

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE

# NEWSLETTER



“Parents are our  
earliest teachers,  
biggest cheerleaders,  
and lifelong anchors.”



# This Week at James Dixon



Our assembly focus for this term is on change as we head towards the end of the academic year.

When trusted adults initiate open conversations about transitions—whether as small as a new school year or as significant as a family move—they provide a **psychological anchor** that prevents our children from drifting into anxiety.

***Growth is optional. Change is inevitable.***

## Term Dates 2026 - 27

	 HELLO SUMMER	 HELLO AUTUMN	 HELLO SPRING
<b>Term Starts</b>	Tuesday 14th April 2026	Tuesday 1st September 2026 <i>(Bank Holiday 31st August)</i>	Monday 4th January 2027
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026	Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October 2026	Monday 15th February 2027 - Friday 19th February 2027
<b>Term Finishes</b>	Tuesday 21st July 2026 @ 2pm	Friday 18th December 2026 @2pm	Thursday 25th March 2027

# Year 5 Open House

On Tuesday, Year 5 welcomed parents & carers into school for our Open House event.

The children were able to show off their learning since September while also treating their adults to some skipping and steel pan skills.

Thank you to all the parents & carers that were able to attend. It was great to see so much pride in the room.



# Pupil Leadership

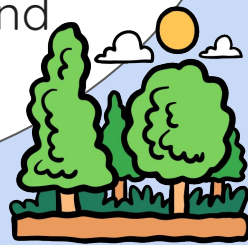


Hola (hello in Spanish), How are you, did you have a good holiday? I went up north, I can't spell the town I went to, but it was cool. So Verabschiedung (bye in German).

Hello everyone! What did you get up to in your holidays? I went to Bromley yesterday, and got a manga.. Anyway, I hope you had a AMAZING holiday!



Γειά σου (Hello in Greek!)  
Firstly, how was your holiday? Mine was fun... I woke up at 10:00 AM!!  
Secondly, Year 6 is starting forest school! Forest school is a time where you can explore the wilderness and enjoy yourself!



Friday 5th June 2026

# Curriculum Focus - Respectful



# Year 3 Velodrome

Year 3 had an exciting visit to the Herne Hill Velodrome. On the same track used for the 1948 Olympics, we learned to balance, pedal and glide.



Some of us knew how to ride and went straight to the track.



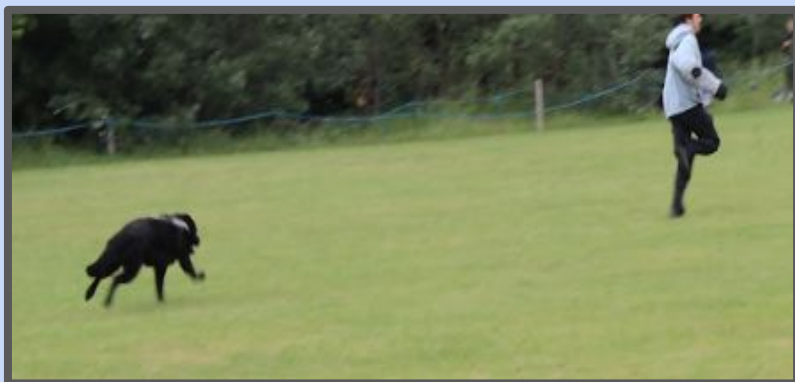
Some of us needed to learn how to stay up!



All of us made progress and had a fabulous time!

# Year 2 Police Dog Visit

Year 2 were lucky to have a visit from the police and their canine friends. The officers demonstrated how the dogs are trained to assist in criminal investigations and protect the public. We all attempted to beat the police dog in finding the evidence that had been planted on the field! Thank you so much to the officers for giving up their time. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and learned so much.



Change is coming. Click this link to ensure that your child does not miss out on their entitlement:

## 2026-27 School Meals Application - James Dixon



# FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

## Important Changes from September 2026

### MORE CHILDREN CAN NOW QUALIFY

From September 2026:

- All families receiving **Universal Credit** can apply
- More children will now be eligible for **Free School Meals**

### ELIGIBILITY EXPLAINED

#### Targeted Support

Households on Universal Credit earning **£7,400 or less** per year

#### Expanded Support

Households on Universal Credit earning **over £7,400** per year

### IMPORTANT CHANGE

All other Free School Meal protections will **end in July 2026**

- Every child must be reassessed before the new school year**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

- Complete a short application form **for each child**
- Use the link provided by your child's school

### KEY DEADLINE

 **17 JULY 2026 - Apply by this date to guarantee processing**

**before term starts**

### NEED HELP?

Speak to your child's school for your application link

- Email: [fsm@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:fsm@bromley.gov.uk)



**JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**



**PLEASE START  
COLLECTING**



**EMPTY, CLEAN  
JAM JARS**

**AND CONTENTS**



**AHEAD OF**



**Picnic & Proms**

**IN JULY**


## **What is a Jolly Jar?**

Jolly Jars are medium and large jam jars, with lids, that parents and carers fill up at home with a mix of fun treats for children and donate to the PTA for Picnic & Proms.

