

Friday 25th September

NEWSLETTER



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"The best thing to hold
onto in life is each
other."

This Week at James Dixon

This week our parents parking illegally and blocking driveways has prompted an email of complaint.

We teach our children that we are part of a community and the importance of respect.

We would encourage everyone to leave enough time to be able to park and stride to and from school each day and to park with respect for our neighbours.



Term Dates 2025



Term Starts

Tuesday 1st
September

Monday 4th January

Tuesday 13th April

Half Term

Monday 19th
October to Friday
30th October

Monday 15th February
to Friday 19th February

Monday 31st May to
Friday 4th June

Term Finishes

Friday 18th
December at 2:00pm

Thursday 25th March at
2:00pm

Thursday 22nd July

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**





Pupil Leadership



Hi everyone, I'm Isaac your Pupil Principal! Thank you for taking your time to vote for me as your future Pupil Principal. Let me tell you a bit about how I became a pupil principal. First we wrote our speeches during English and then the whole year 6 went into the same room and read them out. Next the teachers narrowed it down to 12 people. Those 12 people had the opportunity to read their speech in front of the whole school, then it was up to them to decide who they wanted as the pupil principal. Finally on Monday in assembly, they revealed who became them.



Hi, I'm Ilham, your new deputy for 2026. I'm absolutely honored that you all took consideration and actually noticed me out of 12 people, that is a very very huge achievement. I'm over the moon!! I am excited to make assemblies entertaining with a touch of humor so you will be excited and hopefully say 'Yes, assembly my favourite!' instead of saying 'Welp, another day, another back ache.'

Hello JD! My name is Areeb and I can't believe that I have managed to become a pupil principal! When Mr Minnott called my name in the assembly this Monday! And now I'm here. For those who voted for me, I'll give a HUGE thanks, but don't worry if you didn't, those who you voted for will still say thanks. Also, the promises I made in my speech, I will try to make true. Now, I will have to say goodbye!



Hi everyone, Kiara here, I'm one of your new pupil principals and I am so thankful to those who voted for me. I can't wait to lead your assemblies! Just remember you voted for me so I could help you so don't be shy to ask a question. Have a great weekend.

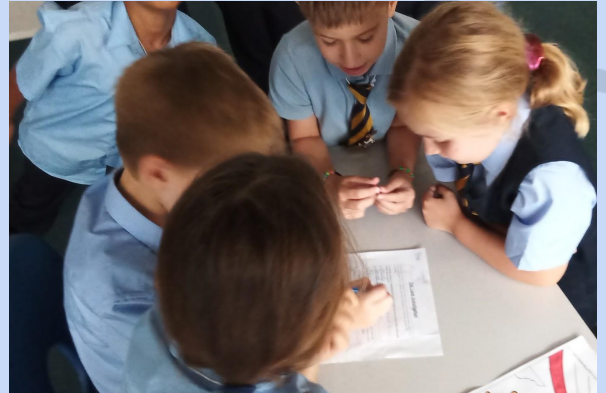


Curriculum Focus - Geography

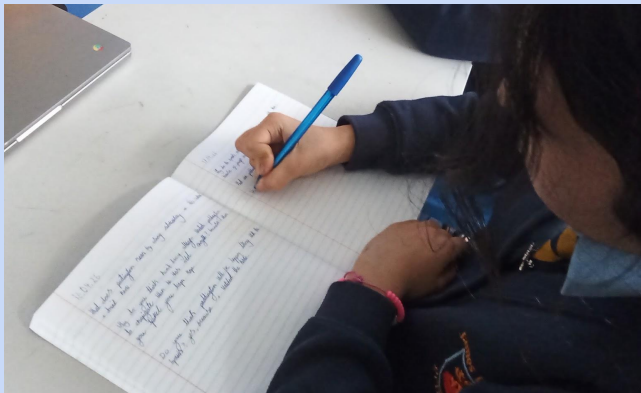
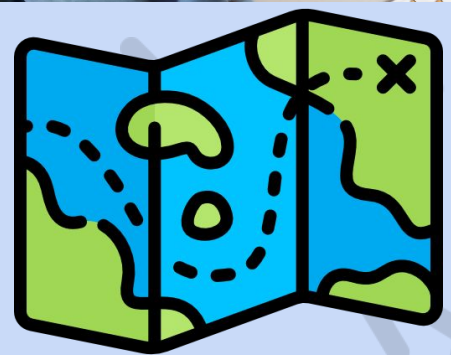
At James Dixon we follow the Primary Knowledge Curriculum for our Geography lessons in KS1 & KS2.

This term we are focusing on Spatial Sense!

