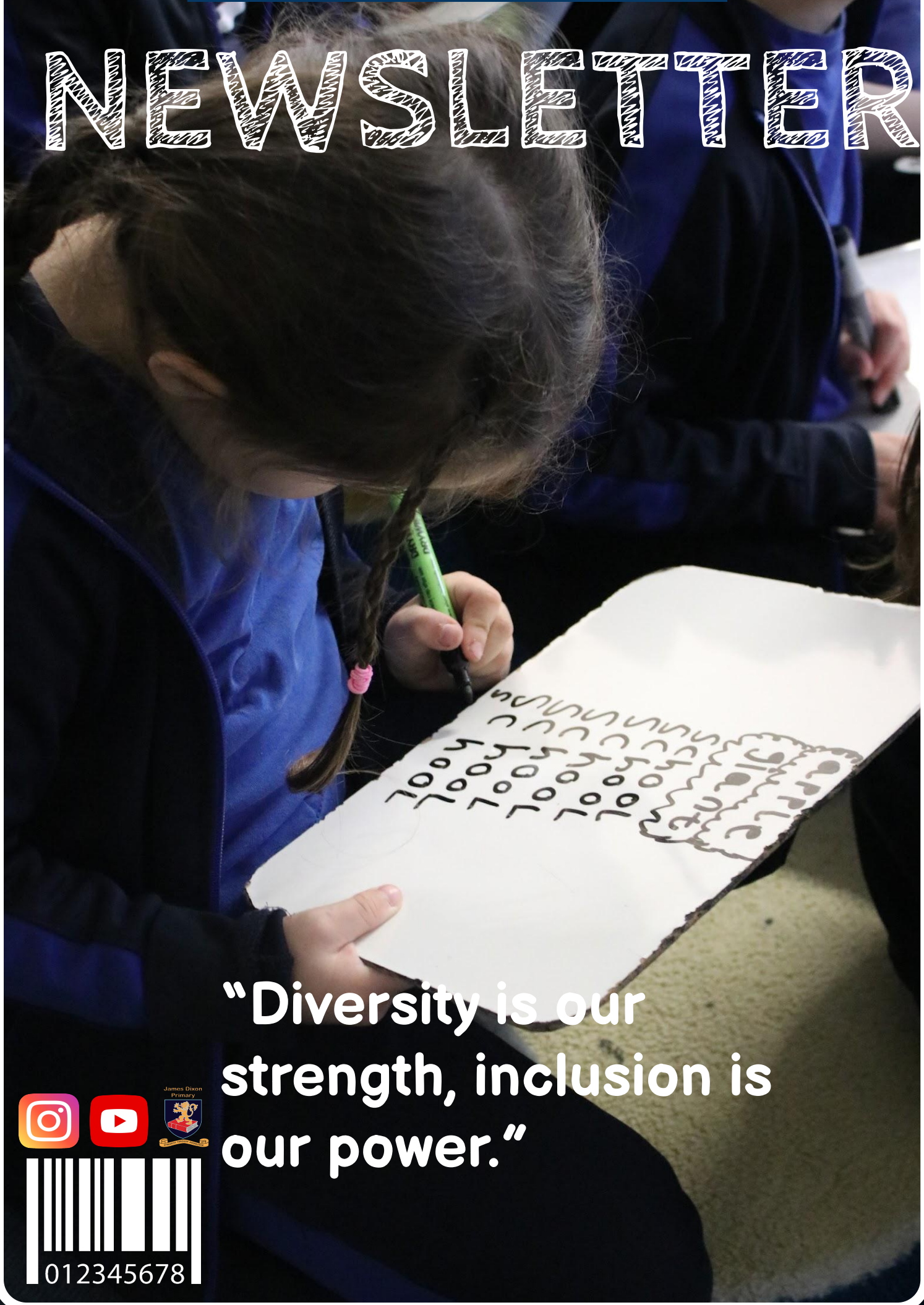
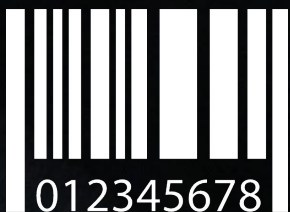


FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

NEWSLETTER



“Diversity is our strength, inclusion is our power.”



