

FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY

NEWSLETTER



"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

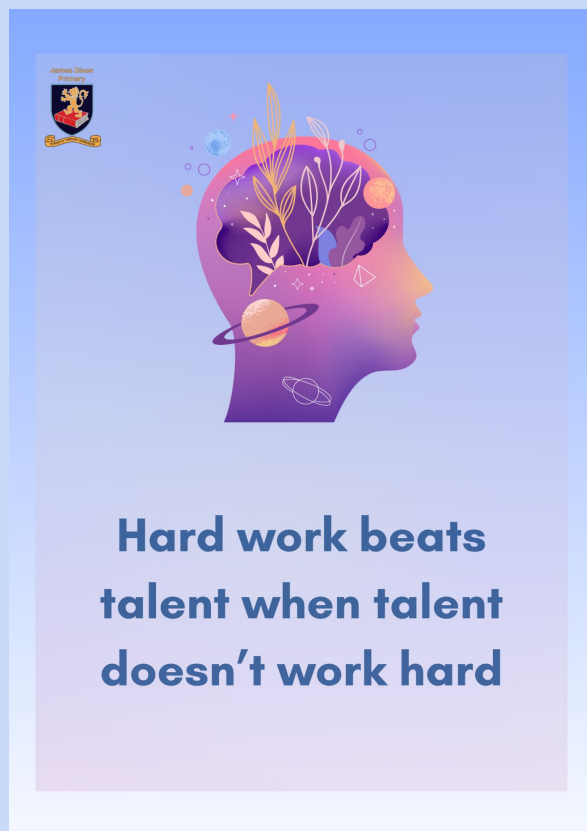


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This Week at James Dixon

Even though Crystal Palace losing to Macclesfield last weekend was upsetting for our Palace supporters, it was a reminder of our school theme for this term:

‘Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.’



Term Dates 2026

	 HELLO SPRING	 HELLO SUMMER	 HELLO AUTUMN
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

KS1 - Spirit of the Wild

KS1 were very excited to have a workshop on Tuesday with 'Spirit of the Wild'. It involved handling snakes, lizards, a skunk, spider, beetles a barn owl and much more that Ben and Hannah had brought from their zoo. We learnt many facts to help us with our Science unit this term. The children had a wonderful life experience to take home and share.

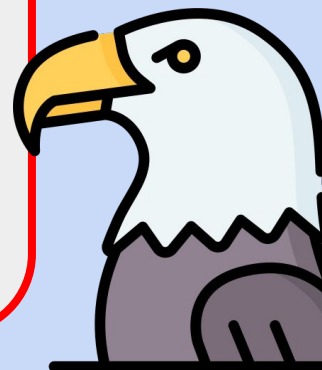


FA Cup Exhibition



On Monday, our Sports Leaders visited the FA Cup exhibition at Crystal Palace! It was a brilliant chance for the children to see the iconic trophy and learn about football history.

'I touched the FA Cup Final ball, I will never wash my hand again!'
Allyson YR 6



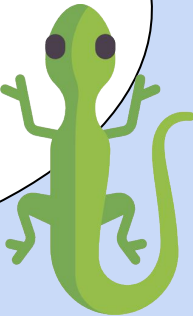
Pupil Leadership



Salut JD! How was your second week back at school? This week our sport leaders got to go on a trip to see Crystal Palace's journey in the FA cup last year. Hope they had a great time! Have a fantastic weekend, see ya!



Bonjour JD, I'm so happy that we made it to week two, four more to go! This week there is a TTRS competition; who will win?! Well let time tell.



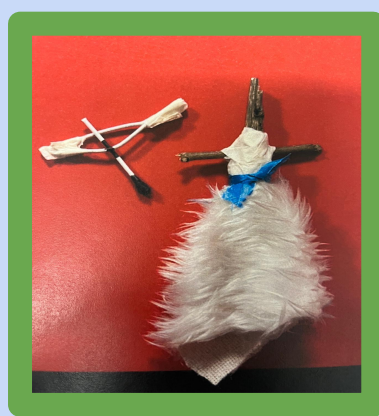
Hola JD! We've got some special guests visiting year 2 on Tuesday, the animals from 'Spirit of the Wild'. From snakes to tiny birds! I hope year 2 had an amazing time! Adios!



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Curriculum Focus - Forest School

What goes on in Forest School? Look at our gallery below to see some of the amazing things that are made and experienced.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND....

**FUNDRAISING FOR
JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**PTA
QUIZ
Night**

**WITH QUIZ MASTER
MR ENTWISTLE**

**TICKETS:
£6**

**FRIDAY
6 FEB, 2026**

**7PM -
10PM**

PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3 TEAMS!

PRIZE FOR THE BEST TEAM NAME!

