

FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY

NEWSLETTER

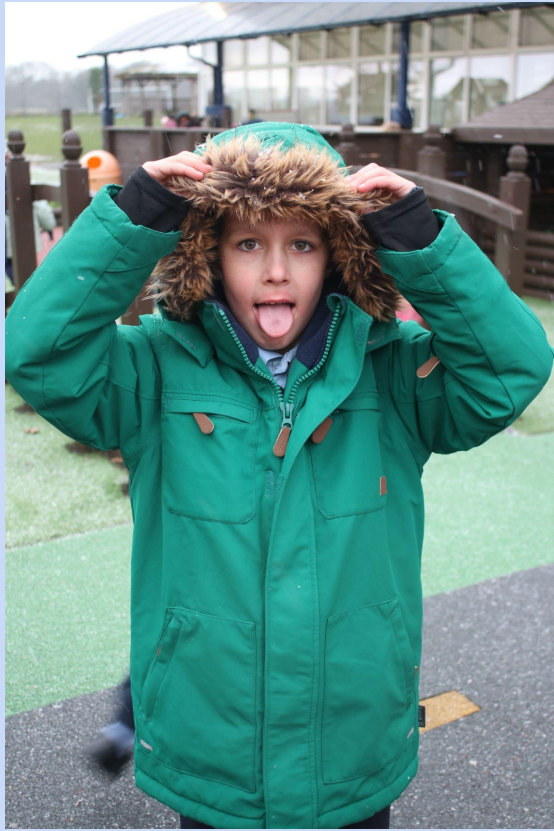


“If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it.”



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This Week at James Dixon



This week was a reminder of what a privilege it is to work with your children every day. There is nothing more memorable than watching children catch snowflakes on their tongues!

Term Dates 2026



Term Starts

Monday 5th
January 2026

Tuesday 14th April
2026

TBC

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



Pupil Leadership



Hey JD! How are you? Did you have a good new year and christmas? I did! what presents did get?

At the end of last term we had a Christmas party and that was my last one at JD. Anyways, happy new year!

Ciao everybody!

How was your holiday? On mine I went to Suffolk twice!

Let me tell you some of the gifts I got for christmas: 3x goalie gloves FC26 , Gloveglu, a barking dog and a punching ball. Twice I got the same book!

See you later, have a nice week!

P.S tell me what you got for Christmas.



Hi JD...Happy New Year! How was Christmas? For people who don't celebrate, did you have a good break? Well if you said yes, i'm glad to hear that!



Friday 9th January 2026

Curriculum Focus - French




Bonjour, comment ça va?
At James Dixon all pupils in KS2 learn to speak, read and write in French.



French word	English Translation	Your clue to remind yourself
le ballon	ball	It has the word ball in it
le but	goal?	It sounds like it.
le terrain	the pitch	terrain is the floor and in football that the pitch
le sifflet	whistle	I just know it
un match de foot	football match	It has foot so football and
un joueur de foot / un footballeur	footballer (male)	It has foot balleur and it look like footballer
une joueuse de foot / une footballeuse	footballer (female)	It has footballeuse and it look like footballer
mi-temps	half time	It has - and that in
Les Bleus	French team	Les bleu is a nice name for a french football team

In year 3, pupils start to learn basic greetings, numbers, sizes and colours.

In year 4, pupils learn about the names of clothing, birthdays, weather and food.




Voici la planète Plury.
C'est une planète bleue.
Plury a un diamètre de 5,000km.
C'est la plus petite planète de ce Système solaire.

Write 4 questions IN FRENCH to ask your partner about their planet here ..


C'est une planète rouge? Non
C'est une grande planète? Non
C'est une température? oui
Comment elle s'appelle? Terronium

Using their answers, draw their planet here ..




Voici la planète ..

In year 5, pupils continue to describe how something looks in French, families and shopping in France.




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Bonjour ! Je m'appelle Antoine Moreau et je suis attaquant de l'équipe nationale de France. Normalement, je joue pour Schalke04 Strker. J'ai trente-deux ans. Je viens de Mâcon.




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Bonjour ! Je m'appelle Gabrielle Beaumont et je suis milieu de terrain. Je joue pour l'équipe de France et l'équipe de Learning Lions. J'ai vingt-huit ans et je viens de Logny-sur-Marne.



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Salut ! Je m'appelle Pierre Dubois et je joue comme attaquant pour l'équipe de France et l'équipe de Dublin Dolphins. J'ai trente-quatre ans et je suis né à Chambéry.



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Bonjour ! Je m'appelle Mathieu Laurent. Je suis entraîneur de l'équipe de France. Je joue au poste de milieu de terrain pour l'équipe de France et l'équipe de Barcelona Bookworms. J'ai cinquante-deux ans.

- Which players play in the position of attack?
Pierre & Antoine
- Who comes from Mâcon?
Antoine plays for Mâcon
- Who plays for an Irish team?
Pierre plays for an Irish team called Dublin Dolphins
- In which position does Gabrielle Beaumont play?
goal keeper?
- For which two teams does Gabrielle Beaumont play?
Learning Lions & Logny-sur-Marne
- Who is the manager for the French team?
Mathieu is the manager
- Mathieu Laurent used to play for which two teams?
L'équipe de France & Barcelona Bookworms
- Which player is the youngest?
Gabrielle Beaumont



In year 6, pupils learn about French sport, the Olympics, football champions and plan a French holiday.



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Salut, je m'appelle Camille Martin.
Hi! My name is Camille Martin

Je joue pour l'équipe de France et l'équipe de London Lions. Je suis milieu de terrain défensif.
I play for France and the London Lions and I am a defender

J'ai vingt-sept ans.
I'm 27



Exciting Writing!



