

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

NEWSLETTER



"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain."





JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Say hello to your 2026/2027 PTA COMMITTEE



Chair: Ella
Treasurer: Justyna
Co-Secretaries:
Annalisa, Bayly and Amy



This Week at James Dixon

A huge thank you to the PTA who funded the most inspirational junk model percussion workshop for our children this week. This event added to the rich musical experience that children get to enjoy at James Dixon.



Term Dates 2026 - 27

	 HELLO SUMMER	 HELLO AUTUMN	 HELLO SPRING
Term Starts	Tuesday 14th April 2026 <i>(Bank Holiday 4th May)</i>	Tuesday 1st September 2026 <i>(Bank Holiday 31st August)</i>	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

Junk Percussion Workshops



To celebrate Earth Day and as part of our ongoing commitment to be a sustainable school, every class took part in junk model percussion workshop. It was so much fun and some amazing music was created by all! Thank you to the PTA for your help funding this fantastic opportunity!



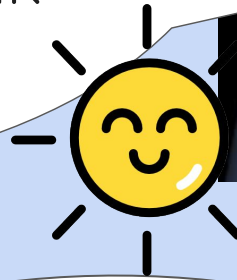
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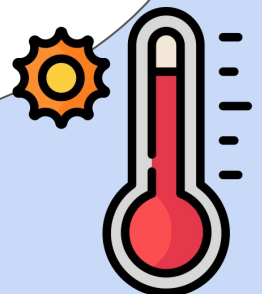
Yo! How have you been? Are you excited for the World Cup? Do you think England will win? I think France will! I also think Arsenal are going to bottle the league. But thats it from me!



नमस्ते (hello in Hindi) JD, how was your first week back ? It's the last term before summer break (only 92 days) Yay!



Hi JD, finally some nice weather is showing! Don't forget to drink plenty of water as it's getting warmer very slowly.

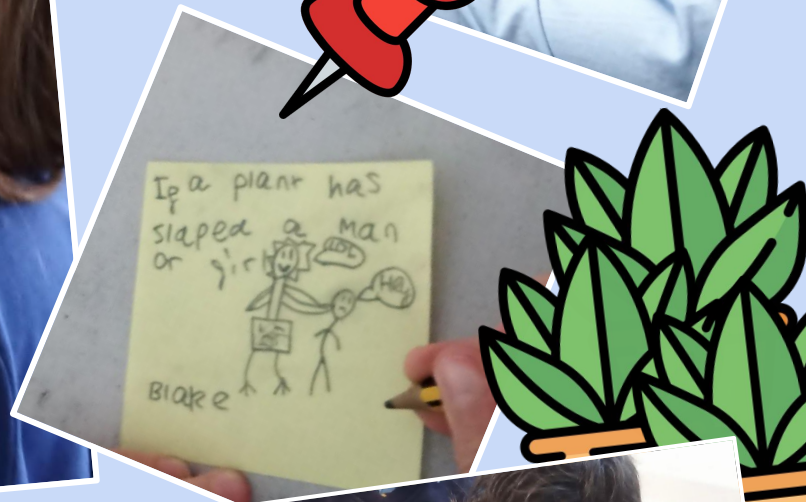
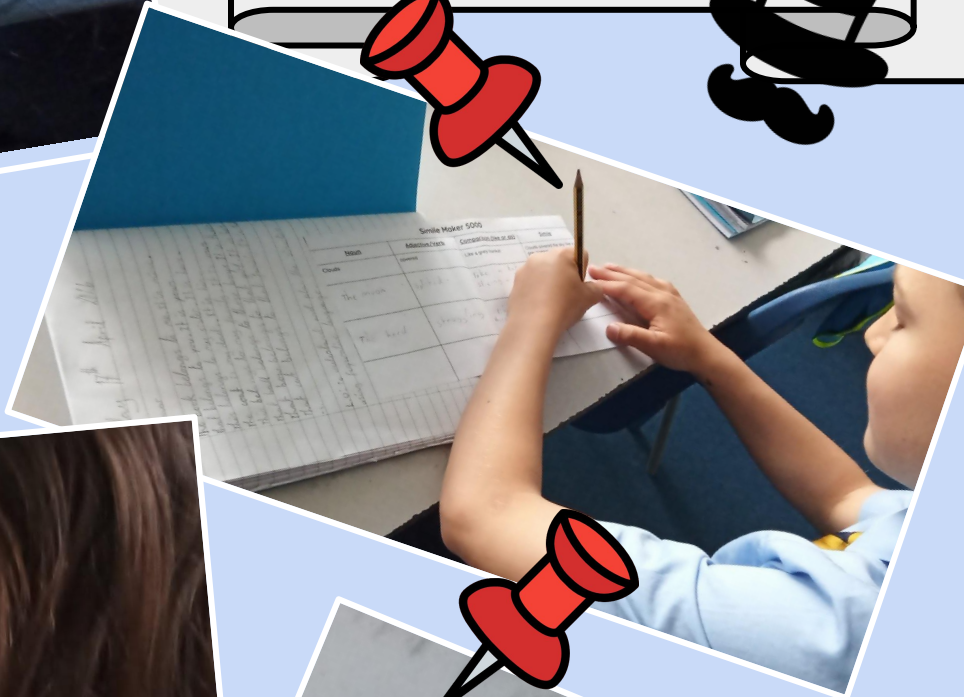
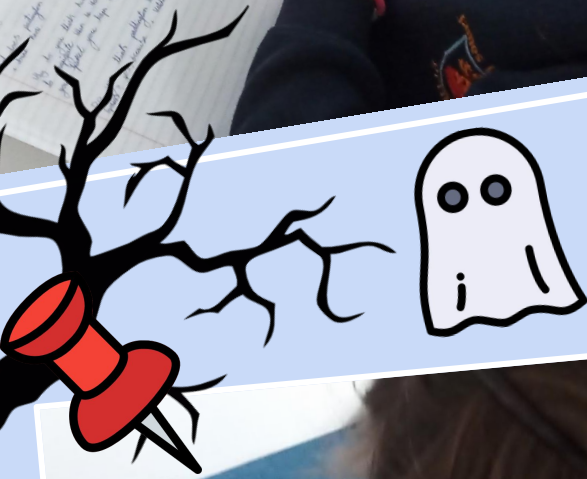


