

FRIDAY 8TH MAY

NEWSLETTER



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**“A smile is the universal
welcome.”**

This Week at James Dixon

Uniform Reminder

Hairstyles:

Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk.

Make-up:

James Dixon Primary School does not consider make-up, **including nail polish** appropriate and pupils are not permitted to wear any such products;



Term Dates 2026 - 27

			
Term Starts	Tuesday 14th April 2026	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

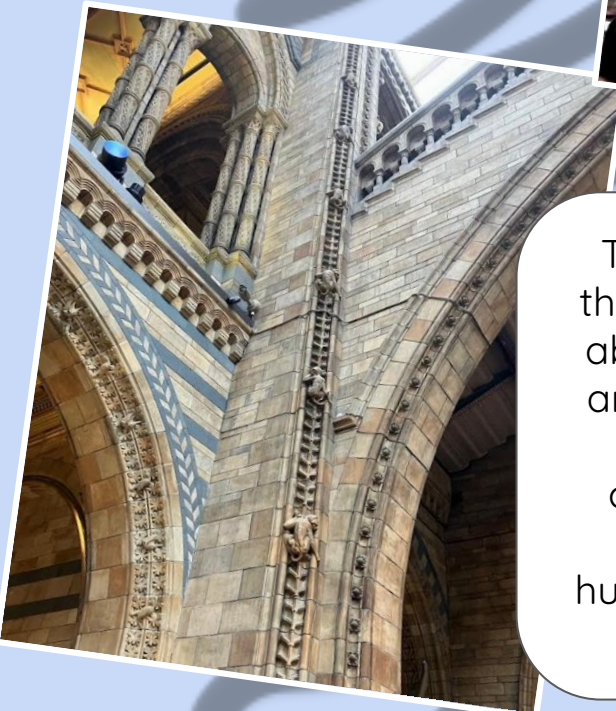
Year 3 Natural History Museum



The day after Bank Holiday Monday, Year 3 ventured deep into the heart of South Kensington to the wonderful destination of the Natural History Museum.



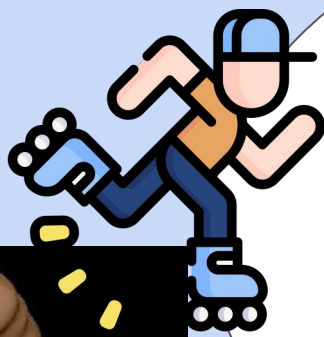
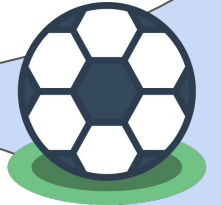
The children had a great time bringing their science learning to life as they were able to look at different birds, mammals and aquatic life. There was even a quick stop at the Neanderthals where the children got to see the skeleton of the Cheddar Man! A famous mesolithic hunter-gatherer who the children learned about back in the Autumn term!



Pupil Leadership



你好 (hello in chinese) JD, how are you? How was your bank holiday monday? I had the best Saturday ever, Ipswich Town were promoted !



Hey everyone! How has your weekend been? I just started to learn how to roller skate. I've been practising in the park for 2 days and I've already learnt how to slide and spin!



Yo JD! How have you been? Did you enjoy bank holiday Monday? Anyways, did you watch Man United vs Liverpool? 3-2! Man United are in the champions league now and I will be going to some of the games at Old Trafford! Anyways. bye. Enjoy your week.



Curriculum Focus - Capable



Even though we've been working hard all year to prepare for our SATs, in Capable class, we still try to make sure we have fun and enjoy our learning!

You can't be serious ALL the time!





Exciting Writing!



A Narrative by Olek in Year 3.

Friday ^{15th} May 2016
Lotto present and share our writing.

The Everlasting Gobstopper Room

The electrical door opened automatically. The children's eyes shot out like golf balls, they simply stood and stared.

They were looking upon high tech creations. On either side were shelves upon shelves of strange ingredients for making gobstoppers.

Right in front of them were magical looking computers which were constantly whirring. There were lots of buttons and images on the little screens of the computers. Next to the computers was a machine that destroyed gobstoppers.

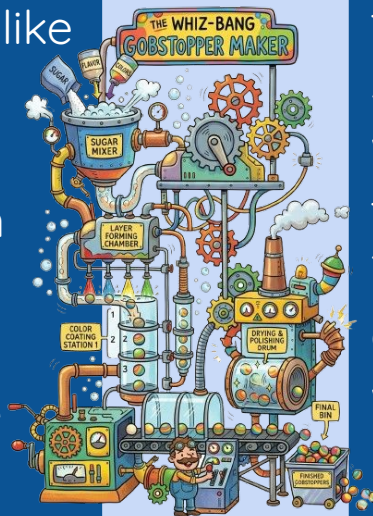
Suddenly, their eyes darted towards a giant tanker with billions of multi colored gobstoppers fill to the brim. High up above, was a pipe that sucked gobstoppers, with a loud swoosh and ~~it~~ stacked them into cardboard boxes. In fact pipes were all around the room like snakes curling around its prey. Out of nowhere a strange, sweet smell drifted towards them.

