

FRIDAY 1ST MAY

NEWSLETTER



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The very best gift of all
is having a friend

This Week at James Dixon



As the weather warms up this is a friendly reminder that we would like you to ensure that children wear sunscreen and hats (all labelled)

We provide fresh drinking water so one less thing to worry about every morning!

We will remind children to stay safe in the sun, please can you do the same.

Term Dates 2026 - 27



Term Starts

Tuesday 14th April
2026
*(Bank Holiday 4th
May)*

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

Keeping Up with JD!

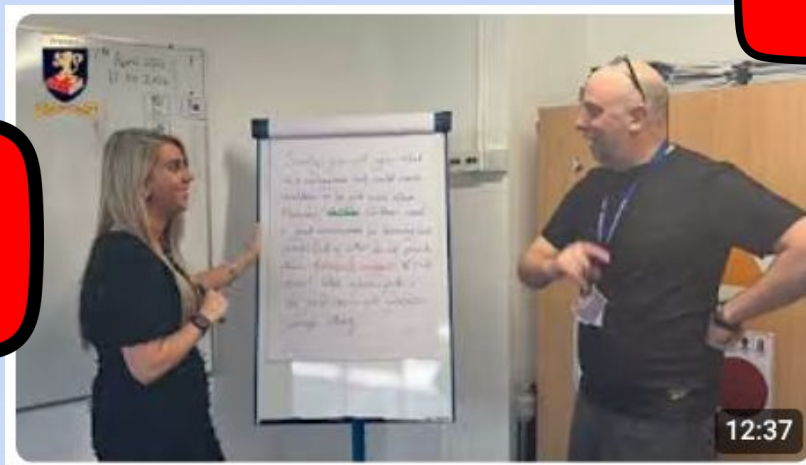
Please check out our YouTube Channel to see our latest videos. Links are on the photos:



LuxAi invited us to make a promotional video for QRobot.



Watch our Science Leads complete the cross Trust STEM challenge.



Has your child been telling you that the teachers have been cheating? Watch our 2026 Fitness Challenge video to make sense of the crazy accusations!

Pupil Leadership



Hey JD! How has your week been? Last Saturday, I went to Waterstones-Picadilly and got another 13 books including Fireborne; Rosaria Munda and The Knife of Never Letting Go; Patrick Ness! See you next week.



Namaste...This week there was RE day, it was Islam! RE day (Religious Education) is a way for us children to learn about other religions.

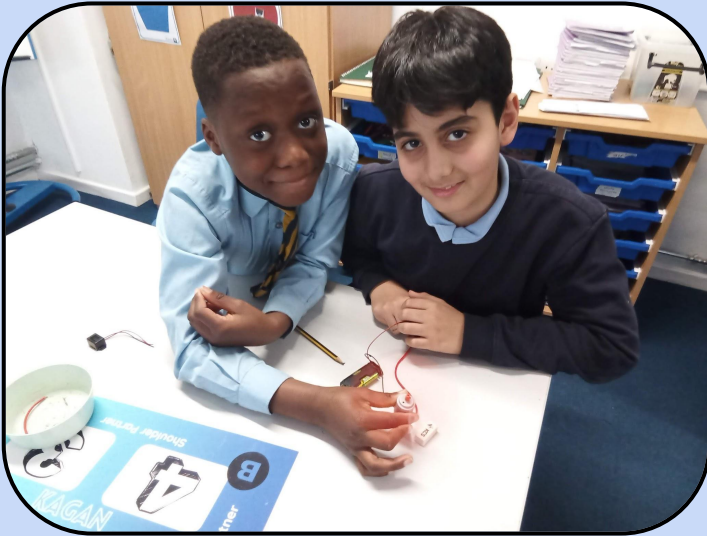


Hi JD! Hope you had an amazing weekend! I sure did! I went to Leicester to visit my great grandparents and helped my dad put in a new light! The next day we went out for lunch at The Swan, I've never laughed that much before! Anyway, I look forward to hearing about your fantastic weekends!



Friday 1st May 2026 :)

Curriculum Focus - Considerate



In Considerate Class this year, we've had great fun learning in so many different contexts.

From Art to Science and PSHE, we've managed to expand our learning outside of the classroom and beyond.



