

FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

NEWSLETTER



Amazing news, we have been awarded a
Gold Artsmark Award!

**LAST CHANCE
TO SIGN UP**

EM WEEK

FAMILY FUN MATHS

Week Beginning: | **2nd March** | See timetable below

IN THE HALL

Join your child to play fun, logical and challenging maths games.

	Monday 2nd March	Tuesday 3rd March	Wednesday 4th March	Friday 6th March
9:00-9:40	Year Two	Year Five	Year Four	
13:10-13:50		Year Three	Year One	Year Six

Please complete the form to confirm whether you will be attending.

[Click here for the google form](#)

Parents Road Safety Reminder



Despite our regular reminders there are a small number of parents who continue to park illegally and dangerously outside our school.

We are asking all parents to park considerately.

Allow yourself enough time to park and stride so that the pavements can be left clear allowing James Dixon pupils to get to and from school safely.

This Week at James Dixon

Molly Vs THE MACHINES



Molly Vs The Machines (**rated 15**) tells the story of 14 year old Molly Russell whose death was a result of ‘depression and the negative effects of online content.’ This film is essential viewing for **parents and older teenagers**.

Special previews are available on Sunday and Monday <https://www.mollyvsthemachines.com/cinema-tickets> and the film will be debuting on Channel 4 on Thursday 5th March.

This powerful film was made by a James Dixon parent. Please share the link and thank you for raising awareness on this challenging issue.



Arts Mark Award



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

We've achieved
our Artsmark
Award!

James Dixon Primary School has made good progress on its Artsmark journey, establishing a vibrant and inclusive culture where the arts are valued across the school community. Pupil voice is a notable strength ... Pupils clearly take pride in their contributions and articulate the impact of the arts on their confidence and sense of belonging ... Staff confidence has grown through internal training ... With strong leadership, a responsive curriculum and an engaged pupil body, the school is well positioned to continue developing a broad and ambitious arts offer.

2026 Term Dates



HELLO
SPRING

SPRING 2026



Term Starts:
Monday 5th
January 2026



Half Term:
Monday 16th
February - Friday
20th February 2026



Term Finishes:
Friday 27th March
2026 @ 2pm



HELLO
SUMMER

SUMMER 2026



Term Starts:
Tuesday 14th April
2026



Half Term:
Monday 25th May
- Friday 29th May
2026



Term Finishes:
Tuesday 21st July
2026 @ 2pm



HELLO
AUTUMN

AUTUMN 2026



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



Half Term:
Monday 19th
October - Friday
30th October 2026



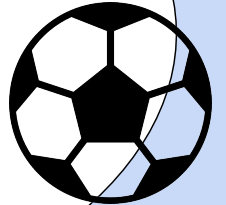
Term Finishes:
Friday 18th
December 2026
@ 2pm



Pupil Leadership



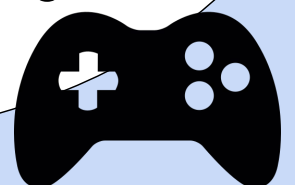
Hi JD, how are you? Did you have a good holiday? I played football all week. Also, I watched a live Horrible Histories performance . That's all I've got for now, bye .



Hi everyone, how was your holiday? Mine was good! On the weekend I got some books because i finished reading all of mine at home.



Yo my friends, how have you been? Did you have a good half term? I had a good one, I got a Stone Island jumper and played Fortnite. I did more but i've forgotten what! Anyways, later.



Friday 27th February 2026

Munchkins Sports



This half term we have Munchkin Sports delivering PE lessons to our preschool and reception classes.



Munchkin's are also running a lunchtime sports clubs for Years 1 and 2, providing pupils with an opportunities to engage in sports games and develop their physical skills.



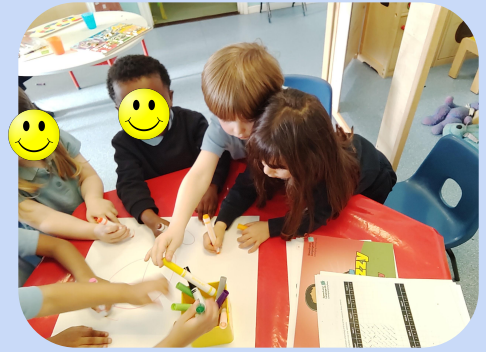
You can check out their weekend classes and holiday clubs here



Meet Coach Claire!
This week the children played tag games, relay races and handled rugby balls.



Curriculum Focus - Awesome



We have been taking part in speech and language activities to help develop our vocabulary and communication skills. The children have enjoyed investigating different textures and materials, and exploring different objects using their senses.



PEOPLE WHO HELP US

Awesome class have loved learning about real life superheroes.

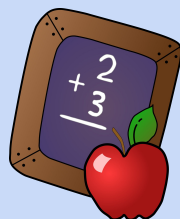


When I'm older
I want to be a
nurse like Nurse
Georgia
- Clara

I'm going to be
a police officer
like my
Grandad
- Zachary

I want to be a
vet. I love
looking after
animals.
- Nova

In preschool we
have been
practising
representing
numbers 1-10.






Exciting Writing!



A Newspaper Article by Aurora.

EDITION: SPECIAL REPORT **The London Chronicle** WEATHER: STORMY, HIGH TIDES
 SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 ESTABLISHED 1789 PRICE: £2.50

London Is In danger!



DESKETCHION: The Thames Barrier fails to hold back unprecedented storm surge, leaving London vulnerable. Photo by James Fenton.