COME ON YOUR OWN OR IN TEAMS/ MAX 6 PER TEAM

**DRINKS (WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS) AND LIGHT SNACKS AVAILABLE
CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED**

**PHOENIX COMMUNITY CENTRE,
66 WESTOW ST,
CRYSTAL PALACE , SE19 3AF**

QR Code to BOOK:



BOOK TICKETS:

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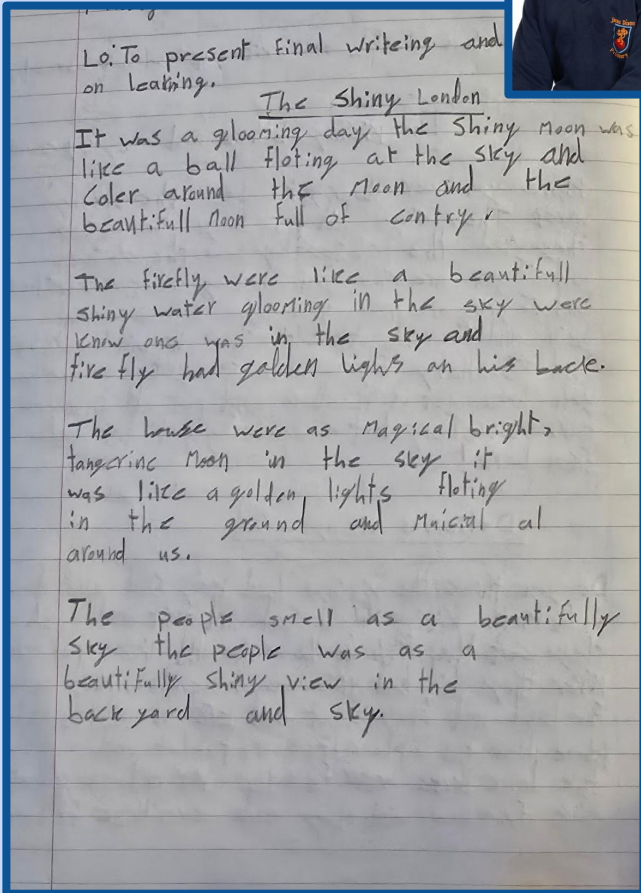
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Exciting Writing!



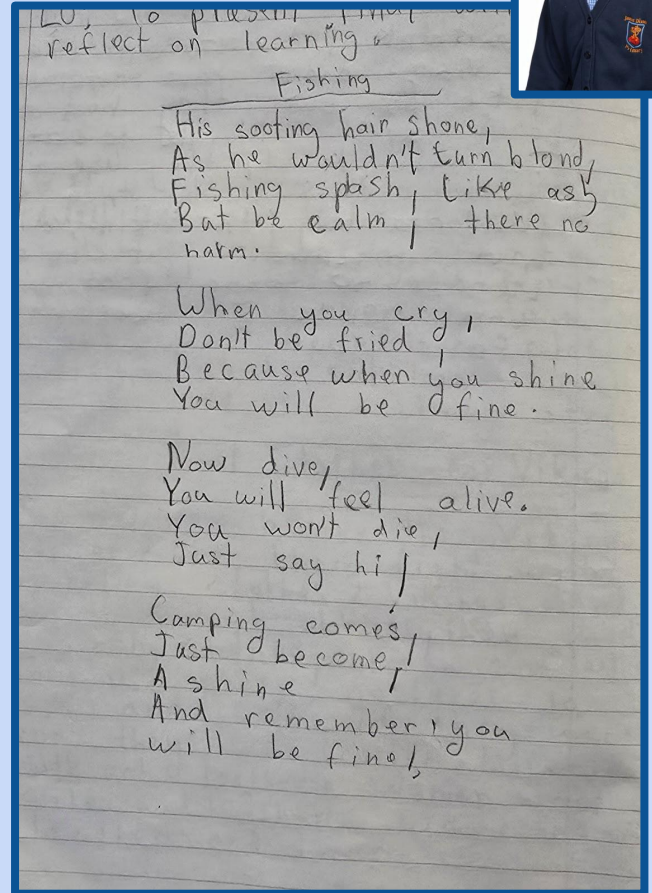
Poetry by Sosie: The Shiny London.



It was a glooming day,
The shiny moon was like a ball,
Floating at the sky
And colour around the moon,
And the beautiful moon,
Full of country.



Poetry by Louange: Fishing.



His sooting hair shone,
As he wouldn't turn blonde,
Fishing splay, like ask,
But be calm, there's no harm.

When you cry,
Don't be fried,
Because when you shine,
You will be fine.

'...And remember, you will be fine...'

