

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

NEWSLETTER

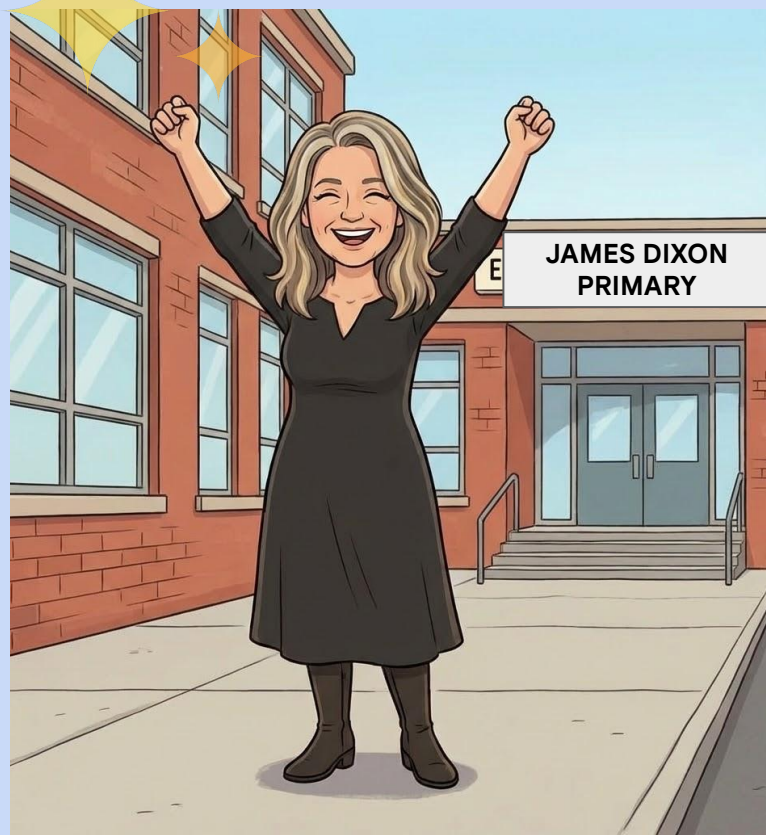
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“Just keep taking chances and having fun”

This Week at James Dixon



Toni was over the moon this week as we have had some excellent attendance figures. On Monday **394** out of **397** pupils were at school.

99%

Keep up the good work!

Term Dates 2026



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)*

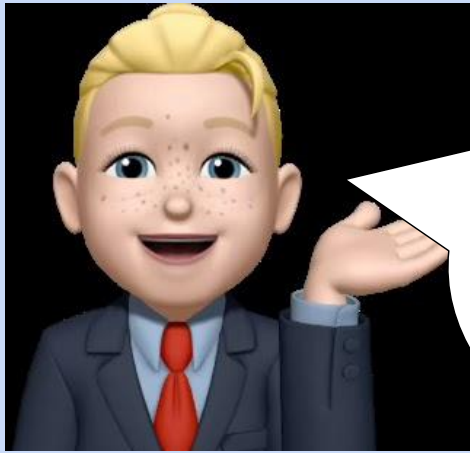


Half Term:
Monday 19th
October - Friday
30th October 2026



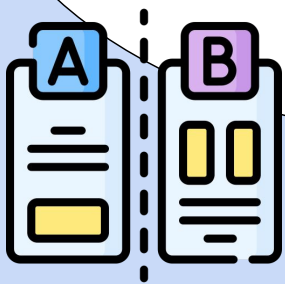
Term Finishes:
Friday 18th
December 2026
@ 2pm

Pupil Leadership

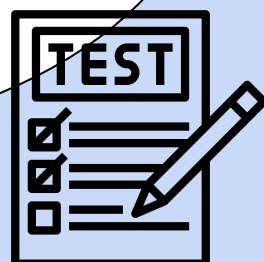


Hi JD how are you? We did tests this week, it was stressful. Also on the weekend did anyone watch the FA cup? Ciao

How are you this week? In Year 6 we have been doing mock SATS but i didn't really feel stressed.



Hello JD! This week we are doing mock SAT'S tests and luckily the last ones until the REAL DEAL.



Friday 13th March 2026

Curriculum Focus - Curious IM



Here are some of the fun activities we have been enjoying in Curious class.

