Friday 6th November

NEWSLETTER



The best time to make friends is before you need them

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Governor Position

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed parents or carers to join our school Governing Board as a Parent Governor.

Governors play a vital role in the school. You do not need to be an education expert; instead, you work alongside the headteacher and leadership team as a "critical friend" to:

- Help set the strategic direction, vision, and ethos of the school.
- Hold the leadership team accountable for educational performance.
- Oversee the school's budget and financial performance.

Who can apply?

Any parent, carer, or legal guardian of a pupil at the school at the time of the election is eligible to stand. We welcome people from all backgrounds and walks of life—your life experience, common sense, and desire to support our school community are what matter most.

How to apply

If you would like to put yourself forward please contact our Clerk to Governors - Cathy Bartlett via the school office jdpoffice@swale.at to express your interest.



Term Dates 2025

	HELLO AUTUMN	HELLO SPRING	HELLO SUMMER
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

Pupil Leadership



Hi everyone, I hope you had a nice half term. Its starting to become cold so remember to keep warm! Also fingers crossed it snows this winter!

Q:Why can't fish play basketball?

A: Because they're scared of the net.

Did you get it?



Hi guys, did you all have a nice half term? Feel free to come and share what you did over the past 2 weeks with me! Have a great weekend.



Hello JD, today WE'RE BACK to the new term!! And in this term, we're going to have LOTS of fun, and I mean LOTS of fun. This term it's going to be WINTER, and winter means lots of fun + more wet plays, AND WHO DOESN'T LIKE WET PLAYS?!?!?!?! Fact time! - Did you know sharks came before trees, trees came 385 millions years ago while sharks are 400! Thats crazy, right?



Hey guys, welcome back to school!
I hope you lot are happy to come back, you better keep listening to your teachers!

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Curriculum Focus - Reading

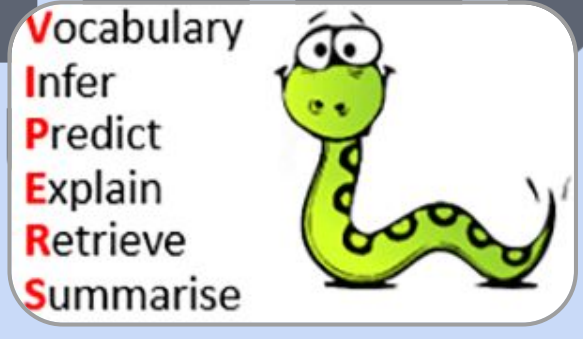


Reading at James Dixon

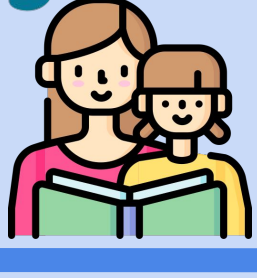


At James Dixon, we teach reading every day through VIPERS and Literacy Gold.

Literacy Gold is Online reading intervention. Suitable for all students in KS1, KS2 & KS3, including those with dyslexia.



Literacy Gold

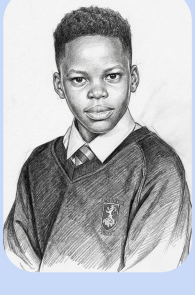


VIPERS is a mnemonic that is used at school to cover the key comprehension skills that are taught as part of the National Curriculum.

Meet our Reading Pupil Leadership Team:



