

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

NEWSLETTER



"The only way out is through."

This Week at James Dixon

The Summer Term is always a bumper term here at James Dixon. Prepare yourselves for Health Week which includes Sports Day, Open House, Picnic and Proms, trips and visits and so much more!



Term Dates 2026 - 27



Term Starts

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Tuesday 1st September 2026
(Bank Holiday 31st August)

Monday 4th January 2027

Half Term

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October 2026

Monday 15th February 2027 - Friday 19th February 2027

Term Finishes

Tuesday 21st July 2026 @ 2pm

Friday 18th December 2026 @ 2pm


Thursday 25th March 2027


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
PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)




24 April 2026

 08:45AM - 09:45PM

 JD School Hall

 Join us online - link to be shared shortly

 Refreshments for those attending in person

Come along and
hear about:

- Our Fundraising success
- PTA initiatives- How we've supported your children
- Our plans for next year

If you have any questions or want to volunteer for the PTA please send us an email

jamesdixonpta@gmail.com

Fire Brigade Visit



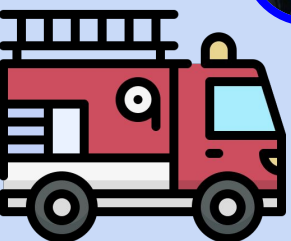
This week, Year 2 and Year 5 received a special visit from the London Fire Brigade.



We learned all about fire prevention, common hazards, and the vital importance of home smoke alarms.



A huge thank you to the LFB for helping to kick off the term with such important life skills.



Pupil Leadership

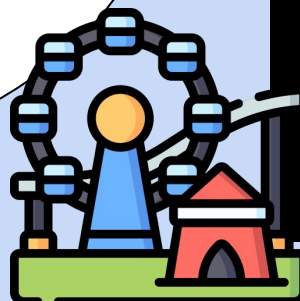
Hey James Dixon! How has your first week back at school been? Over the Easter holidays, I did a read-a-thon and read for over 7 hours in a day! Have a fantastic weekend - bye!



Hello JD! How was your term holiday? Well, I went to Dover and Cornwall! It's 268 miles away! It was an incredible trip. Bye!

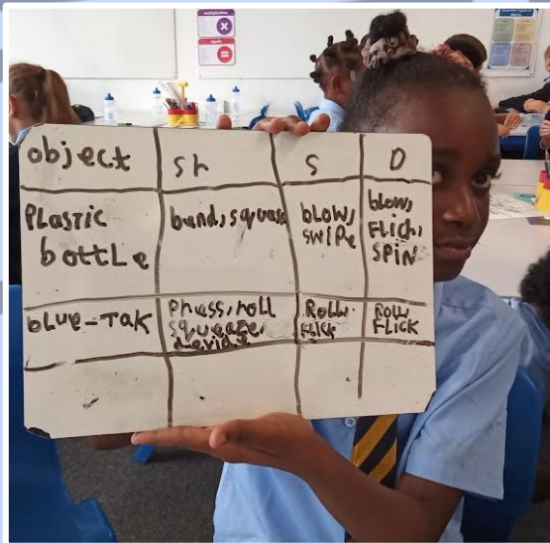


Hi JD! Hope you had an amazing Easter holidays. During the break me and my friends went to the Fun Fair in Crystal Palace Park! My favourite ride was toxic. Have a good weekend, byeee!



Friday 17th April 2026

Curriculum Focus - Expressive



In Expressive class we learn best through exploring, supporting each other and trying something new!

