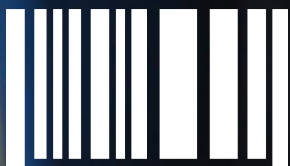


FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

# NEWSLETTER



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“People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing.”

# This Week at James Dixon

Not long to go! Picnic and Proms is a chance for you and your family to come along and chill out on our beautiful field, and listen to our children perform. You could also buy an ice cream, get your face painted, play some games all whilst raising money for our school. **FRIDAY 10TH JULY, 3PM**



## Term Dates 2026 - 27

					
<b>Term Starts</b>	Tuesday 14th April 2026		Tuesday 1st September 2026 <b>(Bank Holiday 31st August)</b>		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

**CRYSTAL  
PALACE  
PARK  
TRUST**

*Festival*  
**REPUBLIC.**  
presents

# CRYSTAL PALACE COMMUNITY CONCERT



**JD Steel Orchestra 16:30 - 16:55**

**Thursday 02 July 2026  
Doors 16:00 Close 21:00**



**a celebration of  
the local community  
at Crystal Palace Park**



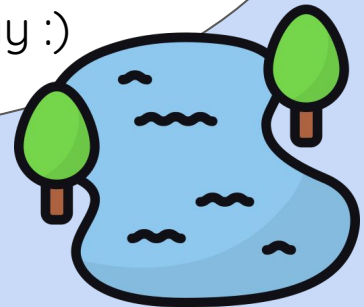
**REGISTER  
FOR FREE  
TICKETS**

# Pupil Leadership

Hello JD, On Monday we had JDs Got Talent! This is a time where you can express yourself and show others what talents you have to offer!



Hi JD! By the time you're reading this Yr 6 would've have gone to they're residential trip to Norfolk Lakes! While at Norfolk yr 6 have got super fun activities like kayaking, axe throwing and lots more. See you guys when were back on Monday :)



Hey JD! How has your week been? We had Funday Monday earlier on and did loads of cool activities such as the school chill out session and JD's Got Talent! Everyone did so well performing! Year 6 are on residential this weekend - see you on Monday.



**Friday 19th June 2026**

# Curriculum Focus - Reflective

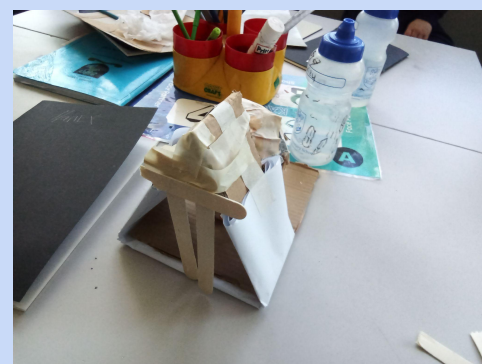


In year 4, we all dressed up as different characters from our favourite books on world book day!

In DT, we have created our own cushions and looked at different types of stitching techniques like a back stitch, whip stitch and running stitch.



We celebrated STEM week by making rockets! We also learned about their impact on the Earth, looking at both the pros and the cons for climate change.



# Fun Day Monday!

## ECO ART



## CLOUD SPOTTING



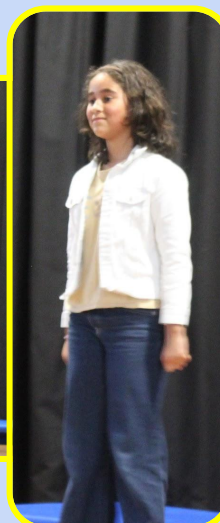
## WHOLE SCHOOL CHILL



# JD's Got Talent



We were treated to some incredible performances this week as part of JDGT. It was hard to choose a winner but our Children's champion this year was B-Boy Logan! HUGE congratulations to everyone that auditioned and our amazing finalists.

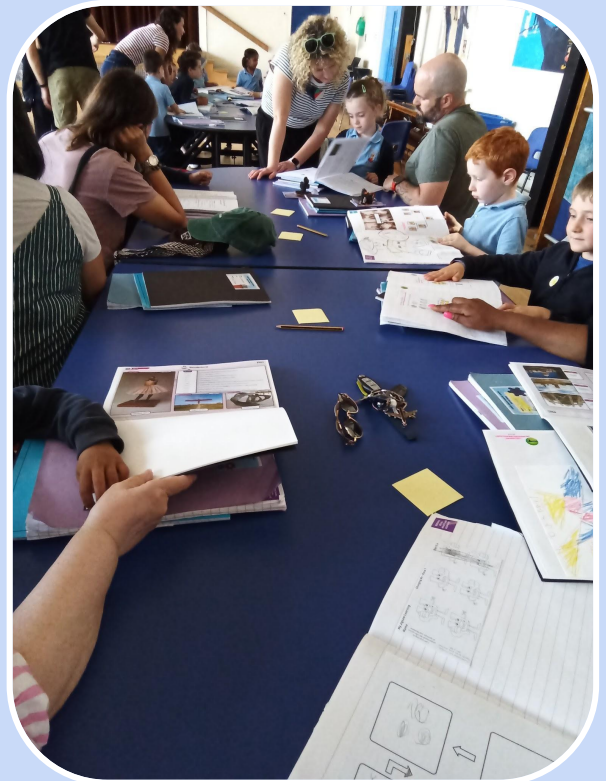


# Year 1 Open House



On Tuesday, we welcomed parents and carers into school for our Year 1 Open House.

