

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER



**“Technology is best
when it brings people
together.”**



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This Week at James Dixon



Birthday Books!

Some parents enjoy celebrating their child's birthday with the whole class with a sweet treat.

We are asking all parents and carers to consider donating a 'birthday book' to the class library rather than sharing sweet treats.

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

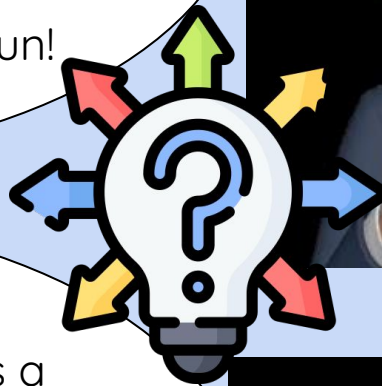
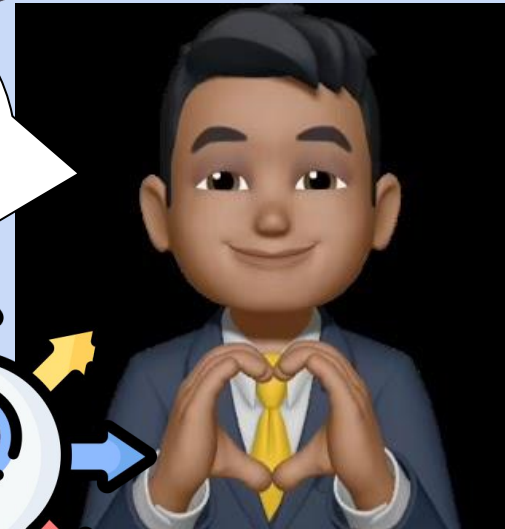
Tuesday 21st July
2026 @ 2pm

Pupil Leadership

Hey JD! I hope you've had a great week. This week there was a whole school TTRS competition, congratulations to the winning class! Also, on Friday, several students talked to members of Swale about our school - exciting! See you on Monday!



Hello JD, last week there were so many trips on. Year 6: the cinema trip to see Wicked for Good, and the National Army Museum. It's not all fun and games though. We had the whole school TTRS competition this week! Have fun!



Hi JD! Hope you have a spectacular weekend. There's a very competitive thing that happened this week. There was a TTRS competition! The winners will be announced next week in assembly. I can't wait to see who wins! (p.s. Capable for the win!)



Friday 5th December 2025

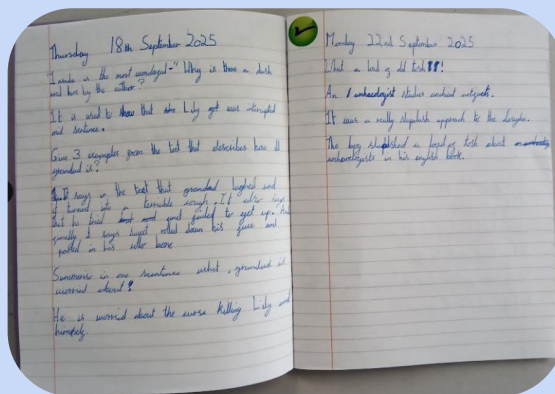
Curriculum Focus - Reading



Reading



At James Dixon, we recognise the importance of developing a love of reading during the primary years. Our reading program is designed to capitalise on children's natural curiosity, seamlessly promoting key literacy skills while simultaneously nurturing the children's overall interest in reading. By immersing themselves in books, children can fuel their imagination, broaden their vocabulary and their understanding of the wider world. Read on below to find out more about what JD pupils think about reading at James Dixon!



I like reading because it's exciting!
Olek Year 3



Reading time is nice and quiet. I like listening to calming music while I read.
Monroe Year 3

I like answering questions about the different books we are reading.
Fraser Year 3

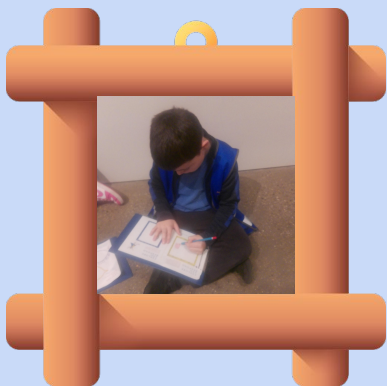
I love the wide selection of books in my classroom.
Felix Year 3

Year 5 - National Portrait Gallery

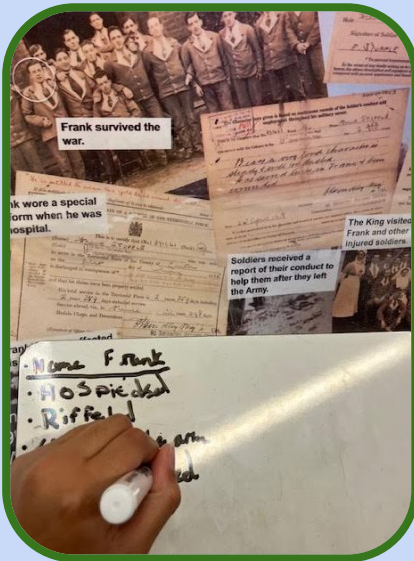


Last Friday, Year 5 ventured into central London for a visit to the National Portrait Gallery.