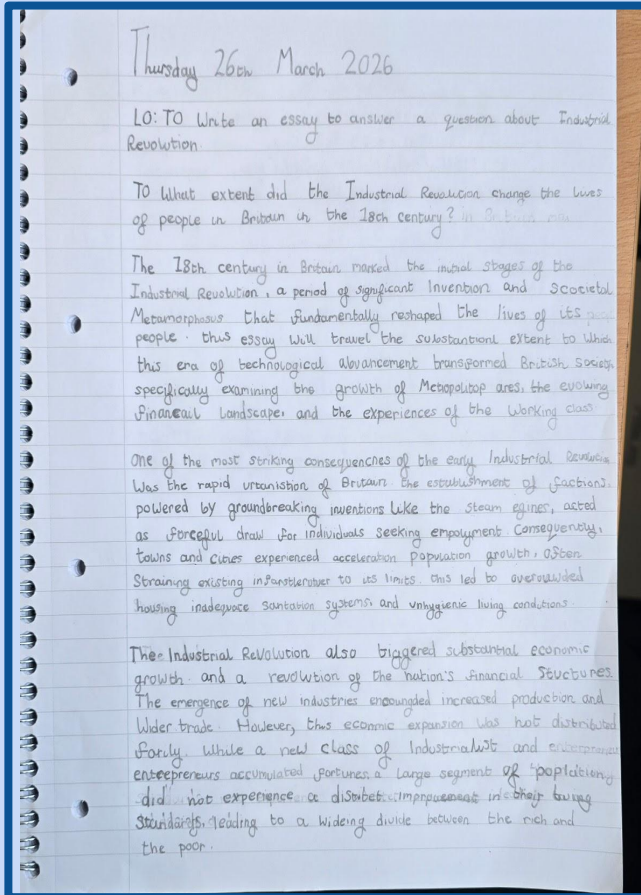




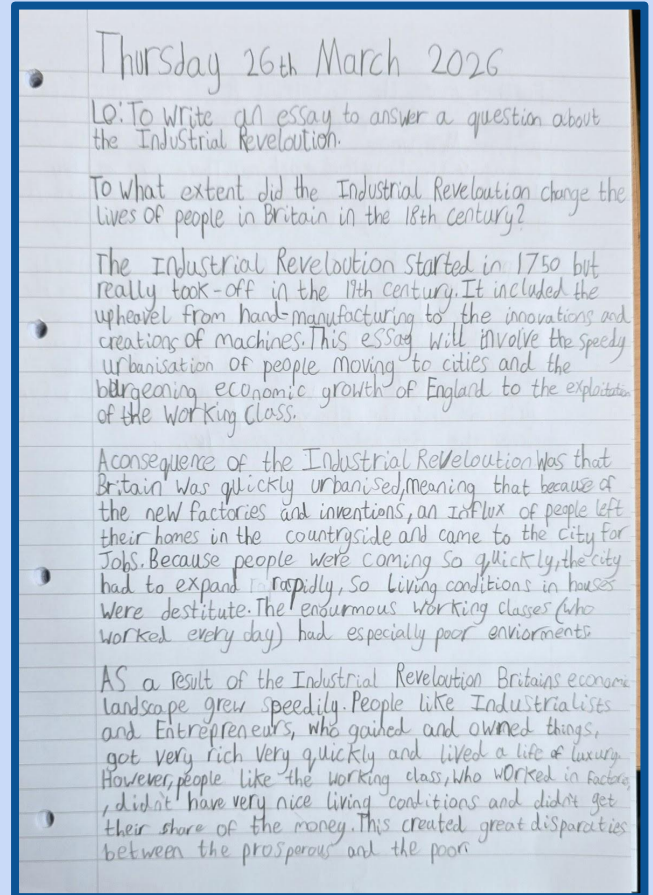
Exciting Writing!



An Essay by Livia in Year 5.

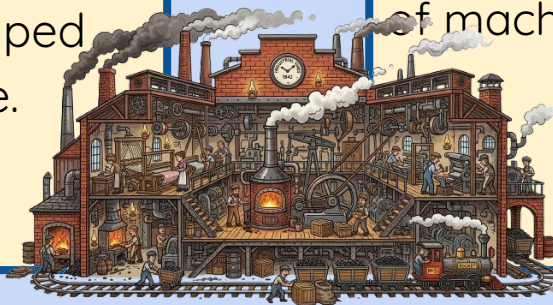


An Essay by Oscar in Year 5.



The 18th Century in Britain marked the initial stages of the Industrial Revolution, a period of significant invention and societal metamorphosis that fundamentally reshaped the lives of its people.

The Industrial Revolution started in 1750 but really took off in the 19th century. It included upheaval from hand-manufacturing to the innovations and creations of machines.



'...the Industrial Revolution changed people's lives...'

Sustainability

The Great Bug Hotel

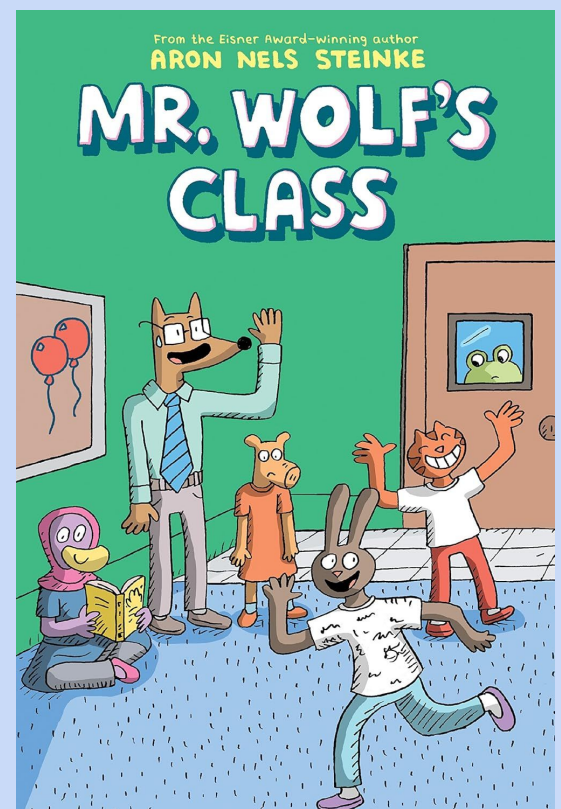
Spring is here! And the best part? You don't even need a garden to help nature.

