day, released in December 1997 as the second single from their fifth studio album. It is one of their most mellow and most popular songs and has also become a staple of their concerts, usually played as the final song.



What have you enjoyed most about this year at James Dixon?

What do you hope to achieve next year?

*Do you have a suggestion
for Composition of the
Week?*

*Let Miss Wilczek know and
perhaps your composition
could feature!*

[Click here to listen](#)

Online Safety

**FREE TOOLS TO
PROMOTE CONVERSATIONS...**

internet
matters.org



Find the Fake

Discuss what misinformation online looks like and what children can do to make sure they think critically about what they see online.

Summer Athletics



45 mins of non stop fun!

1 - 7 Years

£10

Summer athletics track sessions: running, jumping & throwing fun & games!

JULY
Thurs 24th & Fri 25th

AUGUST
Wed 27th - Fri 29th

Dulwich College Sports Club, Athletics Track,
London, SE21 7LE

✉ SMCDERMOTT@MINIATHLETICS.COM ☎ 07811787153



£22 per day

7 - 10 Years
9.30am - 12.30pm

Summer athletics workshops: activities, technique training & games!

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Ospreys

In our assembly on Thursday, Mr Entwistle showed the children a live webcam of a family of ospreys living in a nest near Loch Arkaig in Scotland. Louis and Dorcha are the parents and they have two fledgling ospreys called Darach and Braec. Lots of children asked for the link so here it is!

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/osprey-cam/>



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

94%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	95%
Honest	95%
Respectful	98%
Energetic	98%
Expressive	95%
Reflective	91%
Resilient	91%
Considerate	100%
Kind	90%
Capable	99%
Cooperative	97%
Caring	96%
Successful	94%

James Dixon
Primary





Dates for your diary

Monday 21st July

**Preschool
Graduation 10.45
am & 2.15 pm**

Tuesday 22nd July

Yr 6 Gala 1.10 pm

LAST DAY

**SCHOOL FINISHES
AT 2.00 PM**

Mon. 1st September

**1ST DAY OF TERM
8.30 am**

Drumming club
12.00 pm

Tues. 2nd September

Wed. 3rd September

Cheerleading Club Yr
2-6 7.45 am

Gymnastics Club
Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm

Thur. 4th September

Fri. 5th September

Mon. 8th September

Drumming club
12.00 pm

Little coders Yr 1-2
3.00 pm

Mini athletics
Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm

Tennis Club Yr 1-6
3.00 pm

Nature Makers
Rec-Yr 2 3.00 pm

Tue. 9th September

Mini athletics 3.00 pm

Wed. 10th September

Cheerleading Club Yr
2-6 7.45 am

Gymnastics Club
Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm

Code Camp Yr 3-6
3.00 pm

Thur. 11th September

Creative Writing Club
Yr 3-6 3.00 pm

Fri. 12th September

Dance Club
Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am

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Primary



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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Primary



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COURTESY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

JD PTA



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

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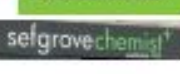
TO THE **GENEROUS BUSINESSES** & **GIFTED JD PARENTS**
WHO DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES.

THE **SCHOOL** FOR ARRANGING EXCELLENT MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
BY TALENTED PUPILS.

OUR **WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS**, **CLASS REPS** AND **PTA COMMITTEE MEMBERS**.

PLEASE

VISIT THESE SHOPS, RESTAURANTS AND BUSINESSES,
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, AS THEY HAVE SUPPORTED JAMES DIXON.



YOUR AMAZING, CREATIVE & HARDWORKING PTA COMMITTEE:

TREASURER: JUSTYNA WINKLER-TAMIOLA; CO-SECRETARIES: IAN LONG, ADRIANNE BOUCHAGOUA & ANNALISA ADDISON; CHAIR: ELLA MILWARD HAMILTON.

CLASS AND YEAR REPS 2024-2025:

ERICA LINARES, FIONA FRASER, HELEN ELMSELEY, KIMBERLEE HANSON, MANUELA ANGIOLI, SARAH COLTHORPE, VALERIE BLANCHET.