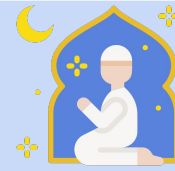
We love learning in an fun and explorative way, helping each other to achieve our goals.



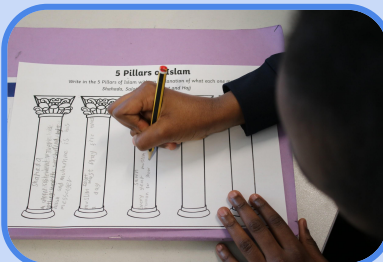
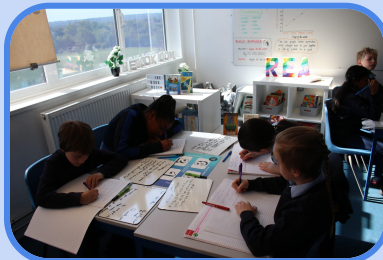
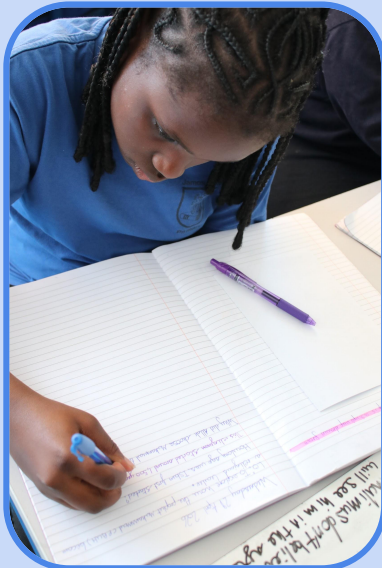
RE Day!




Islam



This terms RE focus is Islam. On Wednesday, all of the children in years 1 - 6 learnt about different aspects of Islam. We started the day off with an assembly led by Omar Taha. He taught the children all about the special journey of Hajj. There was lots of excellent learning happening across the school, it was great to see so many different tasks and activities.





**Know a local business?
Got a side hustle?
Have a skill?**



PICNIC & PROMS

WE NEED RAFFLE PRIZES!

HELP MAKE JD'S PICNIC & PROMS EXTRA SPECIAL!

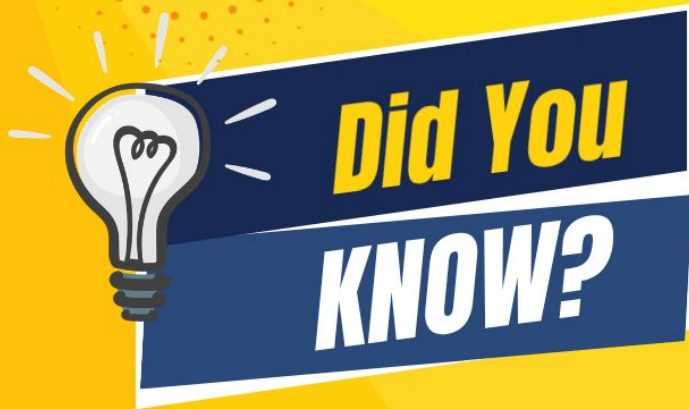
We're looking for raffle prize donations!
Get your name in front of every JD family
this summer! Great exposure, amazing
cause. Win-win for you AND our kids!