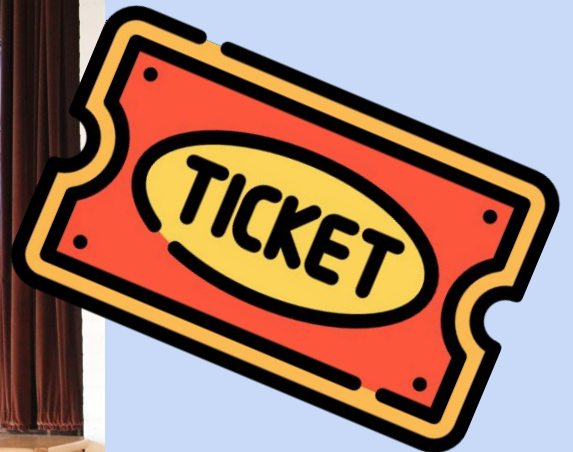
We have been learning all about Kings and Queens and what happens during a coronation.

Circus Experience



For the second year in a row Lucas came to James Dixon to entertain the whole school. He started with a whole school performance followed by workshops with our Key Stage Two classes.

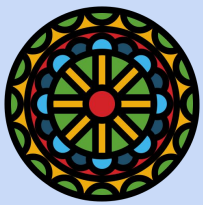
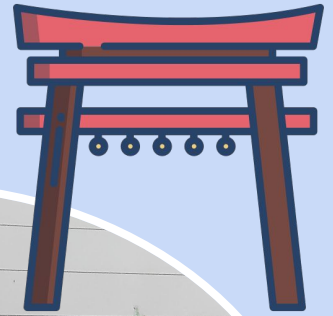
This wonderful event was funded by the PTA. Thank you!



RE Day

In Year 2, we looked at the Buddhist festival Vesak. This festival celebrates the birth of Buddha. Vesak celebrations vary from one country to another. In Thailand and Indonesia, special Vesak lanterns are made of paper and wood.

Children practised meditating like Buddhist monks and focused on how this made them and their bodies feel.



As part of our RE Day, Year 5 took a break from the hustle and bustle of the classroom to explore the ancient practice of meditation. The children delved into how different faiths use stillness and reflection to connect with their inner selves and find a sense of peace.

Year 3's RE day started with a bang! We were joined by a special visitor who shared the core principles of Buddhism and what it truly means to follow the faith. The children spent time in the hall practicing mindfulness, finding a moment of calm before diving into the story of Siddhartha (the Buddha). It was a fascinating day of discovery as the pupils explored the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path.



Sustainability

The Giant Toy Swap 🧸

Imagine if you could have a brand-new toy without buying anything at all! Making new things uses up lots of the Earth's energy and materials. This week, we are learning to share instead of shop.

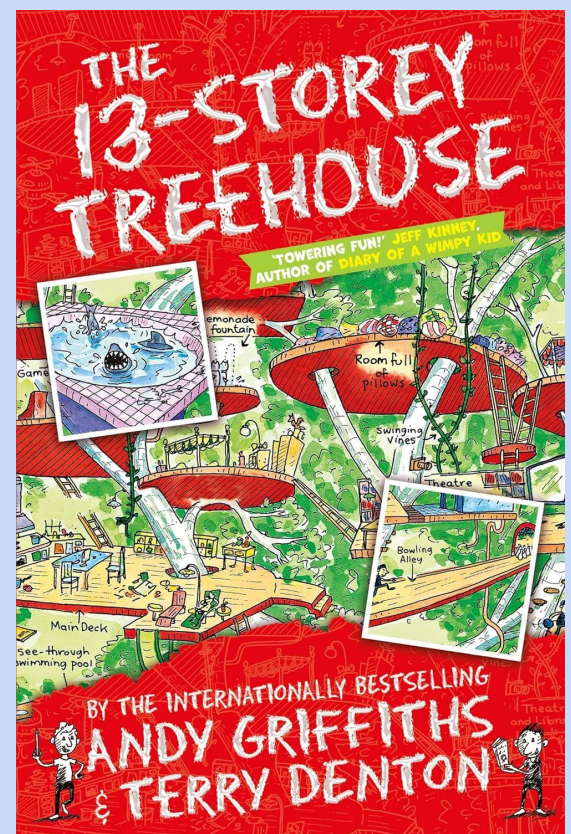
You can ask a friend to swap a book they've finished reading or a puzzle they've already solved. By sharing and borrowing from each other, we make sure that toys and books get played with for a long time instead of sitting lonely on a shelf or ending up in the rubbish.