Biography of Kylian Mbappe by Soul.



Tuesday 16th December 2025

LO: To write a biography.

Kylian Mbappe Lottin

Kylian Mbappe Lottin is considered one of the best footballers in the world who redesigned the modern forward role. He has been professional since 2015 and known for his explosive speed, clinical finishing and versatility.

Early life

Mbappe was born in a place called Bondy, France. He was born on December 20th 1998. His dad was a coach at AC Bondy and when he was a kid he enjoyed playing the game in school. He joined Clairefontaine Academy.

Rise to fame

Mbappe started his debut for AC Monaco in 2015. At age 16 and he won 1 league title and reached the Champions League semi-finals and when he won 2018 world cup. With France 1 scoring in the final of the 2022 World Cup final. Scoring a heroic hat-trick helping France win the World Cup in 2022.

Major Achievements

Mbappe was the 2017 Golden Boy along with the 2018 Ligue 1 trophy (for the best young player in the world). At the 2022 World Cup he scored 8 goals which meant he won the Golden Boot for top scorer. Mbappe has won multiple trophies at his different clubs including six league 1 titles.

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Biography of Sir David Attenborough by Monae



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Sir David Attenborough is considered one of the best wildlife filmmakers by bringing animals into people's living rooms. He is known for narrating the natural world with scientific authority and storytelling talent.

Early Life

David Attenborough was born in 1926, Ilkenath, Middle England. He grew up in Leicester, where he spent his childhood collecting fossils, stones and bird eggs. He was in University (Leicester) where his father was a principal.

Rise to Fame

David Attenborough worked editing children's books, joined the BBC in 1952, as a trainee producer. He launched the hit series ZOO Quest in 1954 and he oversaw the introduction of color television to the UK, where now we see color every single day.

Major Achievements

David Attenborough, in 1965 as a controller of the BBC oversaw the 1st ever colour broadcast. Despite executive offers to run the BBC he decided to go back to program making. He revolutionised nature documentaries. Life on Earth (1979), Blue Planet (2001) and Planet Earth (2006).

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'...he became a powerful voice for environmental conservation...'

Sustainability

How to Have a Sustainable Winter Part 5: The "Rainy Day Trash to Treasure" Toy Box

The Goal: Learn the "Value of Stuff" through creative play when the weather's too bad to go outside.

The Challenge: Before the recycling bin goes out, choose 5 items to build something brand new.

Why it matters: It teaches us that everything we use can have a second life.

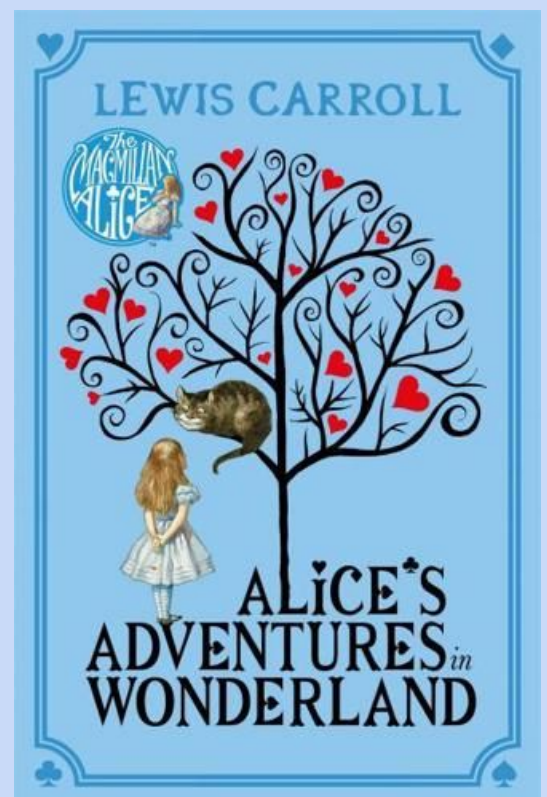
Action: Build a "Recycled Robot," a cardboard castle, or a "Junk Model" spaceship. Share your masterpiece!



Book Recommendation

Get ready for a topsy-turvy adventure with Alice! In this magical story, Alice tumbles down a rabbit hole and into a world where nothing makes sense.

Alice's journey is full of silly rhymes, puzzling riddles, and unexpected changes - she shrinks to tiny size and grows taller than a house! Join Alice as she tries to find her way back home and learns that sometimes, the most wonderful things happen when you break the rules.



Composition of the Week



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

Max Richter - Spring 1 - 2022

Genre: Classical

Composed in: 2012

The piece is a reinterpretation of Vivaldi's violin concertos **The Four Seasons**. Although Richter said that he had discarded 75 percent of Vivaldi's original material, the parts he does use are phased and looped

Do you prefer this reworking or the original?

Online Safety

Essential Resources for Families

Source smart, browse safe



Internet Matters



Best For: Step-by-step guides for setting parental controls on specific devices (phones, consoles, etc.).

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

95%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	96%
Adventurous	97%
Confident	96%
Honest	92%
Respectful	99%
Energetic	97%
Expressive	99%
Reflective	92%
Resilient	90%
Considerate	98%
Kind	93%
Capable	97%
Cooperative	94%

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Next week's achievers

Attitude to Learning

Honest	Stanley
Respectful	Seren
Energetic	Siyam
Expressive	Kaiya
Reflective	Drue
Resilient	Rita
Considerate	Tami
Kind	Areeb
Capable	Advait
Cooperative	Allyson
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Keely

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STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Dates for your diary

<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 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><u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invited 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>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 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><u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invited 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>Friday 23rd January</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon 26th 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 27th January</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 28th 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. 29th January</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invited 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>Friday 30th January</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>

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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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GROWTH 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