PICNIC & PROMS

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026





**Raise money for the
James Dixon PTA
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What's on Crystal Palace Park

MAY



Photo Credit: Historic England

> Family fun

Fossils day

Geological Court | Drop-in | Free
Thursday 28 May, 10:00 - 12:30

Fossils day workshop

Geological Court | Ticketed | Free
Thursday 28 May, 13:30 - 14:30

DinoMania tour

Geological Court | Ticketed | Free
Saturday 30 May, 11:00 - 15:00

> Good times

Sunday Market

Grand Centre Walk | Free
Every Sunday, from 10:00

Boating Lake

Tidal Lakes | Paid
Saturday 28 March - Sunday 12 April, 10:30 - 17:00

Stand-up at the Subway

Subway | Ticketed | Paid
Thursday 21 - Sunday 24 May
various timings

Sunday Sounds

Concert Platform | Free
Sunday 17, 24, 31 May
14:00-16:00

> Wellbeing

ParkBathe

Park wide | Ticketed | Free
Saturday 2 May, 14:00 - 16:30

ParkRun

Park wide | Drop-in | Free
Every Saturday, from 09:00

Junior ParkRun

Park wide | Ticketed | Free
Every Sunday, from 09:00

Crystal Palace Crits

Park wide | Ticketed | Paid
Tuesdays 5 May - 9 June
17:00 - 20:00

Crystal Palace Triathlon

Park wide | Ticketed | Paid
Sunday 10 May, 8:30 - 15:00

Pilates class

Concert Platform | Ticketed | Paid
Saturday 2, 16, 23 May
9:00 - 10:00

> Discover

Subway open day

Subway | Ticketed | Free
Saturday 9 May, 10:00 - 13:00

Tree walk

Geological Court | Ticketed | Free
Saturday 18 May, 11:00 - 13:00

Handmade Palace Art & Craft Market

Subway | Paid
Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 May
10:00 - 13:00



Photo Credit: Lisa Rose Photography

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Find and book tickets:

www.crystalpalaceparktrust.org



Sustainability

The Zero-Waste Snack

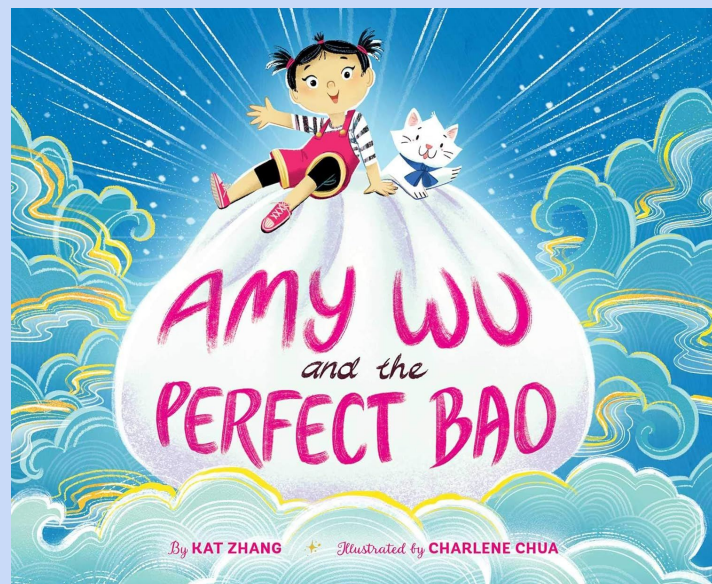
The return of the sunshine usually means more snacks taken outside.

Can your family try a "Zero-Waste Treat" this week? Swap pre-packaged crisps for fruit, or use a reusable tub instead of cling film. If everyone in our school avoided just one piece of single-use plastic, we'd prevent hundreds of items from entering the bin. Small changes make a massive difference!



Book Recommendation

In Kat Zhang's delightful story, Amy struggles to master her family's steamed bun tradition. Her messy, leaky attempts transform into a heartwarming lesson on perseverance and resilience. Paired with Charlene Chua's vibrant illustrations, this book celebrates cultural heritage and creative problem-solving. It's a wonderful reminder for students that "perfect" doesn't have to be flawless—it just needs to be made with your own two hands!



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Creedence Clearwater Revival - Fortunate Son

Genre: rock

Composed in: 1969

The song is about fairness. It argues that rich people often make decisions to start wars, when it is not them who have to fight them. "Fortunate Son" refers to the sons of wealthy, powerful people who used their family connections to get out of military service. It was written during the Vietnam War, a time when many young men were drafted to fight,

Online Safety

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Simple Tips for a Smartphone-Free Childhood

Team Up with Parents

Talk to your child's friends' parents. If the whole group agrees to wait until a certain age (like 14) to get smartphones, no one feels left out, and the social pressure disappears.



Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

96%

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

James Dixon
Primary



Next week's achievers

French

Honest	Aya
Respectful	Victoria
Energetic	Ruby
Expressive	Isla
Reflective	Conrad
Resilient	Louange
Considerate	Violet
Kind	Ilham
Capable	Jaxon
Cooperative	Lexie
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Ronan & Briella

Dates for your diary

<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><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>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 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>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>
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James Dixon
Primary



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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Respect our neighbours

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