Millie



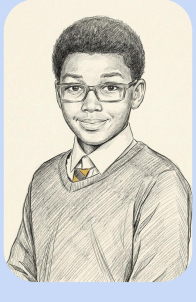
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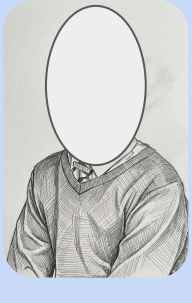
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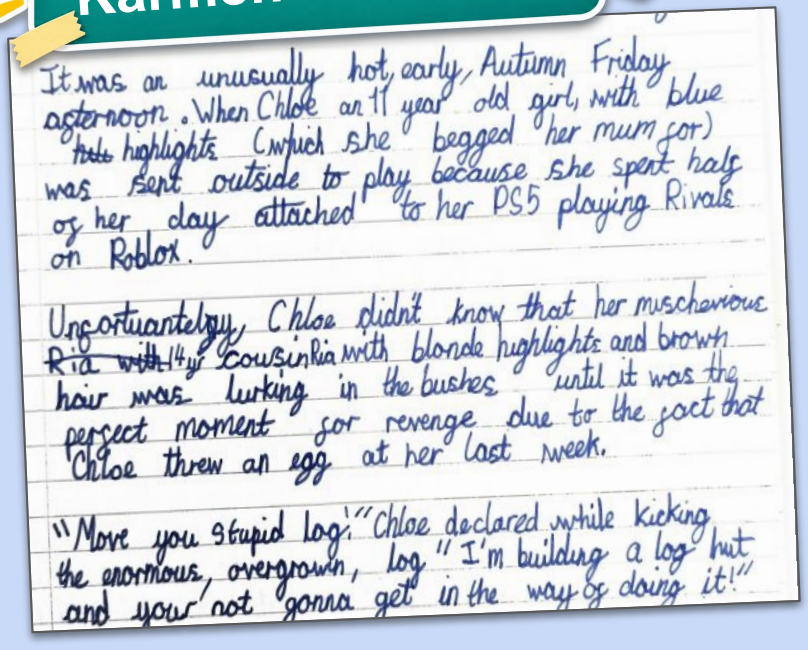


Orion

Exciting Writing!

Celebrating Brilliant Year 6 Writing!

Karmen - Narrative



It was an unusually hot, early, Autumn Friday afternoon. When Chloe an 11 year old girl, with blue ~~hair~~ highlights (which she begged her mum for) was sent outside to play because she spent half of her day attached to her PS5 playing Rivals on Roblox.

Unfortunately, Chloe didn't know that her mischevious ~~Ria with~~ 14yr cousin Ria with blonde highlights and brown hair was lurking in the bushes until it was the perfect moment for revenge due to the fact that Chloe threw an egg at her last week.

"Move you stupid log!" Chloe declared while kicking the enormous, overgrown, log "I'm building a log hut and your not gonna get in the way of doing it!"

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'Move, you stupid log!' Chloe declared while kicking the enormous, overgrown log. 'I'm building a log hut and you're not going to get in the way of doing it!'

Chloe was just centimetres away when Ria pou[illegible]

Fantastic writing!

Indi - Instructions



[illegible] to create the final version of a set of instructions

How to create the perfect mug of hot chocolate.

Follow these simple steps to make a warm, creamy, delicious mug of hot chocolate that's perfect for cold winter/autumn days.

Equipment:
- Teaspoon (tsp)
- Clean mug
- Measuring cup
- Microwave

Ingridients:
- Milk
- Hot chocolate powder
- Whipped cream (optional)
- Mini marshmellows (optional)
- Coco powder (optional)

Method

Tip: Put the hot chocolate powder in at the end otherwise it will get stuck at the bottom.
Warning!: Wait a minute to drink it, as it may be hot.

Step 1: First, get a clean mug of your choosing.

Step 2: Next, grab a measuring cup and pour in [illegible] milk and microwave for 3 minutes.

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- A teaspoon
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METHOD

1. First, get a clean mug of your choosing.
2. Next, grab a measuring cup, pour in 200 m[illegible] milk and microwave for 3 minutes.
3. Once the milk is warm enough, pou[illegible] your mug.
4. Take your tin of hot chocolate pow[illegible] place 4 slightly rounded scoops in[illegible] Mix until smooth and light brow[illegible]

Brilliant effort!

Great writing deserves the spotlight!



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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