PICNIC & PROMS VOLUNTEERS 2025:

RECEPTION: MARIA TRAN, DAVE WHITE, BIANCA, LAURA ABBOTT, SUSAN KETT-SMART, JESS. **YEAR 1:** KATIE, SARAH, ALEX, HELLEN, ALICE, JONNY, JAMES, CATHERINE, MARIANNE, TOM, CLAIRE SLIWERSKI, KATIE, DC, MARAKI, ESEME, JONATHON. **YEAR 2:** MICHAELA D, KAY, KAREN, DAN, CHASE'S MUM, SARAH, KAROLINA, ALLISON, LUCY, MILA MAZ, SHUI SIU, SARAH BLAIR, ERIN. **YEAR 3:** FIONA, GAYLE, SHERMAINE, VIVIAN, VALERIA, ALICE WOOD, KATE, TONI, CATHERINE. **YEAR 4:** AGNIESZKA (HUSSAIN), JAMIE TULEY, SARAH JAFFRAY, SAMIRA ZARINOVZ, BECKY FARMER (P&P EXPERT), MANUELA ANGIOLI (HEAD OF JOLLY JARS), PRIYA SMITH, ERIN (GUPTA), CHRISTINA GEGRIFTI SOUANTA, ALI ZARINOVZ, MICHAELA (DAHMAN), NIKKI HARRIS, SUSANNA SIU. **YEAR 5:** SHANNY, ANNAMAC, ALI RICHARDS, HANNAH, NADIA HAMMOUM, LUCY, RUSSELL FINER. **YEAR 6:** VALERIE BLANCHET (P&P EXPERT), REBECCA SHERIDAN, SHUI SIU (P&P EXPERT), TOBY COX, KIMBERLEE HANSON, EILEEN, KEIRA, CLAIR AND LOTS OF WONDERFUL YEAR 6 CHILDREN AND FORMER PUPILS: CHARLIE, ARTHUR, LEO, ARIANNA.

JD PTA



HOW THE PTA HAS SUPPORTED JAMES DIXON 2024 to 2025

EDUCATIONAL, FUN WORKSHOPS = Including Worry Wizards, Indian Dance, 'Emotional Explorer Drama', 'Plant-Saving Author' workshops, plus a visit from a female 'Robotics Scientist'; enriching pupils' learning.



FIREWORKS = Since November 2024, with School and Frontier Fireworks the PTA hosts the Crystal Palace & Anerley fireworks display to 1,000s of our community.

EVENTS & SCHOOL TRIPS = Helping subsidise trips across school years.

Including the Year 2 Beach Trip and Year 5 Theatre Trip.



A YEARS' SUBSCRIPTION TO LANGUAGE LINK = Every child benefits from this speech, language, and communication needs tool.

JAMES DIXON MEMORIES = Reception to Year 6 **SELF PORTRAIT TEATOWELS**, Colourful Class **HANDPRINT TEATOWELS** & leavers gifts and **YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES** = ALL children can have a permanent reminder of their James Dixon time.



PTA CIRCUS DAY = A whole school circus performance plus KS2 circus skills workshops.

REFERENCE BOOKS = Part funded the need for new Atlases across the school. Negotiated 500+ free books from the ABC (Book Club).

REGULAR FRIDAY 3PM EVENTS = Over the School year we will hold many events for you to get involved. **BAKE SALES**, **FREE UNIFORM EVENTS** and **ICE LOLLY SALES**. After School Club children are included and we have early start times for Colourful Class.

QUIZ NIGHT = February is now home to the popular PTA Quiz, led by the incorruptible Quiz Master Mr E. An evening event for Parents, Carers and Teachers to get together, have a laugh, refreshments and win lots of prizes, whilst raising money.

PICNIC & PROMS = Every July this brilliant annual fundraiser, showcases the musical talents of the pupils and the JD Steel Pan Orchestra, thanks to School. You bring the **PICNIC** and family, we bring the **PROMS**, and **FUN!** The PTA run most of the stalls with prizes, games and crafts for all children, plus a fantastic **RAFFLE**.

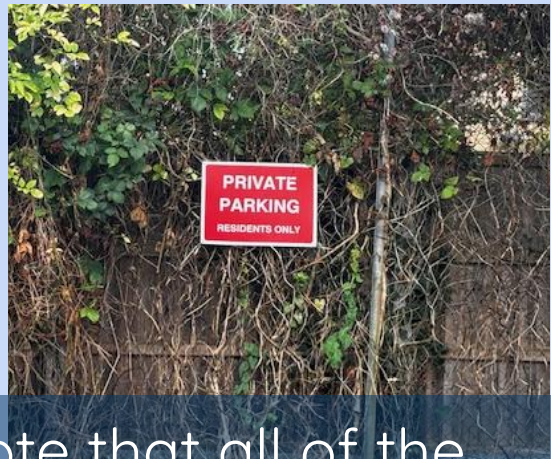
CLASS REPS = WhatsApp Group for each school year ensuring messages are circulated, offers and child based events shared. Creating a parent and carer support network. Facilitating the gathering of feedback, to hear your voice. **Be your Class Rep - team work makes the dream work!**

2025/ 2026 = Our target is to reach more children, on more occasions and we need your support with our fundraising events and initiatives to make this happen.

Please **COME ALONG, DONATE** or **VOLUNTEER**.



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