The children really enjoyed being able to show off and celebrate their learning and hard work from this year, while also giving a lovely performance!



Thank you so much to all the parents and carers that were able to attend. It was lovely to see the children so proud of their work!



# Steel Orchestra



On Wednesday, James Dixon's Steel Orchestra delivered workshops and a concert to pupils at Manor Oak Primary School in Orpington. This is what a member of staff had to say about the James Dixon pupils:

*"The steel orchestra's performance was out of this world. Seeing 19 children work as a team and create magnificent music has fully restored my vision that every child should have the chance to play music within a group. Manor Oak children were buzzing and had a super day. I was questioned endlessly in the corridor about you coming again and please can we have steel pans!"* Amanda Butler

# Year 4 Coombe Woods

On a drizzly Wednesday morning, Year 4 headed down to Coombe Gardens!



With summer in full swing, Year 4 ventured into the heart of the Gardens on a quest to sketch and identify different types of plants and trees! The afternoon became that much more splendid when the Sun broke through the clouds!

# Sustainability

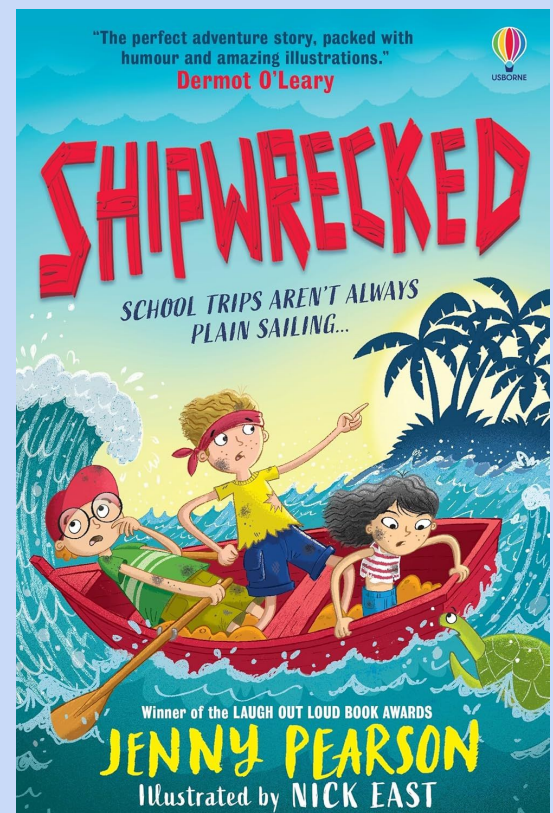
## The Reusable Heatwave

Staying hydrated in summer is super important! Buying single-use plastic water bottles on day trips creates a mountain of plastic waste. Can you make it a family habit to grab your reusable bottles before leaving the house? You can use free apps like "Refill" to find places to top up your water for free on the go.

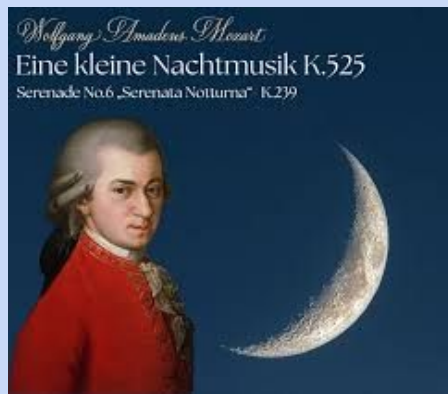


# Book Recommendation

"Shipwrecked" by Jenny Pearson follows Sebastian Sunrise and his two best friends, Lina and Étienne, after a disastrous rowing race leaves them stranded on a desert island in the Pacific Ocean. Their attempts at survival, from fending off jellyfish to battling a mischievous goat, are hilariously chaotic. But when pirates arrive, threatening the island's baby turtles, the friends must band together and face their greatest danger yet in this funny, heartwarming adventure about resilience and friendship.



# Composition of the Week



[Click  
here to  
listen](#)

## Eine Kleine Nachtmusik - Mozart

*Composed: 1787*

*Genre: Classical*

One of the most famous and recognisable classical compositions by Mozart.

Composed in Vienna in 1787 while he was working on his opera *Don Giovanni*, the German title translates to "a little night music."

It consists of 4 movements and the original recording consisted of a chamber group of two violins, a viola, cello, and double bass.

# Online Safety

**How can I stop my child from accessing a game they are not old enough to play?**

**Nintendo** – restrict software by age so if you restrict to 10+, games with that rating or above cannot be played by your child.