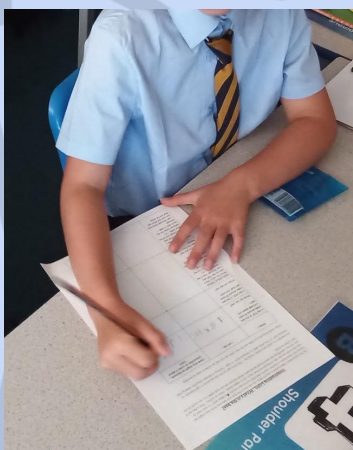
Pupils learn to orientate themselves in space using simple cardinal directions (North, South, East, West).



Children explore their immediate surroundings, creating and reading simple maps of the classroom, school grounds, and local area using basic symbols and keys.



Pupils develop grid-referencing skills and learn to read map symbols, keys, and compass points with increasing confidence.



Using atlases, globes, and digital mapping tools, children identify countries, major cities, continents, and oceans while understanding scale and perspective.

Year 5 - Horniman Museum

Year 5's Exciting Trip to the Horniman Museum!

This week, Year 5 visited the Horniman Museum to bring our science topic on **Evolution and Adaptation** to life!

During our hands-on workshop, the children stepped into the shoes of evolutionary scientists. Working directly with real museum specimens—including badgers, crocodiles, horns, and shells—they investigated how different physical features help animals survive and thrive in their environments.



Adaptation



What We Discovered:

- **Teeth & Skulls:** Comparing carnivores and herbivores to see how jaw structures adapt to diet.
- **Camouflage & Defense:** Examining scales, fur, and shells to understand how animals shield themselves from predators.
- **Specialised Traits:** Exploring how beak shapes and limb structures have evolved over thousands of years.



Exciting Writing!



This week, I am showcasing a selection of opening scenes from Year 5. The children are writing narratives, and these extracts show how they've begun to hook the reader from the very first line.



Powerful Narrative Openings

Three examples of exciting writing from our young authors.



Nora T from Resilient Class

"Liam, why are we doing this?" Amelia whispered, shivering as they stood outside the gates. Amelia stared into the inky, black, ethereal void. Silence filled the air and fog flowed like the ocean around them...

"Liam why are we doing this?" Amelia whispered, shivering as they stood outside the gates. Amelia stared into the inky, black, ethereal void. Silence filled the air. Fog flowed like the ocean around them. Leaves blew into the icy, misty forest. Amelia's heart raced in her chest. She could hear Liam's words. She tried not to move. A misty, dark, and scary forest. Liam walked into the forest excitedly and smiled widely. "What are you doing? Come on you scared cat!" said Liam looking at Amelia as they walked into the darkening path.

Huroon A from Resilient Class

"I don't think this is a good idea," said Amelia. She looked at the foggy, cloudy sky and the dark light. Underneath their feet, leaves had fallen off the tree as the wind hugged them through the past...

"I don't think this is a good idea," said Amelia in the darkness quiet distance at a muddy alleyway. She said looked at foggy and cloudy sky and the dark light. Underneath the feet leaves fell down off the tree as the wind hugged them through the past. Amelia gets goosebumps as rain drops on her face. "Stop being a loser!" said Liam as he walks in the dark opening looking at a purple skin on Amelia's face.

Aidan L from Resilient Class

"I have a bad feeling about this," Amelia whispered shakily. The silence was deafening. Her lips were trembling as she couldn't get her words out...

"I have a bad feeling about this," Amelia whispered shakily. The silence was deafening. Her lips were trembling as she couldn't get her words out. The cold breeze, the silence was deafening as an abominable growl. Her lips were trembling as she couldn't get her words out.



More brilliant writing coming soon!



Keep writing - your work could be featured here next week.



Sustainability

Sustainable Fashion & Repair

The world produces over 100 billion new items of clothing every year, and vast amounts end up in landfill long before they are worn out.

Before buying new autumn clothes or winter coats, check if existing items can be passed down, swapped with friends, or given a simple repair. Fixing a small hole in a jumper or sewing a fun badge over a tear in a jacket keeps clothes in action for much longer. It saves money, reduces textile waste, and gives well-loved clothes a whole new life.

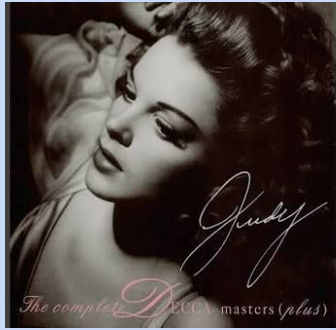


Book Recommendation

A big hit in Year 3 as recommended by Felix in Expressive class! Erin Hunter's **Warriors** graphic novel brings the world of wild cat clans to vibrant life. Following Rusty, an ordinary house cat who ventures into the forest, the story pulls him into a fierce struggle for survival. Packed with action and prophecy, bold artwork and fast-paced storytelling make this dynamic adaptation an exciting read for new and longtime fans alike.



Composition of the Week



[Click here to listen](#)

Judy Garland - I Got Rhythm

Genre: jazz/showtune

Composed in: 1942

This musical piece has an arrangement that builds from a bright, traditional big-band introduction into a fast-paced, rhythmic jazzy number.