Friday 24th April 2026

Curriculum Focus - Resilient



In writing, Resilient class have been focused on describing their setting using an extract from 'Varjak Paw' (we didn't realise how spooky the Gentleman could be!)



In Science, we've been looking at 'Plants', answering questions on what we know about plants!

In DT, we've had a blast cooking away our DELICIOUS apple crumbles!





Exciting Writing!



A Biography by Monroe in Year 3.

Friday 27th March 2026

L.O: To write a biography.

Howard Carter: The Tomb Raider



Howard Carter was a famous Egyptologist, well known for discovering Tutankhamun's Tomb on 16th February 1923. Once he discovered the Tomb he found lots of shiny objects such as the Sarcophagus. It let Archaeologists learn more about Ancient Egypt. Did you know it wasn't discovered for 3,000 Centuries!

Early Life

Howard Carter was born in Kensington, London on the 9th of May 1874. His father was an artist so he was satisfied by making art. As a child, he was surrounded by Ancient artifacts and wonderful art paintings.

Discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb

Soon Howard began a career working as an Archaeologist. Eventually he started working for Lord Carnarvon who was very interested in Ancient Egypt. During the 4th November 1922 Howard's team started to dig. After Lord Carnarvon landed in Egypt on the 26th November 1922. He discovered the antechamber of Tutankhamun. Finally on the 16th of February 1923 he found a mysterious door and the door led to the burial chamber.

A Biography by Julian in Year 3.

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Howard Carter was a British famous Egyptologist and archaeologist, mostly known for his great, magnificent discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb, on 16th February 1923, in Egypt. Tutankhamun's old tomb was hidden for 3000 years! (It would be nice about Egypt)

Early life

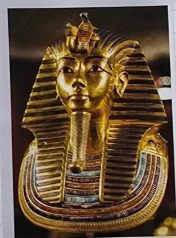

As a child, Howard was intrigued by Ancient Egyptian historical artefacts. His father (Samuel John Carter) was an artist and taught Howard to draw and paint beautiful paintings. When he was sixteen Howard got a job of creating sketches and diagrams of important Egyptian finds.

Discovery of Tutankhamun Tomb

Finally, Howard got a job as a notable archaeologist and he was employed by a rich man (Lord Carnarvon), who was intrigued in Ancient Egypt.

On the 4th November 1922 Howard's loyal water boy found a mouse stone, and Howard believed it was a top of some stairs.

26th November 1922 Lord Carnarvon arrived in Egypt and Howard makes a very whole in the stone.

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'...he was born in Kensington on 9th of May...'

Sustainability

Spot the Wildflowers

Instead of mowing, many parks are letting grass grow long for "No Mow May."