This Week at James Dixon

Free Community Event



Easter Messy Church

Come along to our Easter Messy Church!
A fun and creative time for all ages with craft, challenges, an Easter trail, food, a short time of worship and of course...EGGS

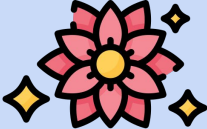

For children aged 4-11 accompanied by an adult
Monday 30th March 4pm-6pm
at Christ Church, Anerley

Booking required





Term Dates 2026

	 HELLO SPRING	 HELLO SUMMER	 HELLO AUTUMN
Term Starts	Monday 5th January 2026	Tuesday 14th April 2026	Tuesday 1st September (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



Hi JD! How has your week been? On Monday, Y6 found out what play they're going to perform at the end of the year - exciting! Have a great weekend everyone!



Hi JD! And welcome to... A DAY IN THE LIFE AS A TEACHER! Today's teacher is Maria who attended a children's birthday party - exhausting! Anyways, happy belated Mothers' Day to all mothers!



Hi JD, last Sunday was Mothers day. You could go out together, you could bake cakes or you could make a card. Mothers Day is the time to say thank you to your Mother.



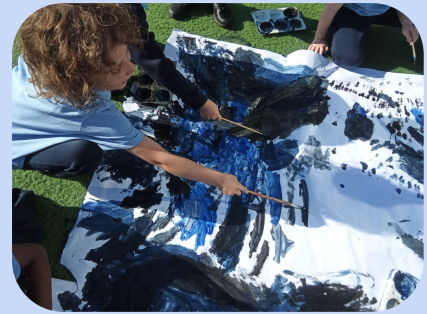
Friday 20th March 2026

Curriculum Focus - Adventurous



We have been having so much fun learning through exploring in Adventurous Class!

In Art, we have looked at tints and shades, different styles of art like Pointillism and narrative art and even architecture where we made our own stained glass windows.



In History, we were archaeologists and looked for fossils in the sand. We also had a Kings and Queens WOW Day where we pretended we were Royalty.



In DT, we made our own tzatziki. We chopped the vegetables and mixed the ingredients. It was delicious!



Year 1 - Kings & Queens Day



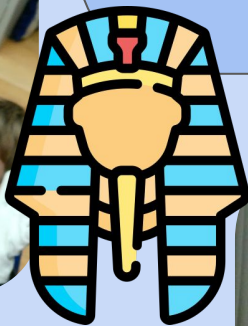
Last week on Friday, Year 1 had Kings and Queens WOW Day. We had so much fun learning about leaders from the past, making crowns, writing our own Magna Carter and having a royal banquet, just like Kings and Queens from the past!



Year 3 - Horniman Museum

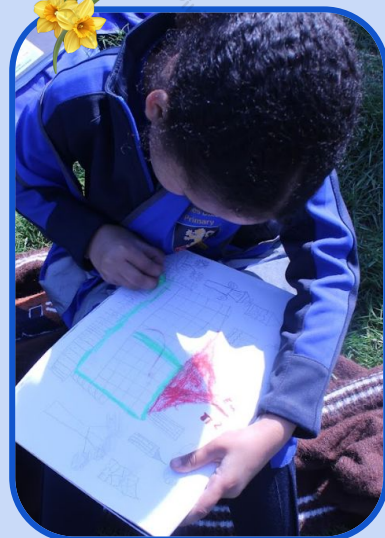


On Tuesday, Year 3 visited the Horniman Museum for an Ancient Egyptian workshop. The children were very excited by the opportunity to handle and examine closely artefacts that are thousand of years old! Hopefully, we have found some future archaeologists.



Year 2 - Horniman Museum

Wow, what a lovely day in the sunshine Year 2 had on Thursday. As part of our Art curriculum we spent a day at the grounds of the Horniman Museum, sketching the beautiful London landscape. After lunch we luckily had enough time to visit the wonderful park over the road. A fantastic day was had by all.



Sports Leaders - CPP

On Thursday, the Sports leaders had the opportunity to attend the grand opening of the new Crystal Palace Park playground. They watched the Mayor cut the red ribbon and then were the first children to have a go on the brand new play equipment!



