

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

NEWSLETTER



Don't worry if you're making waves just by being yourself. The Moon does it all the time.



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This Week at James Dixon

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND....
 FUNDRAISING FOR
 JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL

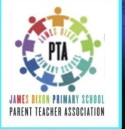
PTA QUIZ Night
 WITH QUIZ MASTER
 MR ENTWISTLE

TICKETS: £6 | **NEXT 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

EVERY MAN | DRINKS (WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS) AND LIGHT SNACKS AVAILABLE | CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED | **YARD SALE PIZZA**

QR Code to BOOK: PHOENIX COMMUNITY CENTRE, 66 WESTOW ST, CRYSTAL PALACE, SE19 3AF
BOOK TICKETS:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/james-dixon-primary-school-pta



There may still be an opportunity to get involved in the annual PTA quiz night.

Even if you can't attend the PTA Quiz night they would be happy to take donations just scan the QR code and thank you in advance!

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

Pupil Leadership



How are you? I'm good. Did you enjoy RE day? I wasn't here as I was ill so I don't know how it went! I went to Fulham vs Man United. What a game, 3-2 UNITED! That game was active.



Hi JD! How are you? Was your weekend good? Mine was great..I got the last book of HOOKY, I recommend the book to all of you!



Hi JD , how are you doing? We had Mock SATS last week; it was the most stressful week EVER!
Ciao.



Friday 6th February 2026

Year 3 National Gallery



Year 3 swapped the classroom for the culture of central London this week for a truly unforgettable trip to the National Gallery. The adventure began before we even reached the art, as the children navigated the London Underground with impressive confidence, eventually emerging into the bustling atmosphere of Trafalgar Square to take in the fountains and the famous stone lions.



The children were so excited to find the masterpieces they've been studying. Seeing the bright colors of Van Gogh and Cézanne up close was definitely a highlight of the trip and it really brought their art lessons to life.



They also spent time honing their sketching skills, capturing both the famous paintings and the beautiful gallery architecture. We are so proud of how Year 3 represented the school. Great job, everyone!



Year 4 Natural History Museum



On a rainy Monday morning, Year 4 ventured deep into the heart of South Kensington to the archaic destination of the Natural History Museum.