Judy Garland was an actress and a singer, and she performed this song as part of a musical film called Girl Crazy whilst dancing!

Did you know? Judy Garland played Dorothy in the original Wizard of Oz movie!

Online Safety

What do I need to be aware of?



Algorithms

Algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme.

Unwanted contact / cyberbullying

Particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.

Excessive Screen time

Particularly due to the autoplay feature.

Adverts

They may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

Weekly Attendance

Every School Day Matters
96%

Class	Attendance %
Curious	97%
Imaginative	98%
Innovative	95%
Adventurous	97%
Confident	97%
Honest	99%
Respectful	96%
Energetic	95%
Expressive	98%
Reflective	94%
Resilient	96%
Kind	97%
Considerate	92%

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Next week's Achievers

Writing

Adventurous	Jasmin
Confident	Cavell
Honest	Stanley
Respectful	Emir
Energetic	Harvir
Expressive	Aymen
Resilient	Rita
Reflective	Marley
Considerate	Sofia
Kind	Isaiah
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Bella & Keeleigh

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 28th Sept

Year 2 trip to Betts Park

Year 4 Energetic Class Swimming

Nature Makers Club 3.00 pm

Drama Club Year 1-3 3.00 pm

Football Club all years 3.00 pm

Mini Athletics Rec-Year 2 3.00 pm

Tuesday 29th Sept

Year 4 Energetic Class Swimming

Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm

Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm

Monday 5th Oct.

Nature Makers Club 3.00 pm

Drama Club Year 1-3 3.00 pm

Football Club all years 3.00 pm

Mini Athletics Rec-Year 2 3.00 pm

Tuesday 6th Oct.

Year 4 Expressive Class trip to Stambourne Woods

Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm

Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm

Monday 12th Oct.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Nature Makers Club 3.00 pm

Drama Club Year 1-3 3.00 pm

Football Club all years 3.00 pm

Mini Athletics Rec-Year 2 3.00 pm

Tuesday 13th Oct.

Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm

Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm

Wednesday 14th Oct.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTO DAY

PARENTS EVENINGS

Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 3.00 pm

Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm

Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm

Wednesday 30th Sept

Year 4 Energetic Class Swimming

Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 3.00 pm

Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm

Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm

Thursday 1st Oct.

Year 4 Energetic Class Swimming

Achievement Assembly 10.10 am (invited parents only)

Creative Writing Club Year 3-6 3.00 pm

Taekwondo club all years 3.00 pm

Steel Pans Club Year 3-4

Thursday 8th Oct.

Harvest Festival

Reception to Crustal Palace Park

Creative Writing Club Year 3-6 3.00 pm

Taekwondo club all years 3.00 pm

Steel Pans Club Year 3-4

Thursday 15th Oct.

Creative Writing Club Year 3-6 3.00 pm

Taekwondo club all years 3.00 pm

Steel Pans Club Year 3-4

Friday 2nd Oct.

Year 1 trip to Betts Park

Year 4 Energetic Class Swimming

Dance Club all years 7.50 am

Friday 9th Oct.

Dance Club all years 7.50 am

PTA Autumn Bake Sale 3.00 pm

Friday 16th Oct.

Dance Club all years 7.50 am

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TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS DAY

WHEN:

Friday 9th October 2026

WHAT:

Times Table Rock Stars Day

WHY:

Dress as a Times Table
Rockstar for the day and
take part in fun times tables
games!



Autumn Bakesale

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

From 3:10pm at PTA Stall
All items are 50p or £1



We take cash or card



Feel free to decorate for Halloween/Autumn!



Label your bakes if gluten free,
dairy free, halal or vegan



Please bring your NUT FREE bakes to the
school office in the morning

We need lots of baked donations please



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TRICKS



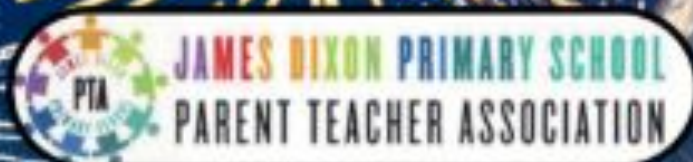
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TREATS



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James Dixon PTA Forum



FIREWORKS

at James Dixon Primary School

Saturday 7 November

Professional Fireworks Display
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BOOKING SITE



Display at 7:00pm

Gates open at 5:30pm

No admission after 6:45pm

Event ends at 8:00pm



A choice of light wands and glow sticks will be on sale.

A variety of Food Trucks, plus Coffee Van and Ice Cream Van
offering tasty food & hot drinks to buy.

No alcohol, No parking and No sparklers on site.

Please see full admission details on the booking site:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/james-dixon-primary-school-pta/t-njmrgt>

Book your tickets this summer to gain Early Bird prices.

Available until 5pm Wednesday 30 September 2026 or when they sell out.

Volunteers receive a free ticket for themselves and one child. To Volunteer, please
contact the PTA by email by Thursday 15 October 2026. These places go quickly!

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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