Friday 20th November

NEWSLETTER



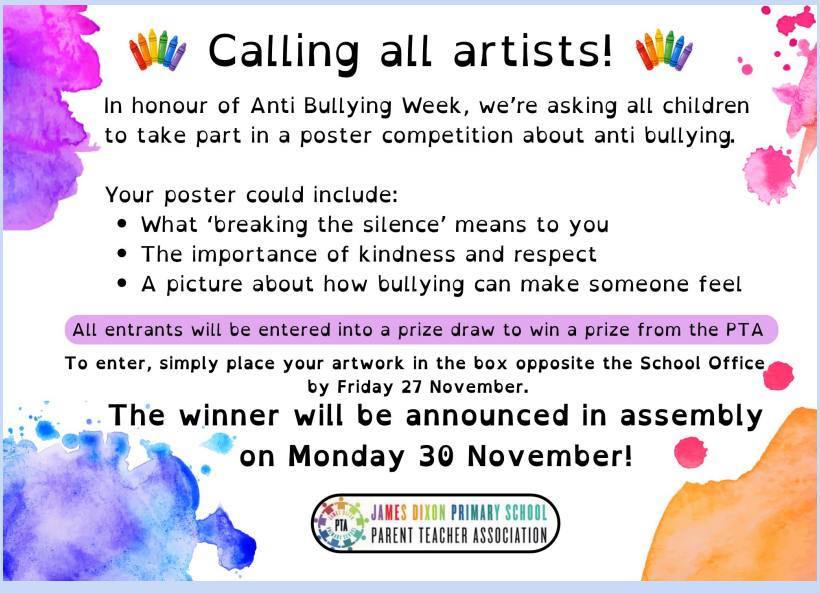
"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day."

This Week at James Dixon

Anti-Bullying Week

This week in assembly Mr Minnott followed the theme given by the Anti Bullying Alliance. He talked to the children about 'Breaking the Silence'.

All children have been invited to enter the PTA poster competition which closes on Monday 30th November.



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

JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTA
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Calling all artists!

In honour of Anti Bullying Week, we're asking all children to take part in a poster competition about anti bullying.

Your poster could include:

- What 'breaking the silence' means to you
- The importance of kindness and respect
- A picture about how bullying can make someone feel

All entrants will be entered into a prize draw to win a prize from the PTA

To enter, simply place your artwork in the box opposite the School Office by Friday 27 November. Please put your child's name and class on the back!

The winner will be announced in assembly on Monday 30 November

Christmas Dates for your Diary



Date	Event	Who's Involved	Cost	Other information
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS Production in the hall at 2pm	Reception children	Free entry. Any cash donations welcome!	▪ A maximum of two parents or carers will be allowed on site. No buggies will be allowed in the hall.
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Christmas performance in the main hall at 1.30pm **INNOVATIVE & ADVENTUROUS CLASS PARENTS ONLY**	Years 1 & 2	Free entry. Any cash donations welcome!	▪ A maximum of two parents or carers will be allowed on site. No buggies will be allowed in the hall.
Thursday 10th December	KS1 Christmas performance in the main hall at 1.30pm **IMAGINATIVE & CONFIDENT CLASS PARENTS ONLY**	Years 1 & 2	Free entry. Any cash donations welcome!	▪ A maximum of two parents or carers will be allowed on site. No buggies will be allowed in the hall.
Thursday 10th & 17th December	Winter Jumper Day!	All children	£1	▪ Children must wear school uniform other than their winter jumper - £1 donation to Save the Children. ▪ Please note there are two winter jumper days this year.
Thursday 10th December	Years 2-6 visit to Christ Church Anerley	Years 2-6	Free	▪ This visit takes place during the school day. ▪ Children must wear school uniform other than their winter jumper
Thursday 17th December	CHRISTMAS PANTO (AM): The Littlest Christmas Elf	Preschool, Reception & Colourful Class	Free	▪ This will take place during the school day
Thursday 17th December	CHRISTMAS PANTO (PM): The Jingle Generator Jam	Years 1-6	Free	▪ This will take place during the school day
Thursday 17th December	Children's Christmas Lunch	All children		
Friday 18th December	Class Christmas parties & disco **SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2.00PM**	All Children	Free	▪ Children can come school in their own clothes ready for the disco and class parties ▪ Parents are welcome to donate small food items for the party **no allergens**



Pupil Leadership



IT'S TIME ..... Sorry i'm just so excited for winter and I REALLY hope it snows this year because if it does then i'm going to definitely throw snowballs at Isaac and Areeb, don't tell them though, let's keep it a secret between me and you guys. By the way, year 6 went to the cinema to watch the fantastic Toy story 5 movie at Odeon cinema in Beckenham. I recommend it, it's really good and very entertaining.