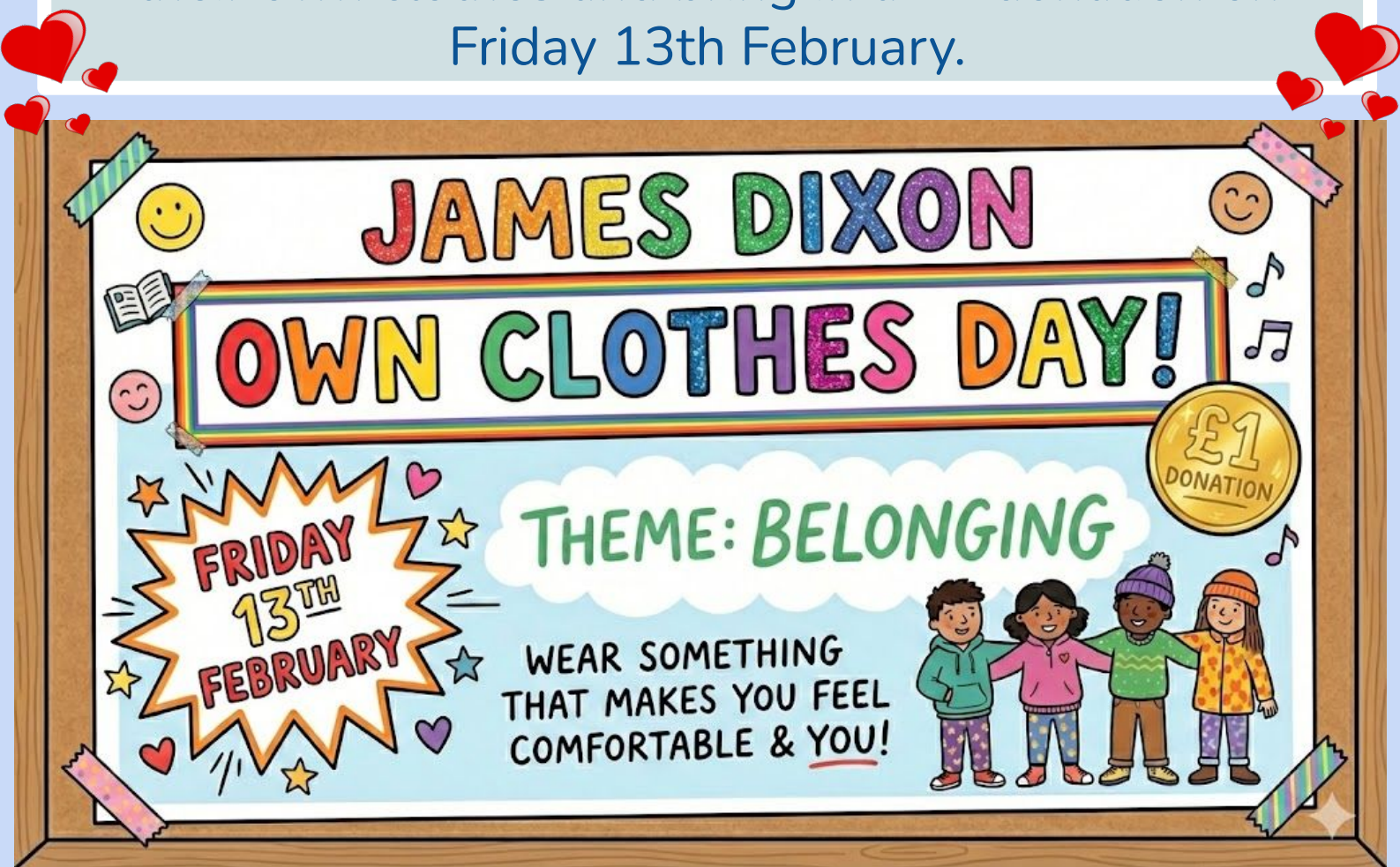
We looked at wondrous skeletons ranging all the way from dinosaurs and whales to beetles and birds! We even had a fun time at the Earthquake room! Super shaky!



Children's Mental Health Week

Place2Be is delighted to announce that the theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2026 (taking place from 9-15 February) will be This is My Place - Belonging.

At James Dixon we will be inviting children to wear their own clothes and bring in a £1 donation on Friday 13th February.



As well as wearing our own clothes, we will have an assembly looking at what belonging means and how we can help others feel like they belong. We will also be taking part in a wellbeing activity with our mes amis class from a different year group.



Curriculum Focus - Wellbeing

WELLBEING



I got angry. I sat down and spoke to a Wellbeing Ambassador. Then I felt ok.

Reggie Y2



I was feeling upset. I spoke to someone and did colouring.

Kaarim Y1

I went because I felt sad. I did colouring and felt better.

Juliana Y2



I missed my mummy. I played a game with the Wellbeing Ambassador and she made me feel better.

Niamh Y2

I had no-one to play with. Someone read to me and I felt happy.

Azhari Y1





Exciting Writing!



Florence Nightingale's Diary by Mia



Dear Diary,

Wow! I have finally arrived in Scutari. I was happy to get off the wet, sticky ship. I had felt brave when I stumbled towards the dirty, dusty hospital. Now I felt shocked. No beds! Oh No!

There were broken windows, rubbish on the floor and dirty bandages. Oh My days.

I felt sad and brave when I saw the disgusting hospital. I could see dead soldiers and other lying on the floor crying. I could hear them screaming loudly. I smelt mouldy blood on the floor. Yes

I will clean the floor and scrub the whole hospital to make the soldiers happy.

See you soon.



Florence Nightingale's Diary by Romy



Thursday 4th

Dear diary,

I had finally arrived in Scutari after an exhausting journey.

I was feeling nervous but also excited to help the hurt and ill patients.

I couldn't believe my eyes the whole room was filthy!

There was filthy rats, dead soldiers, disgusting food and it was cold and damp.

Dear Diary,

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Sustainability

How to Have a Sustainable Winter Part 4: The Heat-Wrap

The Goal: Keep the warmth in your home and the carbon out of the air.

The Challenge: Master your curtains and your thermostat.

