

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

# NEWSLETTER



**“Hard work beats talent  
when talent doesn’t  
work hard.”**



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# This Week at James Dixon

It's been Year 6 SATs week here at JD and across the country. That means unusually quiet corridors and the sound of deep thinking.

Our Year 6 pupils have been as amazing as always - calm, organised and ready for a challenge. Congratulations Year 6. We couldn't be prouder.



## 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**

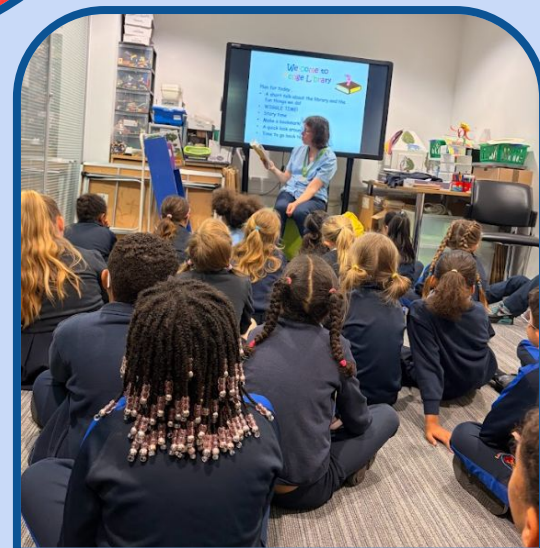
Tuesday 21st July  
2026 @ 2pm

Friday 18th December  
2026 @2pm

Thursday 25th  
March 2027

# Year 2 - Penge Library

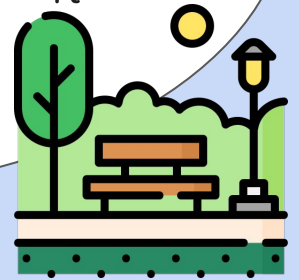
On Monday and Wednesday Year 2 had a great time visiting Penge library. The librarian spoke to the children about the many fun activities the library has to offer as well as the wide range of books they can borrow free of charge. If you haven't already, go and give it a visit with your child. They offer some wonderful sessions for your children during the school holidays and weekends. The children can borrow up to 25 books at one time once you have joined.



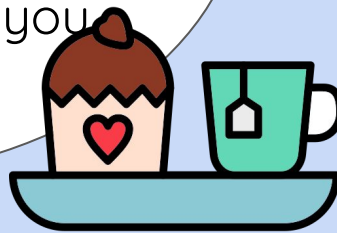
# in in in Pupil Leadership



こんにちは (Hello in Japanese) This Week, Year 6 is going to the park – Crystal Palace – It will be so fun!



Hey JD, how has your week been? Last weekend, Mrs Salisbury went for afternoon tea and went on a boat! Sounds like fun, see you next week!



Hii JD! As your teachers have told you, Year 6 have been doing SATS all week, apart from Friday, where we went to the park for the day! Hope you had an amazing week and have a lovely weekend.



Friday 15th May 2026

# Curriculum Focus - Curious IN

## Living and Growing

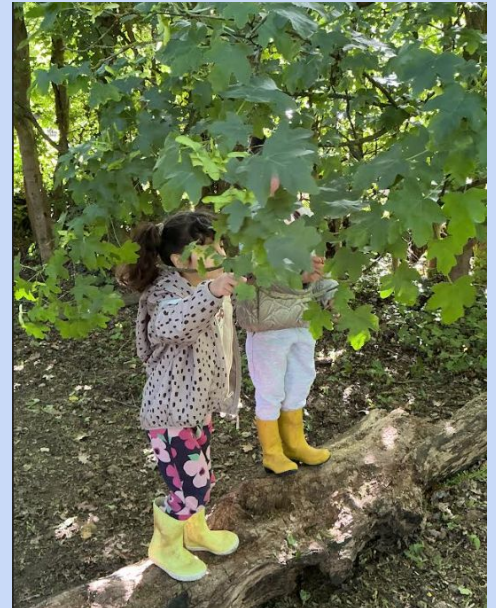
Our topic this term is Living and Growing which has been perfect to do in Spring when nature starts coming to life. We have been visiting Forest School every week to see all the new life that is blooming, growing cress, sunflowers and runner beans in our classrooms and outdoor learning environments. We have even taken a dying plant from Mr Entwistle's office and are bringing it back to good health by pruning, watering and even talking to it.