Hi JD this week we have had a rollercoaster of events. **5 TRIPS AND 2 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES!!** — sorry i'm so excited because the pupil principals are going to THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT! I know, pretty crazy right.

Hey Ilham we heard that!



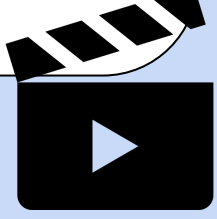
Q:What do you call a nose without a body?
A: *Nobody knows.*



Did **you** get it?

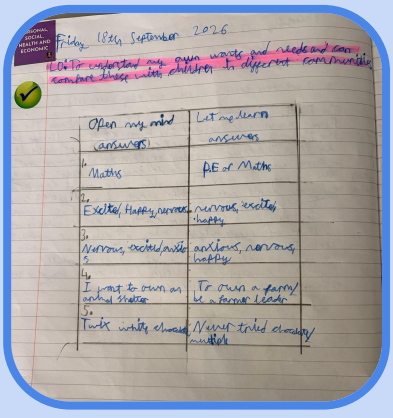


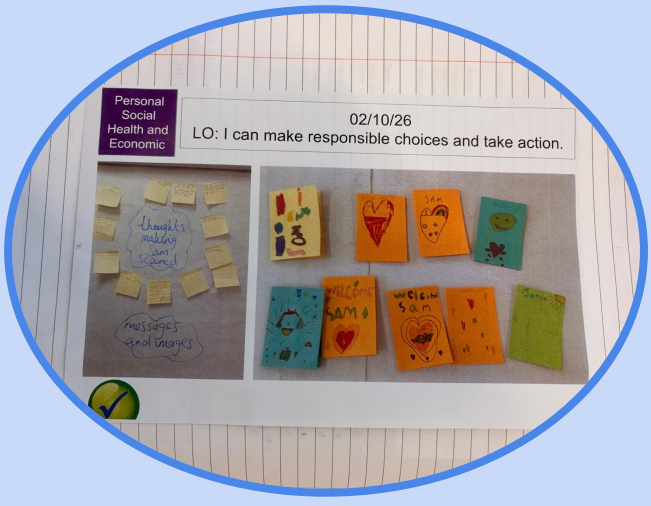
Hey JD, this week was CRAZY, there was SEVEN events, let me just say some of them: Year 6 cinema trip, Year 4 energetic to Stambourne Woods, and Year 2 cinema trip, there are still more!! By the way, Ilham, I HEARD THAT!
(Sorry for those who I didn't mention),
Fun Fact : Sharks can't physically blink!
Thats crazy, right?