The new
playground in
Crystal Palace
Park is now
open to the
public!



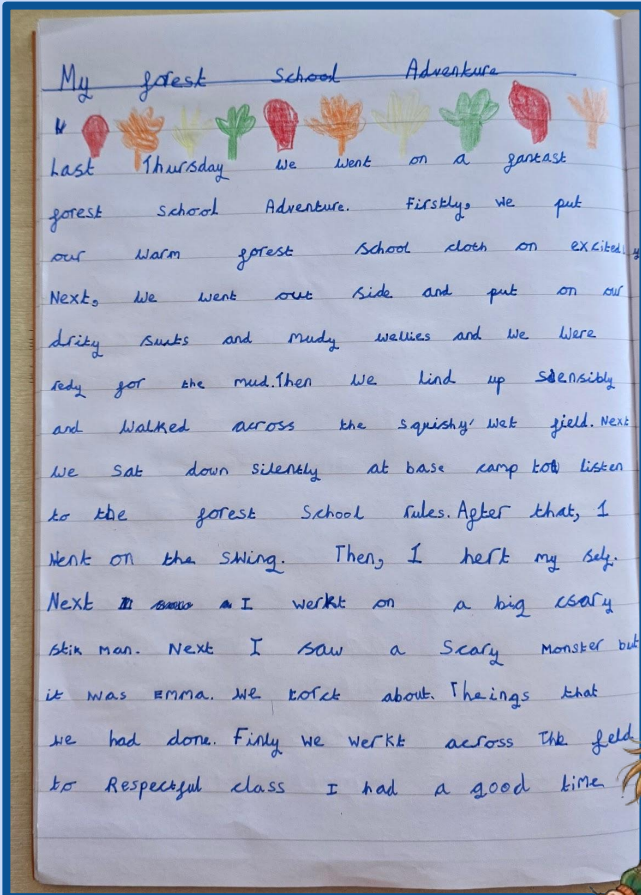
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Exciting Writing!

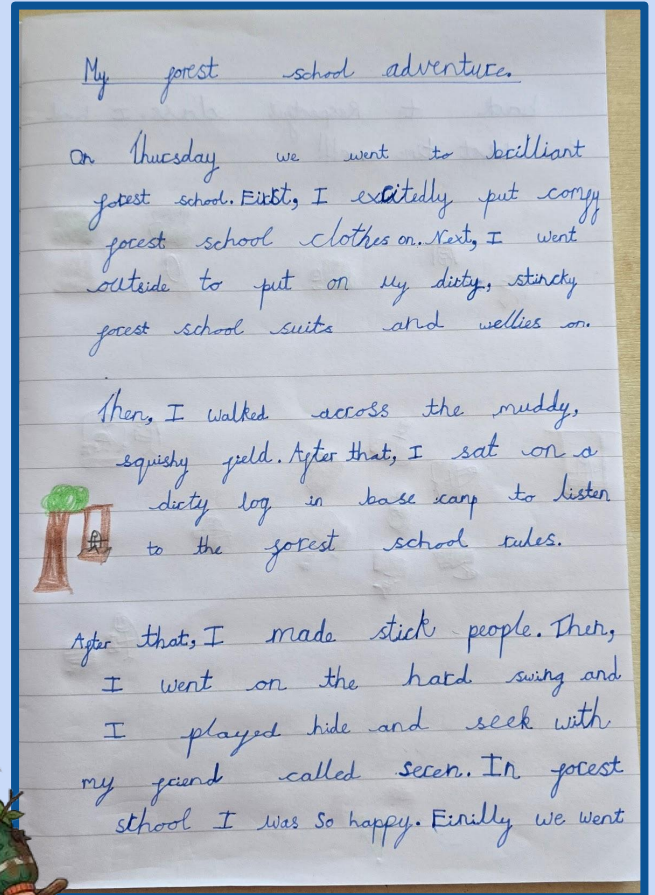


A Recount by Ida in Year 2.



Last Thursday we went on a fantastic forest school adventure. Firstly, we put our warm forest school clothes on excitedly. Next, we went outside and put on our dirty suits and muddy wellies and we were ready for the mud.