LIGHTS

Early bird price list

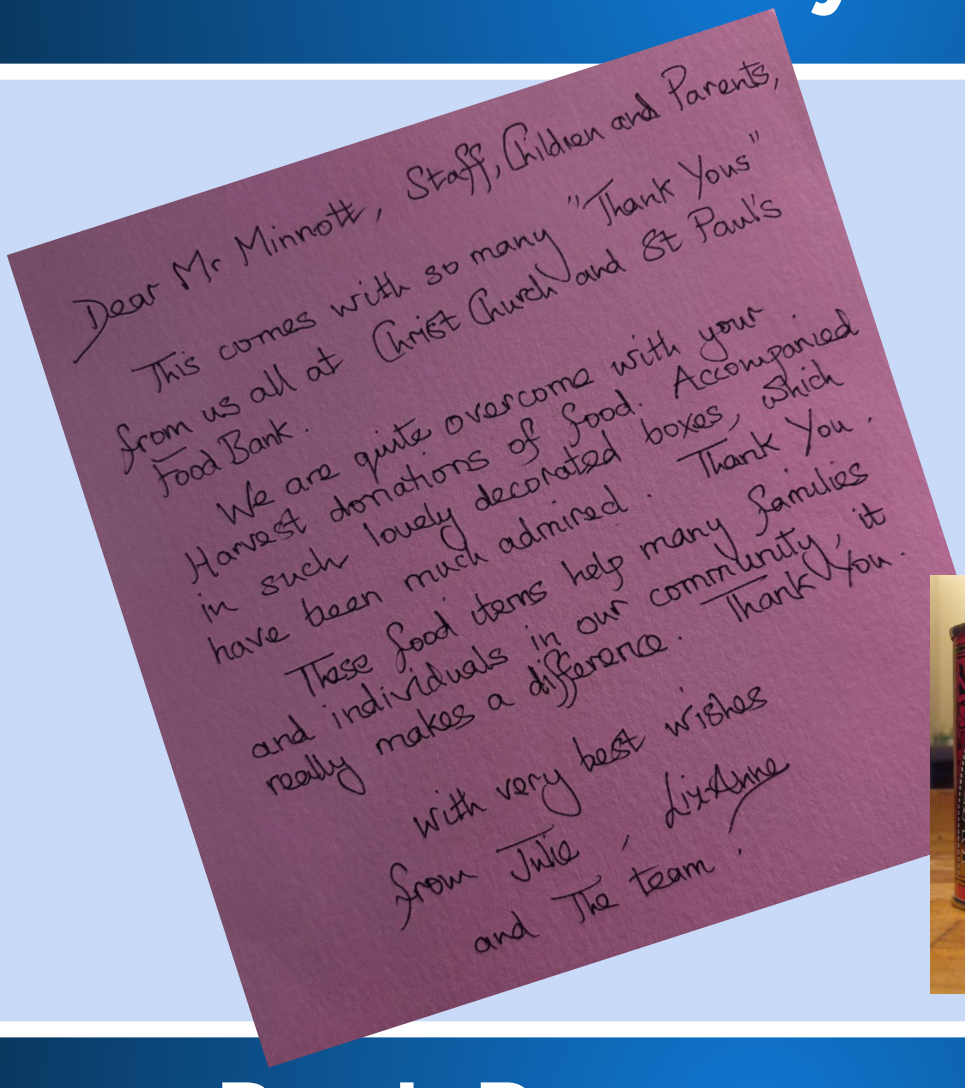
On sale at school from 3pm TODAY

GLOWSTICKS (3)		£1
RAINBOW LIGHT FOAM STICKS	~~£5~~	£4
CANDY FLOSS LED STICKS	~~£7~~	£6
RAINBOW WINDMILLS	~~£12~~	£10

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James Dixon PTA Forum

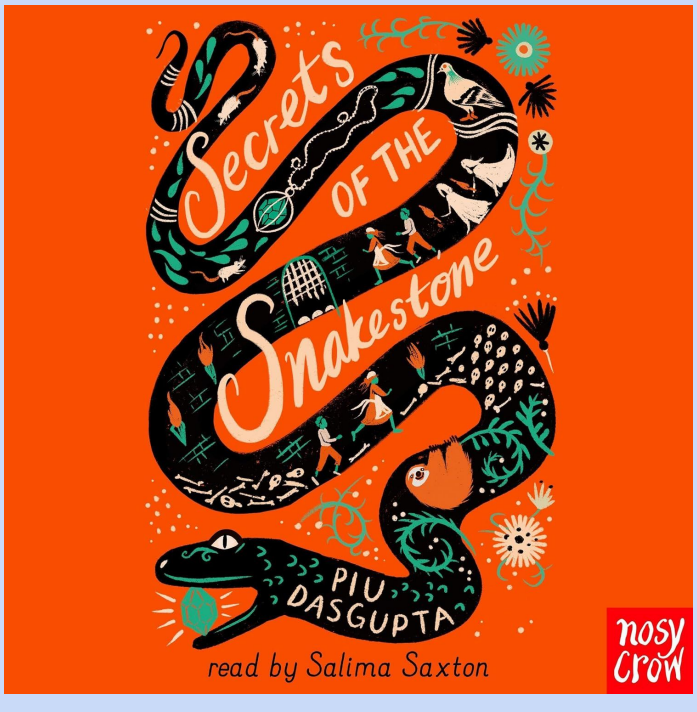
Thank you!