**Xbox / PlayStation** – set an age limit so anything that exceeds that age rating must be approved.

**Apple / Google (Family Link)** – restrict your child from installing apps, allowing you to review before approving all purchases.



# Weekly Attendance

95%

*Be here every day, all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	99%
Adventurous	90%
Confident	96%
Honest	98%
Respectful	95%
Energetic	92%
Expressive	96%
Reflective	92%
Resilient	97%
Considerate	91%
Kind	95%
Capable	94%
Cooperative	94%

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# Dates for your diary

<u>Monday 22nd June</u>	<u>Tuesday 23rd June</u>	<u>Wed. 24th June</u>	<u>Thursday 25th June</u>	<u>Friday 26th June</u>
<u>Year 6 Residential Trip</u>  Little Coders Yr 1-2 3.00 pm  Mini athletics Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm  Nature Makers Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm  Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm  Football Club 3.00 pm	<u>Year 4 Open House 1.30 pm</u>  Junior athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm  Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm	Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am  Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm  Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm	Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm  Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm  Steel Pan Club Yr 3-4 3.00 pm	<u>Year 6 trip to Chessington</u>  Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am
<u>Monday 29th June</u>  <u>Drumming Club performance to parents 9.00 am</u>  Little Coders Yr 1-2 3.00 pm  Mini athletics Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm  Nature Makers Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm  Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm  Football Club 3.00 pm	<u>Tuesday 30th June</u>  <u>Year 5 trip to Young V&amp;A</u>  <u>Year 2 Open House 1.30 pm</u>  <u>Preschool to Crystal Palace Park</u>  Junior athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm  Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm	<u>Wed. 1st July</u>  <u>Year 2 Trip to Littlehampton</u>  <u>Preschool to Crystal Palace Park</u>  Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.45 am  Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm  Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm	<u>Thursday 2nd July</u>  <u>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (selected parents)</u>  Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm  Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm  Steel Pan Club Yr 3-4 3.00 pm	<u>Friday 3rd July</u>  Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am
<u>Monday 6th July</u>  <u>Year 4 to Maritime Museum</u>  Drumming Club Performance to Parents 9.00 am  Little Coders Yr 1-2 3.00 pm  Mini athletics Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm  Nature Makers Rec-Yr 1 3.00 pm  Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm  Football Club 3.00 pm	<u>Tuesday 7th July</u>  <u>Year 3 to Velodrome</u>  <u>Year 5 Victorian Day</u>  Junior athletics Yr 2-3 3.00 pm  Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm	<u>Wed. 8th July</u>  Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm  Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm	<u>Thursday 9th July</u>  Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm  Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm  Steel Pan Club Yr 3-4 3.00 pm  Steel Pan Club Performance to Parents 3.50 pm	<u>Friday 10th July</u>  Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am  <b><u>Picnic &amp; Proms 2.00-5.50 pm</u></b>

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**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.



# PICNIC & PROMS

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

NO VOLUNTEERS. NO STALLS.  
IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

10 JULY 2026 | 3-5PM

Can you help? Respond to your Year Rep today!

Reach out via Whatsapp or email  
([jamesdixonpta@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdixonpta@gmail.com))



# Wednesdays & Fridays just got **SWEETER!**

Get ready for *Picnic & Proms*  
Look out for us after school  
at the PTA stall!



**£1 ICE LOLLIES**

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

£1 a ticket £10 for 11.



**£5 POCKET MONEY  
CARDS**



**PICNIC & PROMS**  
Friday 10 July

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Campaign  
to Protect  
Rural England

CENTENARY

## CPRE Kent's Art Competition 2026

In celebration of the charity's centenary and, of course, the fabulous and threatened Kent countryside, we are running an art competition.

Could you be the artist behind our next range of charity greeting cards?

Original pieces of artwork which depict the unique qualities of the Kent countryside, it's wildlife, beauty and threats and which also highlight our centenary year, are welcome. Any 2D medium is acceptable (watercolour, oil painting, drawing etc). Digital creations are not permitted.



We have 3 categories:

Ages 7 - 11 (KS2)

Ages 12 - 16 (KS3)

Ages: 16+ to Adult



The winning image from each category will be printed as our new range of charity greeting cards and will be on sale from 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026 (our 'Love Your Countryside' event day at Leybourne Lakes).

To enter, send a high quality image of your artwork to [info@cprekent.org.uk](mailto:info@cprekent.org.uk)

Closing date: Fri 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026.



Artwork will be judged by the CPRE Kent Board of Trustees. Judges decision is final. Staff and/or Trustees are not allowed to enter and will not be part of the judging if relatives / friends enter.

The winners will receive one free box of cards each otherwise boxes of cards will be on sale for CPRE Kent whilst stocks last. CPRE Kent will have the right to share the image and reprint as needed but will always reference the winning artist. The winners and their artwork will also be shown in our autumn/winter Kent Countryside Voice magazine.