Why it matters: Closing curtains at sunset acts like a "hug" for your house, keeping the heat you've already paid for exactly where it belongs.

Action: Turn the thermostat down by just 1°C and put on your favorite cozy sweater.



Book Recommendation

The Rescue of Ravenwood is a captivating historical adventure that follows the courageous Georgia and her unconventional family as they embark on a daring mission during World War II. When their home, Ravenwood, is requisitioned by the military, Georgia and her siblings refuse to stand by and watch it be transformed. They devise a plan to save Ravenwood, leading them into a series of thrilling escapades filled with secret codes, hidden tunnels and encounters with spies. Perfect for children who enjoy stories of wartime bravery and the enduring spirit of childhood.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Man I need - Olivia Dean

Genre: Pop/Soul Composed in: 2025

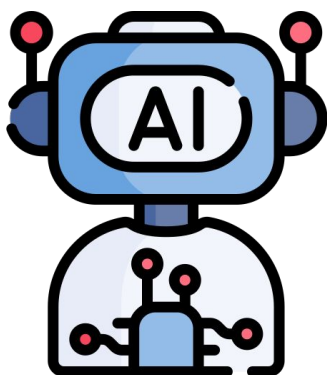
Olivia Dean is a Londoner, from Haringey. Although she has been touring and releasing EPs for a while, her most recent album *The Art of Loving* has received critical acclaim. She even won a Grammy just this week for Best New Artist.

Do you know any other Olivia Dean songs and if so, what is your favourite?

Online Safety

Essential Resources for Families

Appropriate AI



A good rule of thumb is the "Three C's" for kids using AI:

Critical Thinking: Does this answer look right?

Creativity: Use AI to brainstorm, not to replace your own voice.

Caution: Never give an AI your full name, address, or school.

Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

94%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	94%
Adventurous	97%
Confident	95%
Honest	97%
Respectful	95%
Energetic	96%
Expressive	95%
Reflective	91%
Resilient	91%
Considerate	92%
Kind	100%
Capable	97%
Cooperative	92%

James Dixon
Primary



Dates for your diary

<p><u>Mon 9th February</u></p> <p><u>Parents Evening from 3.10 pm</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 10th February</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 11th February</u></p> <p><u>Parents Evening from 3.10 pm</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thurs 12th February</u></p> <p><u>Reception to Crystal Palace Park</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 13th February</u></p> <p><u>Own clothes day</u></p> <p><u>Year 5 to Natural History Museum</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
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Munchkin Sports are excited to announce we will be delivering PE for James Dixon pre-school and reception children after half term, and running a KS1 Rugby lunch club, all the way to Easter! We will be working on evasive running, athletics, teamwork, strength, resilience, ball skills, agility, balance, coordination, building confidence and most importantly having fun!



FOOTBALL MUNCHKINS

GENTLY INTRODUCING 2-7 YR OLDS TO FOOTBALL



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Our classes introduce children to the world of football in a fun and exciting way. At every stage, fun is the main element of every class allowing the children to develop their skills in a pressure free environment.

ABOUT OUR CLASSES

The children will learn fundamental movement and football skills in a structured but fun way. As well as learning and developing their football skills, we also aim to encourage development of social interaction to build confidence and well-being.

AGE GROUPS

Our Football classes are split into three age groups:

2-3 year olds, 3-4 year olds &
4-7 year olds.

TRIAL SESSIONS

We offer a paid trial session option so that your little one can try a class before booking for the term. This is a chance for your child to try the classes, meet our coaches and see why everyone raves about us.

FOOTBALL LOCATIONS

Bickley Park Prep School
14 Page Heath Lane,
Bromley, BR1 2DS

Langley Park School for Boys
South Eden Park Road,
Beckenham, BR3 3BP

St Dunstan's College
Stanstead Road,
London, SE6 4TY

Munchkins are a fun, energetic, and enthusiastic sports and activities company dedicated to gently introducing children to the exciting world of sport and activities. Our school and weekend sessions and holiday camps are bursting with energy, music, and colour. Everything we do is packed full of fun activities designed to keep children engaged, moving, and smiling as they learn and grow. **Please check out our weekend sessions available from age 2+ and holiday camps age 3+ that are in your area this February half term.** We look forward to seeing you!

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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COURTESY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE