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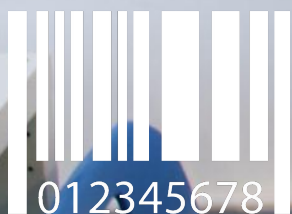
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"Rock and roll is not just music, it is a way of life, it has its own spirit"

This Week at James Dixon



**MAXIMUM, 2
FAMILY MEMBERS
PER CHILD**




Have you booked time off to attend our Christmas productions? Rehearsals are in full swing, the children sound amazing - all we need is an audience!

KS1 - Adventurous & Respectful Classes -
Tuesday 9th December, 1.30pm

KS1 - Confident & Honest Classes -
Thursday 11th December, 1.30pm

Reception - Wednesday 10th December,
2pm

Term Dates 2025

			
Term Starts	Monday 1st September 2025	Monday 5th January 2026	Tuesday 14th April 2026
Half Term	Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October 2025	Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026
Term Finishes	Friday 19th December @ 2pm	Friday 27th March 2026 @ 2pm	Tuesday 21st July 2026 @ 2pm

Pupil Leadership



Hey JD, had a good week? I certainly have! This week, 16 students from year 5 and 6 went to Beckenham and took part in a swimming competition and year 4 continued their swimming lessons in Crystal Palace. Have a good weekend!



Hi JD, Year 4 is having swimming lessons, yay! Swimming helps you get taller, stronger and healthier. If you want those benefits, go to Crystal Palace and get these amazing benefits by taking a dip in the **pool**. Have a good weekend!



Hello JD! How was your weekend? I've got a joke for you, you ready?
Why should you never swim on a full stomach?

Because it's easier to swim on water!

Do you know why I made that swimming joke? Because we had lots of water related activities this week. We had 16 pupils from years 5 and 6 take part in a swimming competition! Have a fantastic rest of your weekend!

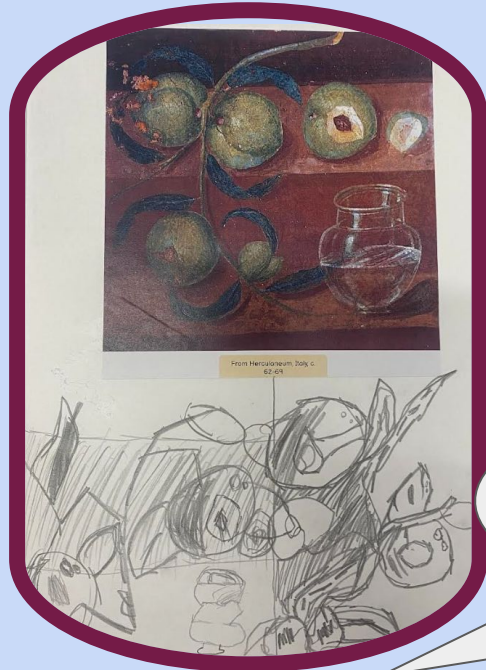


Friday 21st November 2025

Curriculum Focus - Art



Matisse cut outs
Elena -
Year 2



Still life sketching
Nahla -
Year 3

I like when we stuck the photos in different arrangements to make different abstract art with them.
Isaac on Photography, Year 5

I like drawing and painting best.
Abdul Majeed,
Year 4

At JD we have an Art curriculum designed to teach children visual literacy and creative skills through art history and practical application.

Two-point perspective
Natalie - Year 6

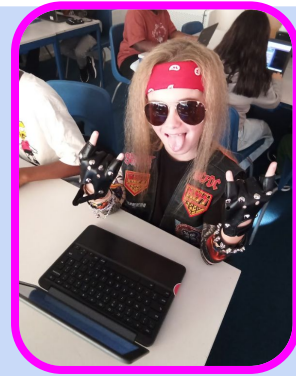


Abstract Art
Charleny - Year 5

TT RockStars Day



On Friday 21st November, James Dixon held their first ever TTRockstar Day!



Some of our parents and carers came in to school this morning to find out a little bit about Times Table Rockstars. They even got to have a play on TTRockstars themselves.



The children and adults looked awesome in their best rockstar costumes. Thank you parents and carers for supporting your children with this.



Throughout the day, the children took part in lots of different times tables challenges and competitions. They competed against other classes and then other year groups!