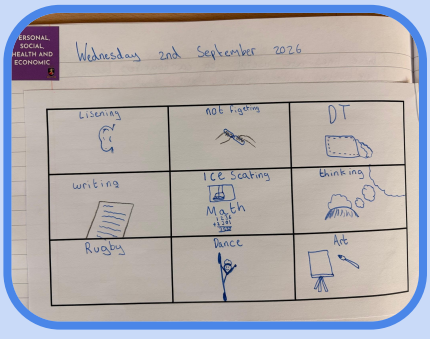


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Curriculum Focus - PSHE

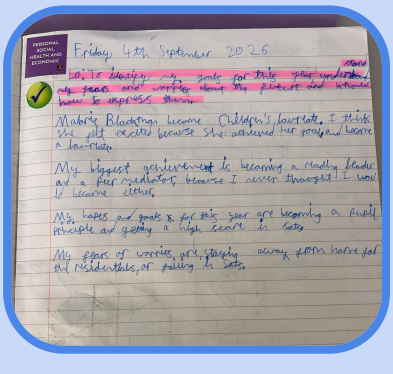


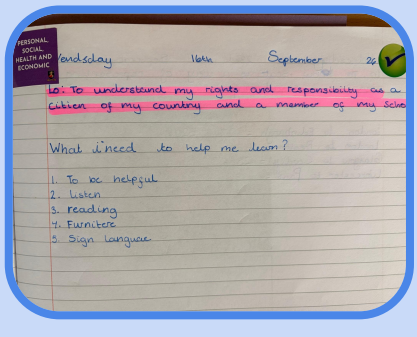


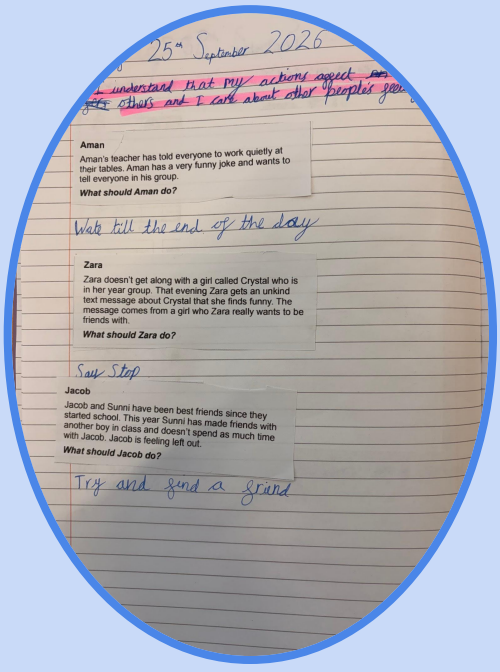


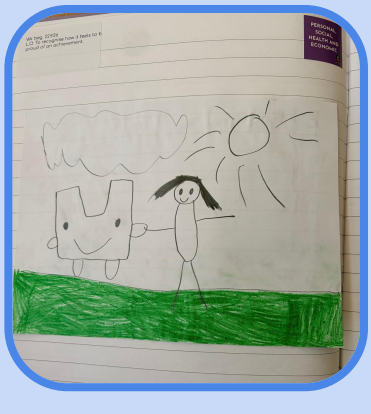
How Jigsaw PSHE Works in James Dixon.

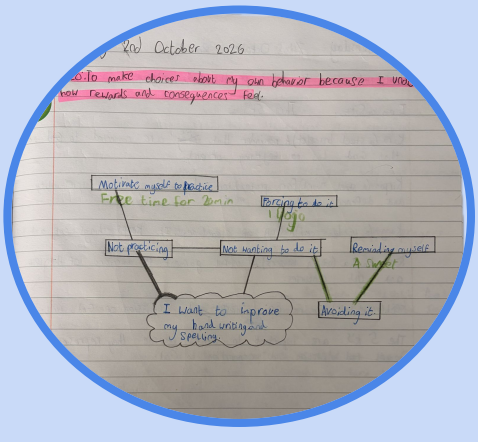
- **A Connected School Community:** Every class—from Early Years all the way to Year 6—explores the same main theme (or "Puzzle") at the exact same time.
- **Learning That Grows with Your Child:** Jigsaw uses a "spiral curriculum," meaning key topics are revisited every year. As children grow, the concepts adapt to be age-appropriate, helping them build deeper understanding, self-confidence, and resilience step by step.
- **Mindfulness & Wellbeing:** Every lesson includes special "Calm Me" mindfulness exercises. These simple practices help pupils manage their emotions, improve focus, and develop strong emotional literacy for everyday life.
- **Recording our work:** Pieces of work are added to our wider curriculum books, as a piece of writing, a drawing or photos from our session.



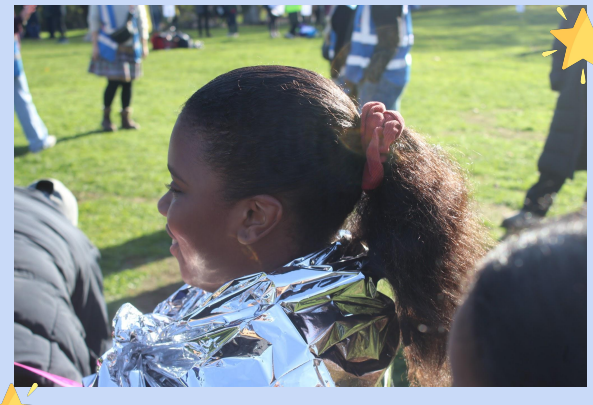








Cross Country











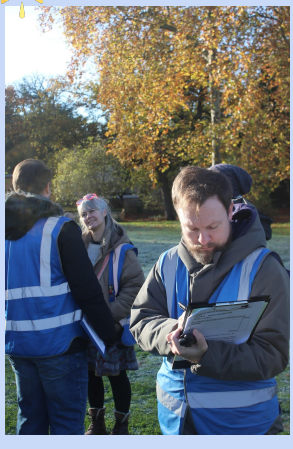
Our Year 5 and 6 children braved a frosty morning to complete an exciting cross-country race at Crystal Palace Park. Despite the chilly weather, the children showed fantastic determination, and a lot of fun was had by all. Well done to everyone who took part and represented the school so brilliantly!