A Recount by Mia in Year 2.



On Thursday we went to brilliant forest school. First, I excitedly put comfy forest school clothes on. Next, I went outside to put on my dirty, stinky forest school suit and wellies on.

Next, I walked across the muddy, squishy field.

'... In forest school, I was so happy ...'

Sustainability

The Clothes Doctor 🧵

Even our favorite clothes can get a little "boo-boo" like a missing button or a small hole in a knee. Instead of saying goodbye to your favourite shirt, you can become a clothes doctor! Ask a grown-up to help you sew a colorful patch over a hole or stitch a bright button back on. You can even use thread to turn a stain into a secret embroidered flower or a star.

Fixing your clothes makes them special and one-of-a-kind, and it keeps them out of the big rubbish heaps.



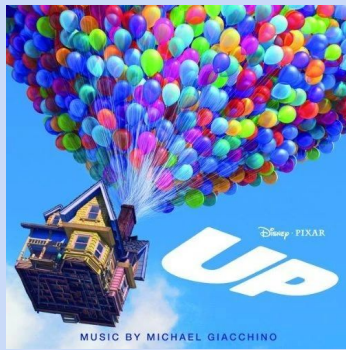
Book Recommendation

Clean Up! is a vibrant and engaging picture book that celebrates community, environmental awareness, and the power of collective action.

It tells the story of Rocket, a young girl determined to make a difference and protect the environment. This book is full of energy, humour, and heart. With its bright and colourful illustrations, Clean Up! is a powerful and inspiring story that encourages young readers to become change-makers in their own communities.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Michael Giacchino - Married Life

Genre: Modern waltz

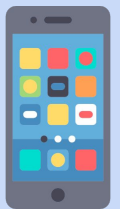
Composed in: 2009

This is the instrumental theme from the 2009 Disney-Pixar film *Up*. The piece famously accompanies the film's opening montage, showing the main characters' romantic journey without a single word of dialogue. The musical arrangement shifts dynamically to match the narrative. It begins with a lively, upbeat tempo featuring trumpets and brass to represent the joy of youth, transitioning into a slower, solo piano melody as the characters age and face loss.

Online Safety

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

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



Explain that smartphones can dent their confidence

Primary school is a time when kids are just starting to build their self-esteem.

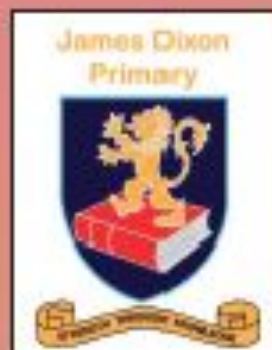
You might say:

"There's a lot on the internet that makes people feel like they're not good enough. People only post the best parts of their day or use filters to change how they look, I want you to grow up knowing how awesome you are - without comparing yourself to stuff that isn't even real."





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.

Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

95%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	94%
Adventurous	97%
Confident	93%
Honest	97%
Respectful	99%
Energetic	93%
Expressive	95%
Reflective	92%
Resilient	94%
Considerate	98%
Kind	93%
Capable	93%
Cooperative	94%

James Dixon
Primary



Next week's achievers

Trip Ambassador

Honest	Aminata
Respectful	Ava
Energetic	Marlina
Expressive	George
Reflective	Abdul-Majeed
Resilient	Rita
Considerate	Danielle
Kind	Asma'a
Capable	Masen
Cooperative	Leopold
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Keely

Dates for your diary

<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>
<p><u>Monday 6th April</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 7th April</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Wednesday 8th April</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Thursday 9th April</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Friday 10th April</u></p> <p><u>EASTER HOLIDAYS</u></p>



Crystal Palace Park Dinosaur Playground



Open to the public from Friday 20 March 2026

- Wheelchair accessible roundabout
- Swings for all ages
- Slides big and small
- Basket swings
- Loads of climbing frames
- Step free access to the sandpit
- Wheelchair accessible picnic benches

Near to the Penge Gate

Crystal Palace Park Road SE26 6EG

Celebrate!

Happy St. Patrick's Day

to everyone in our school community



Happy *Eid*
to our school
community