This allows dandelions and daisies to bloom—vital "fast food" for bees! On your walk to school, count how many different colors of wildflowers you can see in the verges or cracks in the pavement. Nature is everywhere if we just stop to look!



Book Recommendation

In Cath Howe's touching story, siblings Maya and Rose are struggling to get along after a family tragedy. When a school trip forces them to interact, the tension peaks, and they must face the "blame game" head-on.

We highly recommend this book as a powerful look at empathy, sibling dynamics, and responsibility. It's a beautifully written, realistic story that helps students understand that there are often two sides to every conflict. A perfect choice for learning the importance of communication and forgiveness.

CATH HOWE

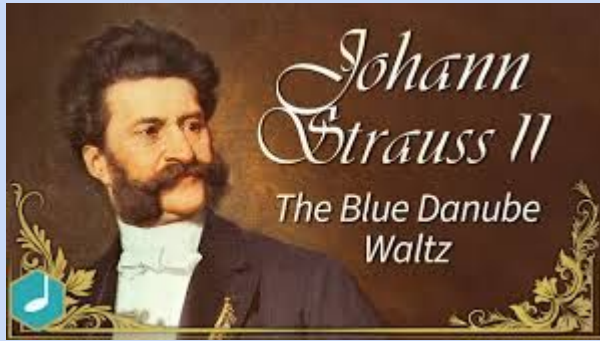


Not
MY
Fault

An uplifting story of family,
forgiveness, and finding out
who you are.

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CROW

Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Johann Strauss - The Blue Danube

Genre: Classical waltz Composed in: 1866

It is one of the most famous pieces of classical music in the world. You may recognise it as it is featured in film and TV. It was written by the Austrian composer Johann Strauss II. He was known as "The Waltz King" because he wrote over 150 waltzes during his life!

The song is named after the Danube River, which flows through 10 different countries in Europe. However, a scientist once tracked the river's colour for a year and found it was only "blue" for a very small number of days—most of the time it looks green, yellow, or even brown!

Online Safety

**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Simple Tips for a Smartphone-Free Childhood



Focus on "Why," Not "No"

Explain the benefits to your child about not having a smartphone in simple terms. Tell them, "We want your brain to have plenty of space to grow and play," rather than just making it a strict rule without a reason.

JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
GIVING YOU

A Big Thank You!

The PTA are sad to say goodbye to **Ian Long**, our brilliant Co-Secretary from November 2023 until April 2026. A huge Thank You to Ian, always a PTA supporter.

He was part of the team that created the first Quiz Night and the first Fireworks. He was our ticketing expert and singlehandedly ran two stalls during one Picnic and Proms! We'll miss his humour and brains at the meetings but glad that he'll be an active Dad at school for years to come.

Thank you Ian.



Weekly Attendance

96.5%

Be here every day, all day!

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	95%
Adventurous	92%
Confident	98%
Honest	95%
Respectful	96%
Energetic	100%
Expressive	97%
Reflective	94%
Resilient	97%
Considerate	96%
Kind	98%
Capable	99%
Cooperative	94%

James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Next week's achievers

Computing

Honest	Kye
Respectful	Cali-Mary
Energetic	Daniel
Expressive	Julian
Reflective	Malia
Resilient	Keiana
Considerate	Livia
Kind	Dylan
Capable	Aron
Cooperative	James
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Bella & AJ

Dates for your diary

<p><u>Monday 27th April</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 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 28th April</u></p> <p>Junior athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 29th April</u></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>Thursday 30th April</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly</u> 10.15 am (invitation only)</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 1st May</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Monday 4th May</u></p> <p><u>BANK HOLIDAY</u></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 5th May</u></p> <p><u>Year 3 to Natural History Museum</u></p> <p>Junior athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 6th May</u></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>Thursday 7th May</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly</u> 10.15 am (invitation only)</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 8th May</u></p> <p><u>Year 5 Local Area Walk</u></p> <p><u>Year 1 Crystal Palace Park trip</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Monday 11th May</u></p> <p><u>SATS WEEK</u></p> <p><u>Year 2 (Respectful) Library visit</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 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 12th May</u></p> <p><u>SATS WEEK</u></p> <p>Junior athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 13th May</u></p> <p><u>SATS WEEK</u></p> <p><u>Year 2 (Honest) Library visit</u></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>Thursday 14th May</u></p> <p><u>SATS WEEK</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 15th May</u></p> <p><u>SATS WEEK</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>

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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GROWTH 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