Create a "Bug Bundle" using twigs and hollow stems tied with string. Hang it from a windowsill, balcony, or place it in a local park. These provide cozy homes for ladybirds and bees. How many tiny guests can you spot visiting your bundle this week? Let's help our neighborhood pollinators together!

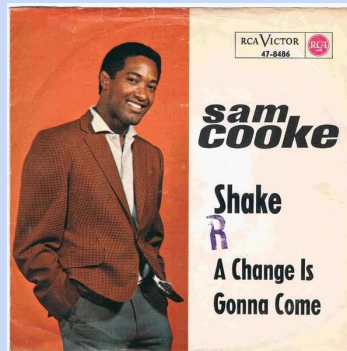


Book Recommendation

Mr. Wolf's Class is a humorous graphic novel series that warmly captures the everyday happenings in a Year 4 classroom. Mr. Wolf, a new teacher at Hazelwood Elementary, navigates the challenges and joys of his diverse group of students, each with their own unique personalities and quirks. The book delightfully portrays the relatable ups and downs of school life through engaging storytelling and lively illustrations. It's a charming series that celebrates friendship, understanding, and the often-unpredictable world of primary school.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Sam Cooke - A Change is Gonna Come

Genre: soul Composed in: 1963

A hopeful song about the fight for equality during the Civil Rights Movement. Inspired by his own experiences with racism, Cooke wrote the song to encourage hope that life would get better for African Americans, making it a timeless anthem for change

It is a song about overcoming hardship, having hope, and believing that positive change is coming, even if it takes a long time.

Online Safety

**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Simple Tips for a Smartphone-Free
Childhood

Model "Digital Silence"

Put your own phone away when you walk through the door. Show your child that you can be bored, read a book, or enjoy a hobby without constantly checking a screen.



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

95.9%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	95%
Adventurous	95%
Confident	96%
Honest	97%
Respectful	92%
Energetic	100%
Expressive	95%
Reflective	91%
Resilient	95%
Considerate	97%
Kind	97%
Capable	98%
Cooperative	95%

James Dixon
Primary




Next week's achievers

Stem

Honest	Katherine
Respectful	Nefeli
Energetic	Omar
Expressive	Abdurrahman
Reflective	Olivia
Resilient	Nora
Considerate	Arsam
Kind	Louie
Capable	Saafir
Cooperative	Raphael
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Louie & Joshua

Dates for your diary

<u>Monday 20th April</u>	<u>Tuesday 21st April</u>	<u>Wed. 22nd April</u>	<u>Thursday 23rd April</u>	<u>Friday 24th April</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>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club 3.00 pm</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>Tennis Club Yr 1-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6</p>	<p><u>Achievers Assembly</u> <u>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>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<u>Monday 27th April</u>	<u>Tuesday 28th April</u>	<u>Wed. 29th April</u>	<u>Thursday 30th April</u>	<u>Friday 1st May</u>
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<u>Monday 4th May</u>	<u>Tuesday 5th May</u>	<u>Wednesday 6th May</u>	<u>Thursday 7th May</u>	<u>Friday 8th May</u>
<p><u>BANK HOLIDAY</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>Tennis Club Yr 1-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Achievers Assembly</u> <u>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>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>



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Got a side hustle?
Have a skill?**



PICNIC & PROMS

WE NEED RAFFLE PRIZES!

HELP MAKE JD'S PICNIC & PROMS EXTRA SPECIAL!

We're looking for raffle prize donations!
Get your name in front of every JD family
this summer! Great exposure, amazing
cause. Win-win for you AND our kids!



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FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026





Did You KNOW?

**Raise money for the
James Dixon PTA
without lifting a finger!**

Every time you shop online, retailers donate a percentage of your spend directly to our school - at no extra cost to you. The more families who sign up, the more we raise together. Please download today!

Earn cash back AND raise funds for school with Squirrelled

Earn cash back on your everyday shopping - money you can save or spend — while Squirrelled automatically donates 40% of your cash back straight to James Dixon PTA. The average family could earn around £12,000 during their child's school years. You save money. We raise money. Just by shopping!



Turn your shopping into school funds with Easyfundraising

Shop with over 8,000 retailers - including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis and Booking.com - and they'll donate a percentage of your spend directly to James Dixon PTA. Whether it's groceries, holidays or school shoes, it all adds up. No extra cost. No effort. Just shopping you'd do anyway!



easyfundraising



Scan the QR Codes for more information or search 'Squirrelled' and 'Easyfundraising' in your app store today!

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
Primary



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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





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JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL

By running STEM workshops with us, you've helped us provide 5 days of education for abandoned and underprivileged children in India, giving them an opportunity to become well educated, responsible and contributing citizens of the country. Together, we've made a huge difference to Indian children, paving the way for a brighter future.

Laura

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