Book Recommendation

In Piu DasGupta's *Secrets of the Snakestone*, young Bengali maid Zélie Dutta searches for her missing father in 1895 Paris. She teams up with Jules, a sewer cleaner who finds a locket tied to her father, setting them on a quest for the legendary Snakestone—a jewel with healing powers. Facing a secret society and ancient riddles, the duo must race to uncover the truth.



Composition of the Week



Click here to listen

Fare Thee Well (Dink's Song) - Oscar Isaac & Marcus Mumford

Genre: Folk

Composed in: 2020

A traditional American folk song that tells the story of being deserted when you need someone. It is featured in a film called Inside Llewyn Davis. The song was first composed in 1904 by John Lomax. It shares several floating verses and thematic elements with another traditional folk piece, "Careless Love"

Online Safety

Childline Under 12s Site



Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children.

The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips.

You can access this area here:

https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/

Weekly Attendance

Every School Day Matters

96%

Class	Attendance %
Curious	97%
Imaginative	96%
Innovative	95%
Adventurous	98%
Confident	92%
Honest	98%
Respectful	99%
Energetic	98%
Expressive	98%
Reflective	97%
Resilient	95%
Kind	96%
Considerate	93%

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Next week's Achiever Maths

Adventurous	Reuben
Confident	Henry
Honest	Emmanuel
Respectful	Stasio
Energetic	Kayla
Expressive	Luna
Reflective	Bella
Resilient	Jamie
Considerate	Danielle
Kind	Miyah
Colourful Class Star of the Week	Ezra & Keely

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 9th Nov.	Tuesday 10th Nov	Wednesday 11th Nov.	Thursday 12th Nov.	Friday 13th Nov.
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 Art Club Year 2-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class trip to Crystal Palace Park** Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 7.45 am Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm	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	**Year 6 Trip to National Army Museum** Dance Club all years 7.50 am
Monday 16th Nov..	**Tuesday 17th Nov.**	**Wednesday 18th Nov**	**Thursday 19th Nov.**	**Friday 20th Nov.**
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 Art Club Year 2-6 3.00 pm	**Year 6 Cinema Trip** **Year 4 Energetic Class trip to Stambourne Woods** **Year 2 Roman Day** Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class trip to CPP** **Year 5 DT Day** Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 7.45 am Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm	**Year 5 Cinema Trip** Creative Writing Club Year 3-6 3.00 pm Taekwondo club all years 3.00 pm Steel Pans Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm	Dance Club all years 7.50 am

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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.

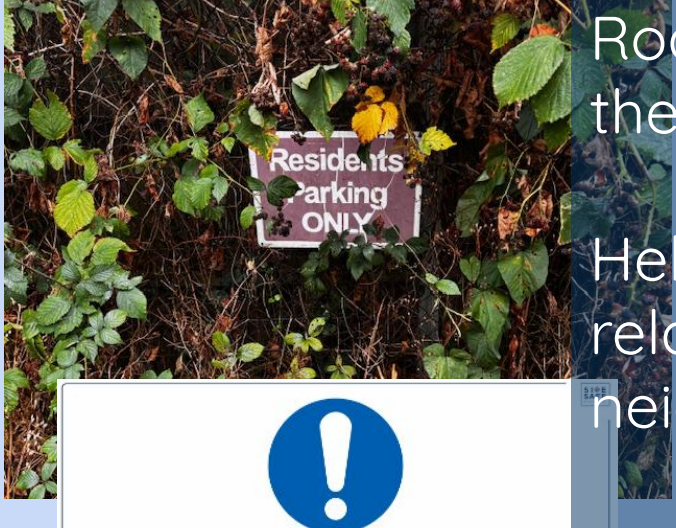
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Respecting Our Neighbours











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.

DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE BAYS