Sustainability

How to Have a Sustainable Winter Part 2 - Create habitats (by not tidying up!)

The Goal: Put down the rake and help your garden's smallest residents.

The Challenge: Identify one corner of your garden to leave completely "messy."

Why it matters: Fallen leaves and hollow stems are five-star hotels for ladybirds and bees.

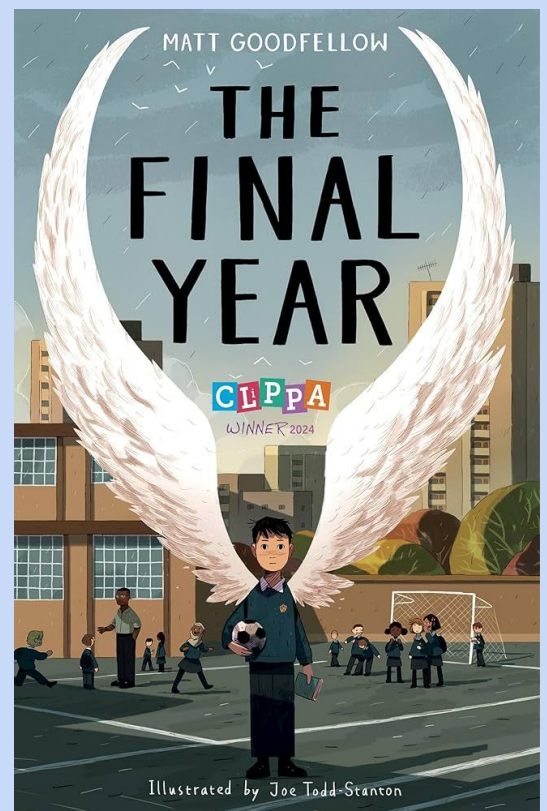
Action: Take a photo of your "wild corner" and tag it #WildWinter.



Book Recommendation

"The Final Year" is a poignant and honest verse novel that captures the complexities of the final year of primary school.

It follows Nate, a young boy navigating friendships, family challenges, and the anxieties of growing up. This beautifully written and emotionally resonant story explores themes of friendship, family, identity, and finding your place in the world. It's a relatable and heartwarming read for young readers.



SUNDAY

15. February. 2026

JOIN OUR BIG VALENTINES CYCLE RIDE! EXPLORE THE AREA, WITH OUR

SOUND SYSTEMS PLAYING GREAT LOVE TUNES!

ALL WELCOME! SLOW PACE. HOT DRINKS/FOOD/TOILETS AT THE FINISH!

FREE EVENT - SUPPORTED
BY CLARION FUTURES

No bike? No worries!
We have a Bike
Library to help!

SIGN UP HERE
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10:30 - APPROX 1.5 HOURS
START: Cator Park (playground)
FINISH: Beckenham Place Park



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Composition of the Week



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

Ed Sheeran - What do I know?

Genre: folk/pop

Composed in: 2016

Ed Sheeran wrote this song really quickly, to show just how fast he could write a song in front of the head of his label. It is not a political song, but does reference how change is needed.

'Love can change the world in a moment' - what do you think this means?

Online Safety

Essential Resources for Families

Source smart, browse safe



NSPCC Online Safety

Best For: Advice on "tricky" conversations and understanding the latest social media trends.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety>



Weekly Attendance

96%

Be here every day, all day!

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	97%
Adventurous	86%
Confident	94%
Honest	97%
Respectful	100%
Energetic	98%
Expressive	97%
Reflective	94%
Resilient	93%
Considerate	99%
Kind	97%
Capable	94%
Cooperative	97%

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Next week's achievers

P.E.

Honest

Nafissatou

Respectful

Chloe

Energetic

Nahla

Expressive

Isla

Reflective

Paris

Resilient

Aidan

Considerate

Marni

Kind

Miyah

Capable

Jack

Cooperative

Jamaldeen

Colourful Class
Star of the Week

Louie & Ezra

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Dates for your diary

<u>Mon 19th January</u>	<u>Tue 20th January</u>	<u>Wed. 21st January</u>	<u>Thurs. 22nd January</u>	<u>Friday 23rd January</u>
<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>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>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>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>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<u>Mon 26th January</u>	<u>Tue 27th January</u>	<u>Wed 28th January</u>	<u>Thurs 29th January</u>	<u>Friday 30th January</u>
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<u>Mon 2nd February</u>	<u>Tue 3rd February</u>	<u>Wed 4th February</u>	<u>Thurs 5th February</u>	<u>Friday 6th February</u>
<p><u>Year 4 to National History Museum</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>Year 6 Parents Talk 3.15 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>Year 6 Penge & Anerley Walk</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>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>Maths Challenge (selected children only)</u></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.



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