

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

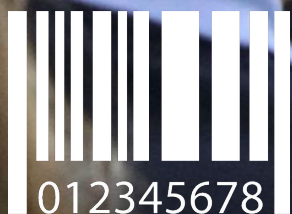
NEWSLETTER



Santa's Workshop



There is boundless
beauty in our culture
and traditions



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This Week at James Dixon

Over the past two weeks we have really enjoyed some school traditions and some British traditions including singing carols; attending the Church together in Mes Amis classes; enjoying a panto and performing on the stage. We would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the new year.



Term Dates 2026



Term Starts

Monday 5th
January 2026

Tuesday 14th April
2026

Wednesday 26th
August 2026
**(Bank Holiday
31st August)**

Half Term

Monday 16th
February - Friday
20th February 2026

Monday 25th May -
Friday 29th May 2026

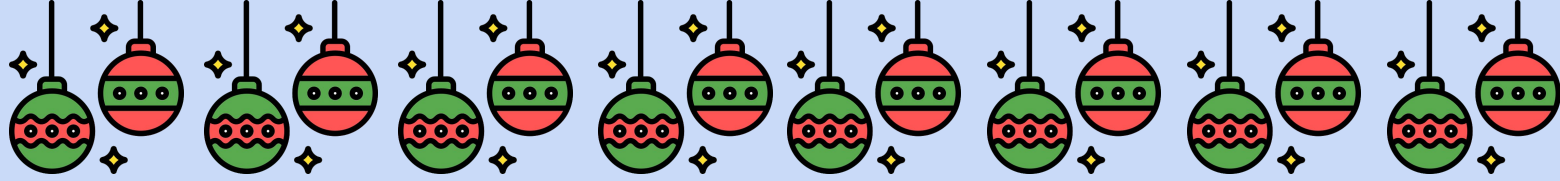
Monday 19th
October - Friday
30th October
2026

**Term
Finishes**

Friday 27th March
2026 @ 2pm

Tuesday 21st July
2026 @ 2pm

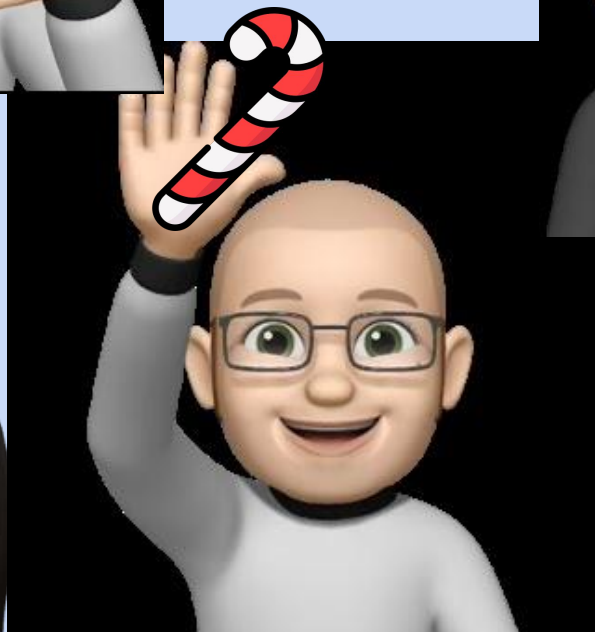
Friday 18th
December 2026
@2pm



The classrooms are quiet, the decorations are up, and the holidays are finally here! You have all been on the "Nice List" this year for your hard work and kindness to one another.

To the grown-ups at home: Thank you for everything you do. We hope your homes are filled with joy (and maybe a bit of peace and quiet!) over the break.

Have a magical Christmas and a very Happy New Year! From your Senior Leadership Team.





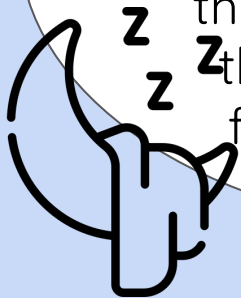
Pupil Leadership



Hey JD! This week there was a pantomime in the hall and we had our class parties! Almost time for Christmas everyone! How do you celebrate? Hope you have a fantastic two weeks off. Merry Christmas and a happy new year!
See you in 2026!



Hi JD, after this week it's relaxation time 2 weeks of HOLIDAY, yay! I'm going to sleep on the sofa and there is Christmas as well, then new year, yay - so fun! I love the holidays!



Hey JD! How was your week? We had lots and I mean LOTS going on this week! From pantomimes in the hall or Christmas parties in your singular classroom we've had a bunch of fun activities going on this term and year! I cant believe that it is our last week of school 2025! I'm not ready for 2026. Hope you all have a Merry christmas and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Friday 19th December 2025

Curriculum Focus - Writing



At James Dixon Primary School, we believe that every child can become a confident, creative, and purposeful writer.

By the time children leave James Dixon Primary School, we aim for them to:

Be confident writers who can adapt their writing to suit different purposes, audiences, and contexts.

Have a rich vocabulary and use sophisticated language choices to enhance their writing.

Apply grammatical knowledge accurately and use punctuation effectively.

Plan, draft, edit, and improve their writing with increasing independence.

Write with stamina and be able to sustain writing across longer pieces.

Take pride in presentation and develop a legible, fluent handwriting style.

Love writing and choose to write for pleasure.

We write instructions...

We write poems...

We write stories...

We write speeches...

...but mostly, we write because we love writing.