JD Swim Team Makes a Splash!

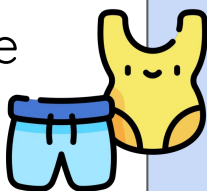


On Tuesday the JD Swimming Team took part in the Bromley Schools Swimming Gala.



Our fantastic swimmers showed incredible effort and teamwork as they competed against other schools, and we are absolutely thrilled to announce that they swam their way to an impressive **third-place finish** overall!

The teachers were bursting with pride watching the children cheering and supporting one another.



Well done to everyone who took part—you truly made the school proud!



Wellbeing



Giving Back and Spreading Joy!

This time of year, we start thinking about Christmas lists and all the wonderful presents we hope to give and receive!

Wellbeing isn't just about feeling good ourselves; it's about helping others feel good too! This week, we encourage every family to find one way to "give back" to our local community. Here are some simple, family-friendly ideas:

Be a Helping Hand for Neighbours:

Do you know an older neighbour or someone who might be busy or unwell?

Offer to take their bin out for them.

Help them clear their leaves or tidy their garden.

Bake a small batch of cookies and share them!

The Gift of Giving Away:

We all have toys, books, or games that we don't play with anymore. If they are in good condition, they could bring huge joy to another child!

Work with your child to choose a few things to donate to a local charity shop or shelter. This is a lovely way to clear out old things before new Christmas presents arrive.

Kindness Counts:

Look out for simple ways to be kind while you're out and about.

Let someone go ahead of you in a queue.

Help a grown-up carry shopping bags.

Write a thank you note for the postie or a delivery driver and leave it somewhere they can see it.

The Power of a Smile:

Sometimes, the simplest act of giving is a friendly smile and a warm greeting. Try smiling and saying "hello" to three people you don't know this week!





From all at the PTA

A HUGE THANK YOU!

To Our Amazing Volunteers

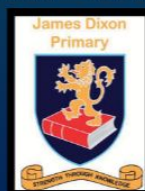
Our Fireworks night was a spectacular success, and it couldn't have happened without YOU!

Your time, energy, and enthusiasm made the evening truly memorable for our children and families.

The funds raised will go directly towards supporting our students and enrichment activities for all year groups.

Want to know exactly how much we raised and how we're investing it?

Join us at our AGM meeting in 2026 for all the details!



Sustainability

Cut Your Carbon!

Does the thought of not having access to your TV, phone or tablet make you come out in a cold sweat? You wouldn't be alone - we've become super reliant on our devices!

Here are some fun ways to spend some device-free time:

Go outside - try activities like nature walks, picnics, or scavenger hunts .

Get creative - arts and crafts, cooking, or building something, and social activities like playing board games or hanging out with friends.

Chill out - reading, journaling, or mindfulness can also be enjoyable.

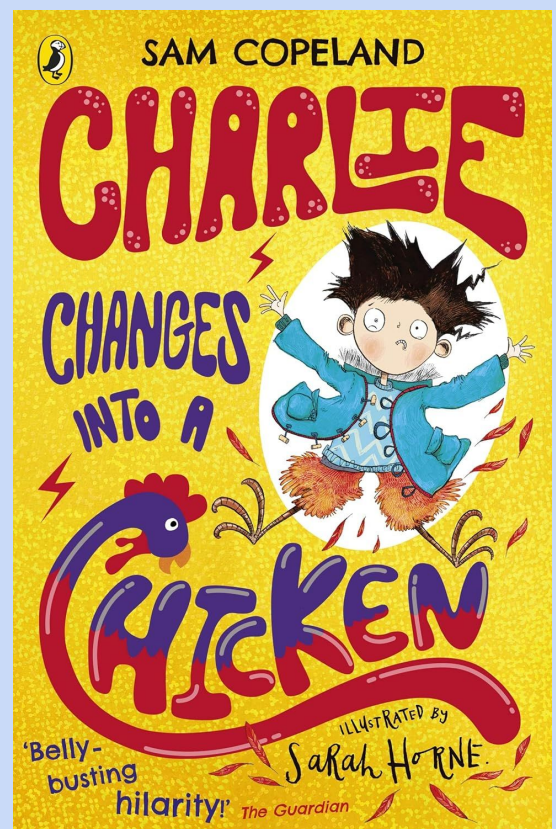


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Book Recommendation

Charlie Changes Into a Chicken is a hilarious and heartwarming children's book written by Sam Copeland. The story follows Charlie McGuffin, a young boy with a unique superpower; he can transform into animals whenever he feels anxious or stressed. The book explores themes of anxiety, friendship, and self-acceptance in a humorous and relatable way. It has become a popular choice for young readers who enjoy humorous and heartwarming stories.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Gustav Holst - Jupiter (from the Planets Suite)

Composed: between 1914-1917

Gustav Holst was a British Composer.

The Planets, is an orchestral suite with 7 movements (parts) Each movement of the suite is named after a planet of the Solar System and its astrological character. In this case, JUupiter, the bringer of Jollity.

How does the music convey jolliness?

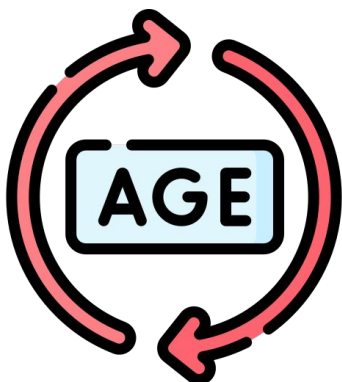
Online Safety

**Parent Power in the AI Era:
Learn, Guide, Grow Together**



Check age limits and privacy settings

Some AI tools collect data or store conversations. Make sure your child only uses age-appropriate platforms with privacy safeguards.



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

95%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	93%
Adventurous	96%
Confident	92%
Honest	94%
Respectful	99%
Energetic	98%
Expressive	99%
Reflective	97%
Resilient	96%
Considerate	96%
Kind	96%
Capable	98%
Cooperative	95%

James Dixon
Primary



Next week's achievers

Art/DT

Honest

Maelie

Respectful

Mia

Energetic

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Expressive

Anaya

Reflective

Ezra

Resilient

Logan

Considerate

Charleny

Kind

Chelsea-Ann

Capable

Natalie

Cooperative

Vivyanka

Colourful Class
Star of the Week

Joshua & Rupert

James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Dates for your diary

<p><u>Mon 24th November</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p>Little Coders Yr 1-2 3.00 pm</p> <p>Mini athletics Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Nature Makers Rec-Y 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Tennis Club Yr 1-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club 3 pm</p>	<p><u>Tue. 25th November</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p><u>Yr 1 Trip to Cinema</u></p> <p>Mini athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 26th November</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p><u>Yr 3 Trip to Cinema</u> <u>Yr 4 Trip to Cinema</u></p> <p><u>Bowling Trip (selected children only)</u></p> <p><u>Yr 2 Roman Day</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thur. 27th November</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (selected parents only)</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3-4 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Fri. 28th November</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p><u>Yr 5 Trip to National Portrait Gallery</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 Trip to Army Museum</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon 1st December</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p>Little Coders Yr 1-2 3.00 pm</p> <p>Mini athletics Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Nature Makers Rec-Y 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Tennis Club Yr 1-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club 3 pm</p>	<p><u>Tue. 2nd December</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p><u>Preschool Space Day</u></p> <p>Mini athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 3rd December</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thur. 4th December</u></p> <p><u>Yr 1 Trip to Christ Church</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (selected parents only)</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3-4 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Fri. 5th December</u></p> <p><u>Yr 4 Swimming (Reflective Class)</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon 8th December</u></p> <p>Little Coders Yr 1-2 3.00 pm</p> <p>Mini athletics Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Nature Makers Rec-Y 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Tennis Club Yr 1-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club 3 pm</p>	<p><u>Tue. 9th December</u></p> <p><u>KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30 pm</u></p> <p>Mini athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 10th December</u></p> <p><u>Reception Christmas Performance 2.00 pm</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thur. 11th December</u></p> <p><u>KS1 Christmas Performance 1.30 pm</u></p> <p><u>Yr 2-6 Trip to Christ Church</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3-4 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Fri. 12th December</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Jumper Day</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>

Say hello to your 2025-2026 PTA COMMITTEE



2025/26

**Bayly, Ella, Annalisa,
Ian and Justyna**



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

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
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