Taking care of 'Minty.'



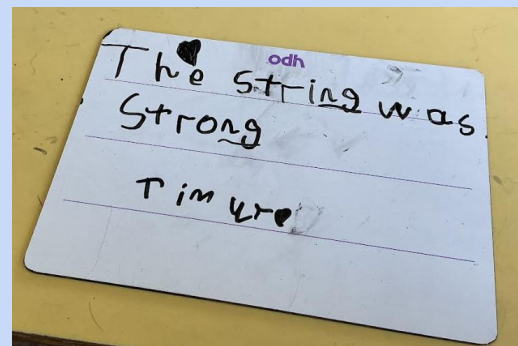
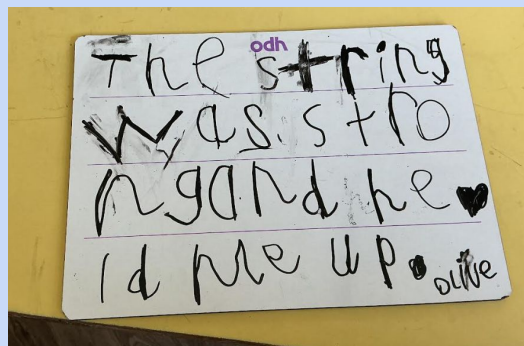
Building dens.



We used a tree as a musical instrument.



Hide and seek in Forest School.



Using our experiences in Forest School to inspire our writing.

# Year 1 - Crystal Palace Park

Last week, Year 1 took a lovely, sunny walk down to Crystal Palace Park.



The children had a great time looking at and drawing lots of different plants and minibeasts which they have been learning about in class.



After this, we all headed down to the playground for some well-earned fun!

# Year 5 - Local Litter



Last week, Year 5 stepped out into the streets of Anerley to become geographers! Armed with books and tally charts, the children explored the local streets to track the amount of litter in our area.

They did a fantastic job collecting data and identifying hotspots where rubbish tends to build up. Back in the classroom, we'll be using these results to create graphs and discuss how we can all help keep our neighborhood clean.





# FRIENDS OF BETTS PARK

OPEN DAY  
SAT 16 MAY 2026

11:30 to 3:00

PLANT SALES

SECRET GARDEN TOURS

MUSIC

**12:00 OBELISK PLAQUE UNVEILING**

PROJECT TOURS ALL AFTERNOON  
(STARTING AT THE OBELISK)

COME ALONG TO FIND OUT WHAT'S  
GROWING ON IN BETTS PARK!

# Sustainability



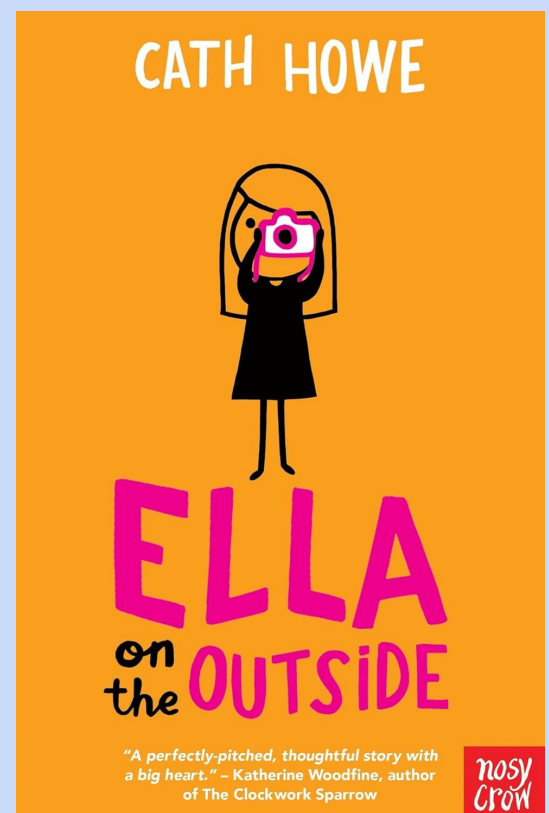
## Every Drop Counts

We know that most plants love a drink, but we must use water wisely! Use "leftover" water from washing veggies or your cooled pasta water to feed indoor pots or window boxes.