Wellbeing

Online Safety

Online Safety Tips for Christmas
Christmas is almost upon us once again and some children will be excitedly unwrapping mobile phones, tablets or games consoles. For some of them, it will be the first time they've owned a device that connects them to the online world. Even for older children, a new device means new corners of the digital landscape to explore and unfortunately new risks to be aware of. Read the National Online Safety Guide for top tips that can guide you and your child/ren to enjoying their new digital gifts safely and responsibly throughout the year

[Online Tips](#)



Starting at the star, trace along the sides of the Christmas tree as you breathe



SELF-CARE IDEAS CHRISTMAS EDITION



Sustainability

Be a Recycling Hero this Festive Season!



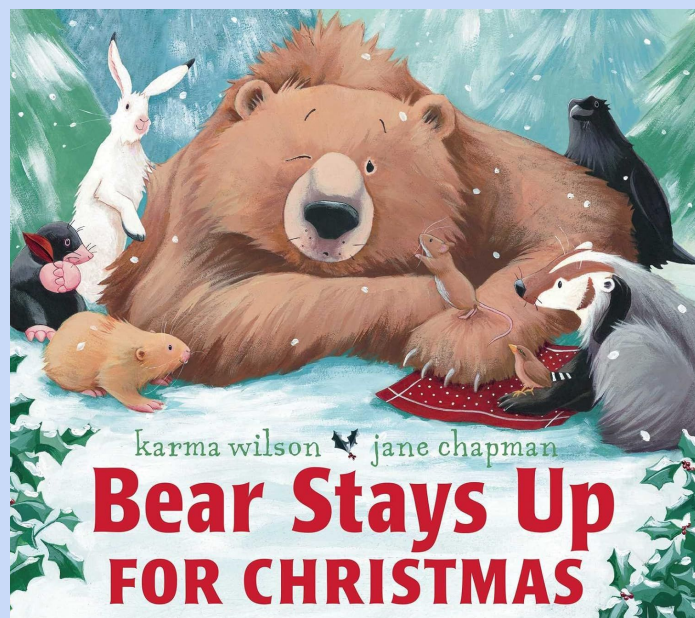
Christmas is a time to spend with friends and family, but it's also the time when we overindulge and create the most waste. Whether it's lots of packaging from our Christmas parcels, the amount of wrapping paper we use, or what is left behind after a house full of visitors, the waste can be endless! [Recycle Now](#) gives you a handy run down on all the things you can recycle this festive season.

Book Recommendation

This heartwarming picture book is the perfect read for the holiday season!

Bear always sleeps through winter, but this year, his determined woodland friends—Mouse, Hare, Badger, and others—wake him up. They are on a mission to show him the magic of Christmas!

Readers will follow along in delightful rhyme and rhythm as the sleepy Bear tries his best to stay awake, helping his friends decorate a tree, bake cakes, and sing carols. In a truly touching turn, Bear discovers the biggest joy of the holiday isn't the excitement, but the spirit of giving.



Composition of the Week



[Click here](#)
[to listen](#)

O Come All Ye Faithful

Artist: Pentatonix

Genre: Acapella/ soul/ pop

A modern version of the well known carol.

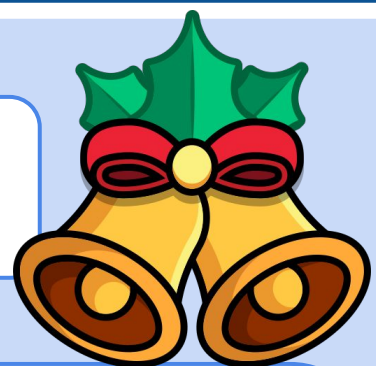
The Christmas carol originated in the 18th century with the Latin text *Adeste Fideles*, attributed to John Francis Wade. The most widely used English translation was written in 1841 by the English Catholic priest Frederick Oakeley.

Question: What do you think of this version of the carol?

Online Safety



Holiday Gifting



Set up parental controls before gifting

Most devices let you manage screen time, filter content, and approve app downloads. Take a few minutes to set these up before your child starts using their new device.

Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

94%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	94%
Adventurous	88%
Confident	97%
Honest	96%
Respectful	95%
Energetic	91%
Expressive	96%
Reflective	90%
Resilient	94%
Considerate	93%
Kind	93%
Capable	95%
Cooperative	97%

James Dixon
Primary



Next week's achievers

Kagan

Honest

Frida

Respectful

Juliana

Energetic

Ruby

Expressive

Harper

Reflective

Michelle

Resilient

Jorel

Considerate

Saoirse

Kind

Chira

Capable

Amber

Cooperative

Samyra

Colourful Class
Star of the Week

Ronan & Bella

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Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Dates for your diary

<p><u>Monday 5th January</u></p> <p>Little Coders Yr 1-2 3.00 pm</p> <p>Nature Makers Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 6th January</u></p>	<p><u>Wed. 7th January</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>Thursday 8th January</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly</u> <u>10.15 am (invited</u> <u>parents only)</u></p> <p>Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 9th January</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon. 12th January</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>Football Club 3 pm</p>	<p><u>Tues. 13th January</u></p> <p><u>Spirit of the Wild</u> <u>workshop Yr 1-2</u></p> <p>Mini athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 14th January</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>Thurs. 15th January</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>Friday 16th January</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon 19th January</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 20th January</u></p> <p><u>Year 5 trip to Pizza</u> <u>Express</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. 21st January</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>Thurs. 22nd January</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>Friday 23rd January</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>

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