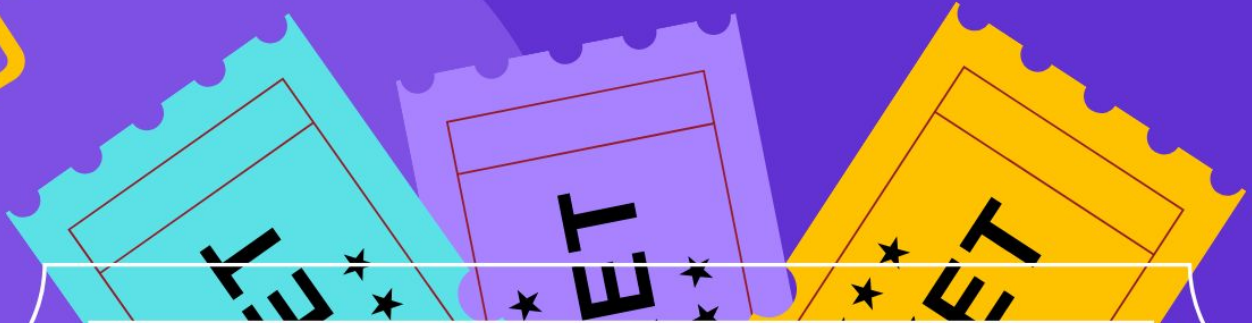
These might include wrapped sweets (no nuts), unused small toys, stickers, hair clips, stationery, keyrings, stamps and more. They can be decorated with stickers, ribbons, drawings, but don't have to be.

At Picnic & Proms we will have a stall where children pay £1+ to pull a ticket out of a box. They then match their ticket to a Jolly Jar and enjoy the treats.





**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**



# Sustainability

## Reef-Safe Sunshine

When staying safe in the sun, did you know some sunscreens contain chemicals that harm ocean life? This summer, try looking for mineral sunscreens. They use natural ingredients like zinc oxide to protect your skin while keeping our oceans and rivers clean for fish and sea creatures. Let's protect ourselves and our planet together!



# Book Recommendation

The "Britannica First Big Book of Why" is an engaging and accessible introduction to a wide range of topics, designed for young, curious minds. Bursting with vibrant illustrations and simple, clear explanations, this book answers hundreds of "why" questions that children commonly ask about the world around them. From scientific phenomena and animals to everyday objects and human behavior, it encourages a love of learning and discovery by satisfying natural curiosity in an entertaining and informative way.



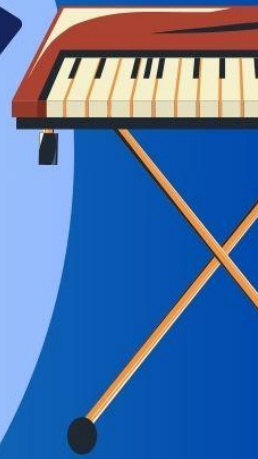
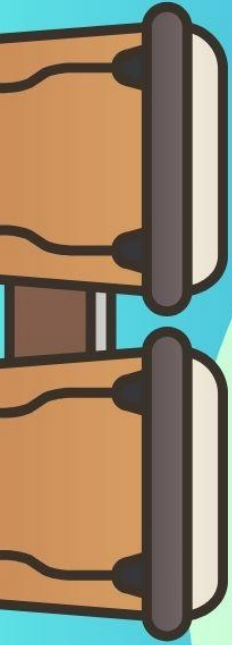
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STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

# PICNIC & PROMS

Friday 10th July, 3pm - 4.30pm on our school field  
Bring a picnic blanket, relax and enjoy family fun,  
ice cream and performances



# Composition of the Week

[Click here to listen](#)



## Tim Minchin - Revolting Children

Composed: 2010 Genre: Musical

Originally written for the 2010 West End stage production. The show is based on Roald Dahl's classic Matilda, originally written in 1988.

The show was so successful it spawned a hit live action film! The song serves as the climactic conclusion of the children's rebellion. It is famously performed in the school's corridors!

*Have you seen the film or show? What is your favourite song if you have?*

# Online Safety



Pinterest

Pinterest is a social media app, where users can share images and videos. Users can browse through the images based on their stated interests.

If your child is using Pinterest, it is important to show your child how to use the blocking and reporting tools.

There is content on Pinterest that is not suitable for young people to see. Also, did you know that there is a messaging element to it, so your child could be interacting with strangers?



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

93%

*Be here every day, all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	93%
Adventurous	87%
Confident	91%
Honest	98%
Respectful	94%
Energetic	94%
Expressive	98%
Reflective	89%
Resilient	94%
Considerate	91%
Kind	94%
Capable	97%
Cooperative	93%

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# Next week's achievers

## Reading

**Honest**

**Charlotte & Emmanuel**

**Respectful**

**Kwansima**

**Energetic**

**Reign & Zion**

**Expressive**

**Iman**

**Reflective**

**Melissa**

**Resilient**

**Amber**

**Considerate**

**Marni**

**Kind**

**Caleb**

**Colourful Class  
Star of the Week**

**Ezra & Keely**

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STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

# Dates for your diary

<p><u>Monday 8th 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-Yr 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 9th June</u></p> <p><u>Year 3 Open House</u> <u>1.30 pm</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. 10th 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 11th June</u></p> <p><u>Year 6 trip to Junior</u> <u>Citizenship Scheme</u></p> <p><u>Achievers Assembly</u> <u>10.15 am (invite 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>Friday 12th June</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
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# 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



# RISING STARS

GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

REGISTER NOW

DISCOVER. DEVELOP. SHINE.

NEW BEGINNER CLASSES AVAILABLE



♥ A FUN, FRIENDLY AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERY CHILD CAN REACH FOR THE STARS!

## SATURDAY'S

- 1:00–2:00pm (Reception - year 2)
- 2:00–3:00pm (year 3 - 5)
- 3:00–4:00pm (year 3 - 5)
- 4:00–5:00pm (year 6+)



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## SUNDAY'S

- 11:30–12:30pm (Reception - year 2)
- 12:30–1:30pm (year 3 - 5)

SPACES ARE LIMITED!



GYMNASTICS COACHING



FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES



SKILL DEVELOPMENT



TEAM CHALLENGES



CONFIDENCE BUILDING



MAKE NEW FRIENDS