If it rains, put a bucket outside to catch the drops for your plants. It's a great way to recycle water and keep our green friends happy!

# Book Recommendation

This is an insightful novel that explores the difficulties of fitting in and finding your voice. Ella, a quiet eleven-year-old, feels invisible at school and carries a secret that isolates her further. When a new girl, Lydia, arrives, Ella is unexpectedly drawn into Lydia's world, forcing her to confront her fears and the truth she's been hiding. The story sensitively navigates themes of bullying, friendship, and the courage it takes to step outside the shadows and embrace your true self, offering a compelling portrayal of a young girl's journey towards self-acceptance.



# Composition of the Week



## K'naan- Wavin' Flag

Composed: 2009  
Genre: *reggae fusion*

[Click here to listen](#)

Somali-Canadian K'naan is a Somali- Canadian artist. It is best known for becoming the official promotional anthem for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

*What do you think these lyrics mean? 'When I get older, I will be stronger, They'll call me freedom, just like a waving flag'*

# Online Safety

## SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Simple Tips for a Smartphone-Free Childhood

### Set Phone-Free Zones

Make specific areas of the home, like the dinner table and bedrooms, strictly tech-free. This ensures that family time remains focused on conversation and that sleep isn't disrupted by screens.

# LET'S EAT!



James Dixon Presents the return of...

# FUNDAY MONDAY

**WONDERFUL WELLBEING**  
**EXCITING ECO FUN**  
**PLUS THE RETURN OF...**  
**JD'S GOT TALENT!**

## 15TH JUNE

***Got a secret talent?***  
***Auditions will take place the***  
***first week back after half term***

***These can be individual***  
***or part of a group***

***DETAILS TO***  
***FOLLOW SOON!***

- Talent Ideas:
- Comedy
  - Magic
  - Impressions
  - Sport skills
  - Gymnastics
  - Dance routine
  - Sing
  - Recite a poem

# Weekly Attendance

*Be here every day, all day!*

95%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	93%
Adventurous	98%
Confident	98%
Honest	96%
Respectful	96%
Energetic	95%
Expressive	97%
Reflective	93%
Resilient	91%
Considerate	98%
Kind	94%
Capable	99%
Cooperative	100%

James Dixon  
Primary



# Dates for your diary

<p><u>Monday 18th May</u></p> <p><b>Health Week</b></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 19th May</u></p> <p><b>Health Week</b></p> <p>Junior athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p> <p><u>Reception Writing Workshop 3.15 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Wed. 20th May</u></p> <p><b>Health Week</b></p> <p>Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 21st May</u></p> <p><b>Health Week</b></p> <p><u>SPORTS DAY</u> <u>EYFS/KS1 am</u> <u>KS2 pm</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>Reception Writing Workshop 3.15 pm</u></p>	<p><u>Friday 22nd May</u></p> <p><b>Health Week</b></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Monday 25th May</u></p> <p><b><u>HALF TERM</u></b></p>	<p><u>Tuesday 26th May</u></p> <p><b><u>HALF TERM</u></b></p>	<p><u>Wed. 27th May</u></p> <p><b><u>HALF TERM</u></b></p>	<p><u>Thursday 28th May</u></p> <p><b><u>HALF TERM</u></b></p>	<p><u>Friday 29th May</u></p> <p><b><u>HALF TERM</u></b></p>
<p><u>Monday 1st June</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 2nd June</u></p> <p><u>Year 3 trip to the Velodrome</u></p> <p><u>Year 5 Open House 1.30 pm onwards</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. 3rd June</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 4th June</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 5th June</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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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**