Their jaws hit the floor.
"Does it actually change flavour?"
"Can I have one?"

Questions shot out (like bullets) from a machine

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They were looking upon high tech creations. On either side were shelves upon shelves of strange ingredients...



A Narrative by Fraser in Year 3.

The Everlasting Gobstopper Room

The large, metallic door slid down automatically and the children let out a shocked gasp in unison. Oh what a flabbergasting sight that now met their eyes!

They were looking in upon a gobsmacking machine with a range of colours inside. On either side there were thousands of jars ~~was~~ assorted by colour, multi-coloured gobstoppers stacked up inside. And along the bottom, the grated mesh floor let in strange whirring sounds.

What is more there was a mass of large pipes coming out of large ~~so~~ out of the miraculous machines, shooting miniature gobstoppers into jars. Above the clinking of the glass jars, they could hear the sound of the pipes shooting the gobstoppers into jars at the speed of a falcon.

High up above them, magnificent skylights shone down on the gleaming, metal surfaces all around them. In the distance they could hear the sound of traffic on the road. Above the noise of the traffic they could hear the never ending clink-clink clinking sound of the pipes pouring gobstoppers into jars at the speed of a rocket. Through the holes in the floor a rich fruity aroma drifted up their noses making their mouths water.

Their eyes popped out of their sockets. They were frozen in motion but their
"What do they taste like?"
"How do you make them?"
Questions poured ~~shot~~ out at the speed of lightning

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'...their eyes popped out of their sockets...'

Sustainability



Step Into Spring

Did you know that May is National Walking Month? It's the perfect time to ditch the car or hop off the bus a stop early. Walking, scooting, or wheeling to school keeps the air around our classroom clean and fresh.

If you live far away, try "Park and Stride"—park 10 minutes away and enjoy a short spring stroll to the gates!

Book Recommendation

This is a heartwarming picture book that celebrates the bond between a young girl, Farah, and her grandfather through their shared love for his mango tree. Every summer, Farah eagerly anticipates picking the ripe, juicy mangoes. However, one year, the tree bears no fruit, leaving Farah disappointed. The story beautifully illustrates the love and the magic of finding wonder in the world around us, highlighted by vibrant and expressive artwork.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

The Script - Hall of Fame

Genre: pop/rock

Composed in: 2012

Written and performed by Irish band The Script, featuring American rapper will.i.am who you might recognise from The Voice. It has become an uplifting anthem known for its motivational lyrics about perseverance and pursuing dreams. The idea that anyone can become a "master" through dedication rather than just luck ties in nicely with our focus this term.

The song is widely used for motivational contexts, such as sports tributes and montages

Online Safety

**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

Simple Tips for a Smartphone-Free
Childhood



Use "Low-Tech" Links

If your child needs to call you after school, give them a basic "brick" phone or a kids' GPS watch. These allow for calls and texts but don't have apps or internet browsers.

Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

96%

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

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Dates for your diary

<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>Trip to Crystal Palace Park Yr 6</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p>PTA Summer Bake Sale 3.00 pm</p>
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SUMMERTERM BAKE SALE

**NEXT FRIDAY 15TH MAY
3PM AT THE PTA STALL**

DO LABEL
your bakes if:
Gluten/Dairy Free,
Halal or Vegan



**ALL ITEMS
50P OR £1!**


**WE NEED
LOTS OF
BAKED
DONATIONS
PLEASE!**



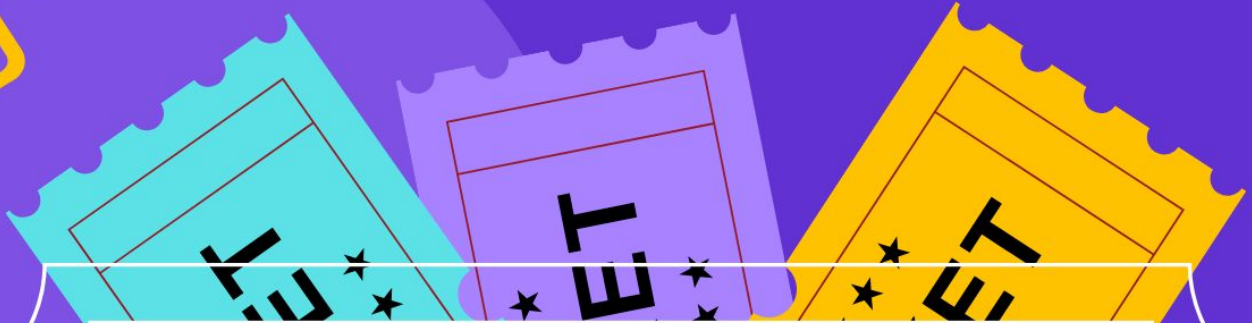
**Bring your NUT FREE bakes to
the school office in the morning**

Cash/Card* Accepted

*Please note: Minimum card payment is £2



**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!

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FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026



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.

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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