Book Recommendation

A hilarious and imaginative children's book that follows the adventures of Andy and Terry, two friends who live in the world's best treehouse which is packed with incredible features like a giant catapult, a tank of man-eating sharks, and a marshmallow machine that shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry!

The book is full of wacky humor, silly jokes, and outrageous illustrations, making it a guaranteed laugh-out-loud read.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Sweet Child O' Mine - Guns N' Roses

Genre: Rock

Composed in: 1987

The iconic guitar part at the beginning was actually created by the guitarist, Slash, as a joke or a warm-up exercise. He thought it sounded like a "circus melody," but the band's singer, Axl Rose, loved it and decided it should be a real song! Axl wrote the lyrics originally as a poem for a loved one. It talks about things that reminded the him of happy childhood memories, like a bright blue sky.

Did you know? In 2020, Guns N' Roses collaborated with famous author James Patterson to turn the song into a children's book!

Online Safety

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

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



Keep your explanation simple and honest

Children this age don't need all the details, but they do appreciate the truth.

You might say:

"Smartphones can be really fun, but they weren't made for kids. When they first came out, people didn't realise how much harm they could do - especially to children. But now we know more, and I want to make sure you stay safe."



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

97%

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

James Dixon
Primary



Next week's achievers

Music

Honest	Davi
Respectful	Ella
Energetic	Hilwa
Expressive	Angel
Reflective	Ariona
Resilient	Ibrahim
Considerate	Jayson
Kind	Kiara
Capable	Gabriele
Cooperative	Sebastian
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Ezra & Briella

Dates for your diary

<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>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 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>Tennis Club Yr 1-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 19th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 2 Trip to Horniman Museum</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitation 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> <p>PTA Pre-loved Uniform Event 3.00 pm</p>
<p><u>Monday 23rd 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>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club 3 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 24th March</u></p> <p><u>Y2 trip to Christ Church</u></p> <p><u>Yr 5 trip to Crystal Palace Park</u></p> <p><u>Yr 3 & 4 Performance to Parents</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. 25th March</u></p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Tennis Club Yr 1-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 26th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 3 & 4 Performance to Parents</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitation 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 27th March</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p>Dance Club Performance to Parents 8.15 am</p> <p>SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00 PM</p>
<p><u>Monday 30th March</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 31st March</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday 1st April</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Thursday 2nd April</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Friday 3rd April</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>



JAMES DIXON COMMUNITY UNIFORM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

FREE UNIFORMS AVAILABLE

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2026 AT 3PM

FIND US AT THE PTA STALL

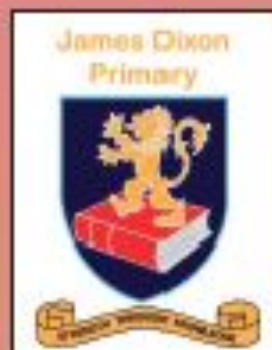
FIND PRE-LOVED UNIFORM A NEW HOME!

DONATIONS TO THE PTA WELCOME, CASH OR CARD.





JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



**PLEASE START
COLLECTING**



**EMPTY, CLEAN
JAM JARS**

AND CONTENTS



AHEAD OF

Picnic & Proms

IN JULY



What is a Jolly Jar?

Jolly Jars are medium and large jam jars, with lids, that parents and carers fill up at home with a mix of fun treats for children and donate to the PTA for Picnic & Proms.

These might include wrapped sweets (no nuts), unused small toys, stickers, hair clips, stationery, keyrings, stamps and more. They can be decorated with stickers, ribbons, drawings, but don't have to be.

At Picnic & Proms we will have a stall where children pay £1 to pull a ticket out of a box. They then match their ticket to a Jolly Jar and enjoy the treats.

Munchkins

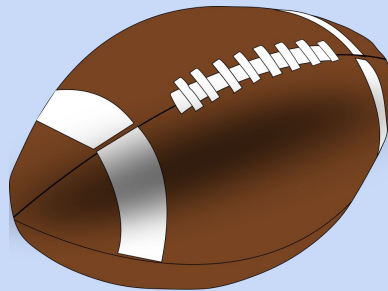


In Week 3 with Munchkin Sports, preschool and reception added static and moving objects to their evasive running with some Rugby games and KS1 lunchclub was a smash. Local Munchkin weekend sessions cover Multi-sport, Netball, Rugby, Football and the Easter holiday camps welcome and engage children from preschool through to year 6!

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Respect our neighbours

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