By Senior Correspondent, James Dixon

Parts of London have been dangerously flooded due to the Thames Barrier overflowing and collapsing. This was due to a massive storm making vital places underwater. Residents have been panic-buying ever since the flood came to London since stores are shutting down.

This occurred at around 6:00 PM on Monday 14th of March, when the Barriers broke, the water has made simple and easy tasks very difficult for people who are by the Thames. Ambulances, police and firefighters have been scattered all over London to help people to safety.

Residents have stated that there has been no wifi since water came rushing down onto the streets. It has been raining all week and may get worse throughout the day.

Authorities are still on the search and sea levels will be rising rapidly in the next 48 hours. It is recommended to stay inside and be cautious. Shops and Schools have very limited and may turn into smaller numbers as the weeks go by.

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This unprecedented catastrophe began yesterday approximately at 6pm 14th March 2026.

Tons of water hampered into Central London. The power stations are completely cut off, and will be turned back on when the flooding gets more subtle.

Residents all over London claimed that the scene was horrific. "It's important to stay high above land at the moment, the water levels are getting increasingly higher by each hour," stated a local resident Mia, aged 11. "We're running out of bread and water" a shopkeeper on Anerly confirmed.

Experts state that the percentages of death have increased by 48%.

People are advised to evacuate or stay on high floors, boil water before drinking it, help out others, and constantly stay inside. Schools are closing down for a week due to safety issues.

Rescue boats will arrive for with food and drinks will arrive with food at 8am. The service costs £60.50.

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'...It is recommended to stay inside ...'

Sustainability

The Plastic Detective 🕵️



Become a plastic detective in your own home this week! Grab a notebook and look at what goes into your bin—are there lots of juice cartons, crisp packets, or plastic wrap? Every piece of plastic we use stays on our Earth for a very long time, so our mission is to find one "super swap." You could try using a cool reusable water bottle instead of a plastic one or ask for a beeswax wrap to keep your sandwiches fresh. Every small swap helps keep our oceans clean and our animals safe.

Book Recommendation

The "Rabbit and Bear" series is a delightful collection of stories about an unlikely friendship. The books are known for their:

- Whimsical and heartwarming stories: that explore themes of friendship, kindness, and overcoming differences.
- Engaging and humorous writing.
 - Charming illustrations.

The series is a perfect choice for young readers who enjoy charming and funny stories.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Fergus McCreadie - Law Hill

Genre: Jazz

Composed in: 2022

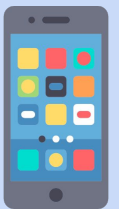
McCreadie is a Scottish jazz pianist and composer. His style revolves around a fusion of contemporary jazz with Scottish folk music. He has released five albums to date as leader of a piano trio. The tune reflects walks up the small hill near Dollar, capturing views ranging from bright to dusk. It is a song on his album Forest Floor which is inspired by the Scottish landscape, hiking and nature

What inspires you ?

Online Safety

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

How do I talk to my primary school age child about delaying smartphones?

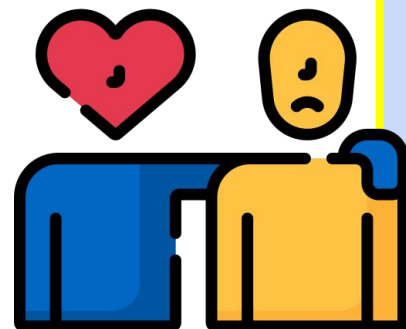


Start with empathy

Let your child know you understand how they feel.
You could say:

"I know you really want a smartphone, and it's hard seeing other kids who already have one. That feeling of being left out isn't nice - and I'm here for you."

When children feel heard, they're more likely to open up.



Weekly Attendance

96%

Be here every day, all day!

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	96%
Adventurous	97%
Confident	96%
Honest	96%
Respectful	96%
Energetic	95%
Expressive	99%
Reflective	93%
Resilient	96%
Considerate	89%
Kind	92%
Capable	98%
Cooperative	98%

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Dates for your diary

<p><u>Monday 2nd March</u></p> <p><u>Family Fun Maths</u> Yr 2 9-9.40 am</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>Tuesday 3rd March</u></p> <p><u>Family Fun Maths</u> Yr 5 9-9.40 am</p> <p><u>Family Fun Maths</u> Yr 3 1.10-1.50 pm</p> <p>Mini athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 4th March</u></p> <p><u>Family Fun Maths</u> Yr 4 9.00-9.40 am</p> <p><u>Family Fun Maths</u> Yr 1 1.10-1.50 pm</p> <p><u>Gymnastics</u> <u>Competition (selected children)</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 5th March</u></p> <p><u>WORLD BOOK DAY</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 5th March</u></p> <p><u>Family Fun Maths</u> Yr 6 1.10-1.50 pm</p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Monday 9th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 MOCK SATS</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 & Reception</u> <u>Class Photo</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>Tuesday 10th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 MOCK SATS</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 March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 MOCK SATS</u></p> <p><u>PTA Circus Day</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 12th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 MOCK SATS</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 13th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 MOCK SATS</u></p> <p><u>Yr 6 Trip to Buddhist</u> <u>Centre</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Monday 16th March</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>Tuesday 17th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 3 Trip to Horniman</u> <u>Museum</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. 18th March</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 19th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 2 Trip to Horniman</u> <u>Museum</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly</u> <u>10.15 am (invitation</u> <u>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 20th March</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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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