As part of our current learning in Art we explored the paintings and photographs, picking out our favourites to draw ourselves.



Year 6 - National Army Museum



In the National Army Museum, we met a woman called Catherine who put us into four groups. Every group had one person who dressed up in an army uniform and everyone had to collect information about the soldier they were researching. There was information from a range of different sources. Catherine also explained to us about the different poppies that are used for remembrance, including the animal poppy which is purple and the black poppy rose which represents people from the Caribbean and Africa.

Eldana, Year 6



In the National Army Museum, we learnt about different people and their jobs in the army or on the home front. I learnt that if you died and you had contributed in the war, your family would be sent a 'dead man's penny' (a sign that someone in your family had died during the war).

Raphael, Year 6



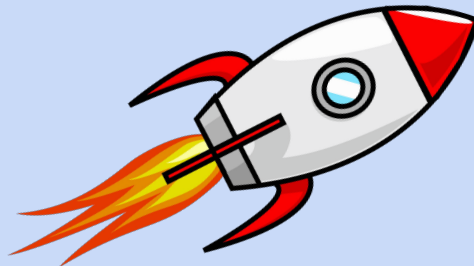
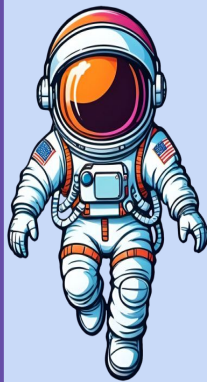
Preschool - Space Day!



On Tuesday Awesome class had their **'SPACE DAY'**.

We designed our own galaxies, explored the darkness of space in the dark den, made and decorated star biscuits, and blasted off in our box rockets for our picnic on the moon.

The children all looked amazing and had a day that was out of this world!



RE Day



Christianity



Year 4



Assembly

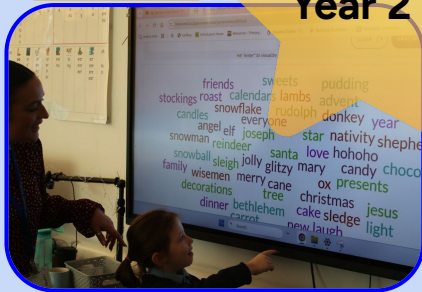


This term, our RE Day focus is Christianity. We started the day with an assembly from Mrs Hawthorne who then went into both Year 4 and Year 6 to support their learning.

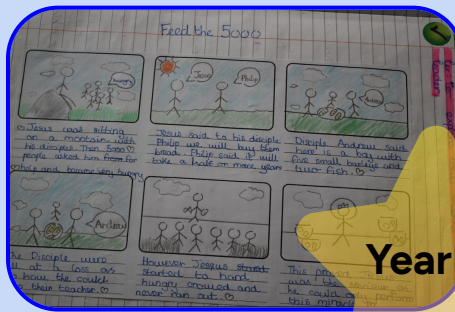
Throughout the day we learnt about a range of different aspects, including the Church, special pilgrimages, Christmas and who Jesus was.



Year 2



Year 2 used Kagan to generate words about Christmas.



Year 5

Year 5 storyboard of a Christian story.

Year 6



Year 1 learning about churches.

Year 1



Winter Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday Activities
and Food programme

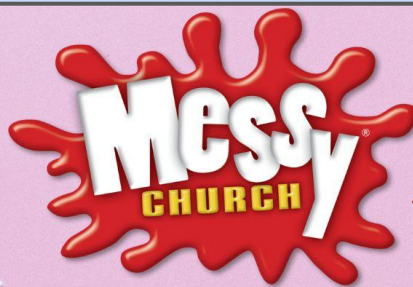
Bromley is running a holiday
club programme for eligible
children and young people.

[www.Bromley.gov.uk/
HolidayActivitiesandFood](http://www.Bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFood)

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Holiday Club

Community Event



with Christingle!



**SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER FROM 4-6PM
@ ST PAUL'S CHURCH, HAMLET ROAD, SE19 2AW**



**SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER FROM 4-6PM
@ CHRIST CHURCH ANERLEY, 197 ANERLEY ROAD, SE20 8ER**

**FOR AGES 4 - 11 YEAR OLDS, CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
FREE CRAFTS, GAMES, FOOD & MUSIC. INCLUDING A SHORT AND CREATIVE
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

www.anerleyteamministry.org.uk

Sustainability



DROPPING YOUR HEATING BY 1° WILL REDUCE YOUR HOUSEHOLD CARBON FOOTPRINT AND SAVE YOU MONEY!

CYC



WASHING MACHINES ARE ENERGY-HUNGRY! DROP THE TEMPERATURE TO 30°C AND CUT CARBON WITHOUT SACRIFICING CLEAN CLOTHES!

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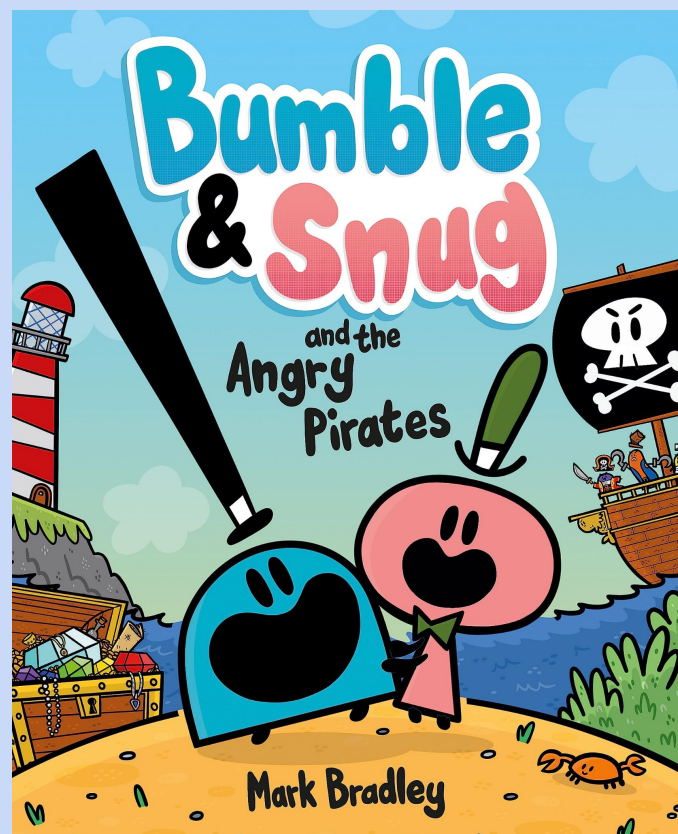
Cut Your Carbon!

Last but not least in our Checklist Challenge are a couple of cool customers. We know, the thought of lowering your heating at the beginning of December does seem a little crazy, but adding an extra layer or snuggling under a blanket will definitely offset that 1°C that will be helping you help the planet.

Likewise, choosing to do some washing cycles at 30° is an easy win these days, as any modern detergents are specifically formulated to clean well in cold washes.

Book Recommendation

Bumble and Snug is a graphic novel series which follows the adventures of two bugbops, Bumble and Snug, who are best friends and always ready for a new adventure. Each book features a different adventure, such as facing angry pirates, befriendng a shy ghost, and competing in the Bugbop Ball Championships. The stories are full of humor, friendship, and important life lessons perfect for children who enjoy graphic novels.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Frank Sinatra - Fly Me To The Moon

Genre: Jazz

Composed: 1954

Kaye Ballard made the first recording in 1954. Sinatra recorded his swing version in 1964. His version is heavily associated with the NASA Apollo missions to the Moon as it was the first music ever played in space during the Apollo missions. A copy was played on a portable cassette player on the Apollo 10 mission and again during Apollo 11, just before Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the Moon in 1969

This song originally titled "In Other Words" Which title is better do you think and why?

Online Safety

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



Keep conversations open



Encourage curiosity and critical thinking. Let your child know they can come to you if they see something confusing, funny, or worrying when using AI tools.



Festive Bakesale

Friday, 12 December

From 3:10pm at PTA Stall

All items are 50p or £1



We take cash or card



**Make sure to label your bakes if Gluten Free,
Dairy Free, Halal or Vegan**

**Bring your NUT FREE bakes to the school
office in the morning**



We need lots of baked donations please



Do feel free to decorate Winter/Festive themed



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

95%

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

James Dixon
Primary



Dates for your diary

<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><u>Christmas Lunch</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p>PTA BAKE SALE 3.00 pm</p>
<p><u>Mon. 15th December</u></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><u>Tue. 16th December</u></p> <p>Mini athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 17th December</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p><u>Christmas Panto Yr 1-6</u></p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thur. 18th December</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (selected parents only)</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Panto Preschool - Reception</u></p> <p>Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Fri. 19th December</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p><u>Dance Club Performance to parents 8.15 am</u></p> <p><u>Class Parties</u></p> <p>FINISH AT 2.00 PM</p>
<p><u>Mon 22nd December</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Holidays</u></p>	<p><u>Tue 23rd December</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Holidays</u></p>	<p><u>Wed. 24th December</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Holidays</u></p>	<p><u>Thur. 25th December</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Holidays</u></p>	<p><u>Fri. 26th December</u></p> <p><u>Christmas Holidays</u></p>