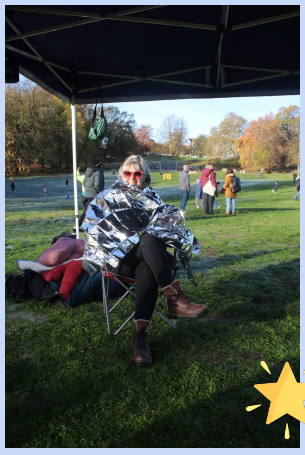
Check out our staff insta video!











Year 6 Trip to the National Army Museum

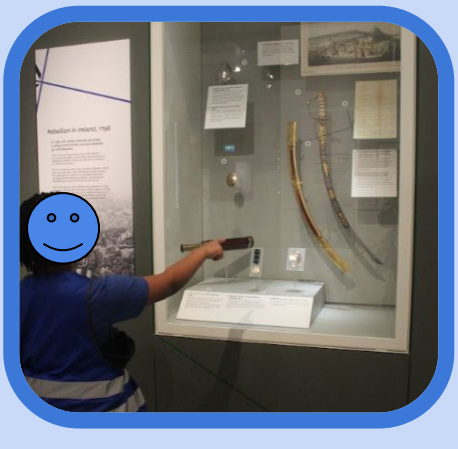






On Friday 13th November, Year 6 visited the National Army Museum. They took part in a workshop learning about propaganda during World War One. They also had the opportunity to visit the different galleries and find out a range of information from the knowledgeable staff that worked there. The pupils were excellent and were great ambassadors for James Dixon.







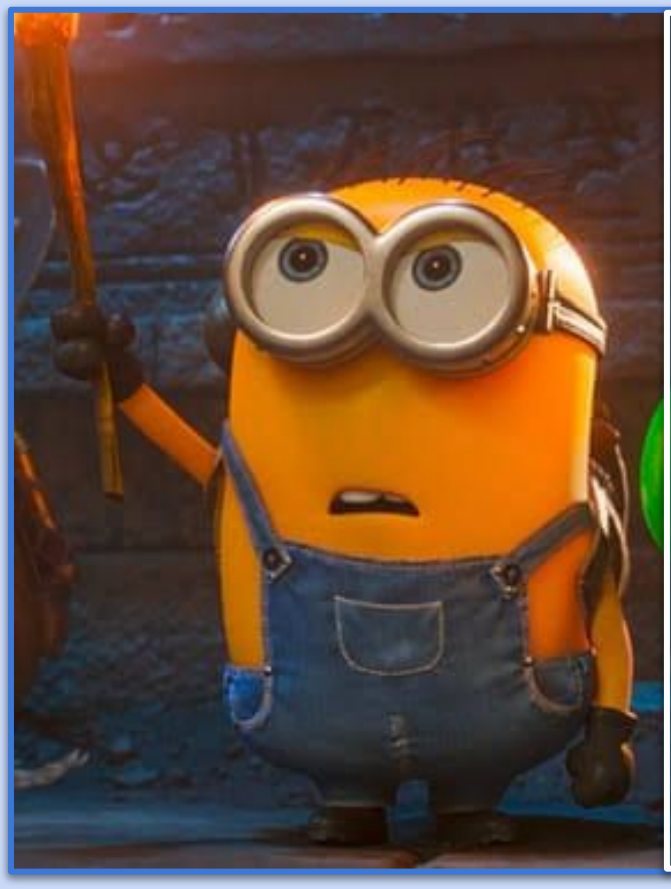




Year 5 & 6 Cinema

On Tuesday, Year 6 travelled to Beckenham Odeon to watch Toy Story 5.
They all had a great time and enjoyed watching the film and eating snacks.





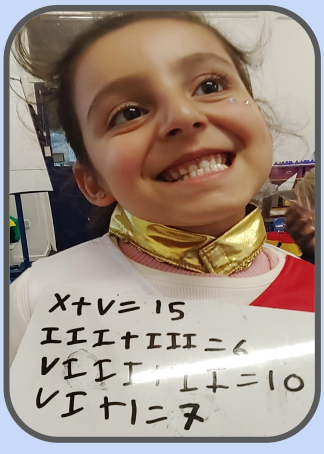
Thursday brought the turn of Year 5, who travelled to Beckenham Odeon to watch the movie, **'Minions & Monsters'**.

A great time was had by all and, as expected, many snacks were enjoyed!

Year 2 Roman Day



Year 2 had a fun day learning more about the Romans, making shields and learning some disgusting facts: Did you know that the Romans sometimes used powdered mouse brains as toothpaste?









Year 2 Cinema



It was fun!

I liked everything about today!



The smurfs film was interesting!







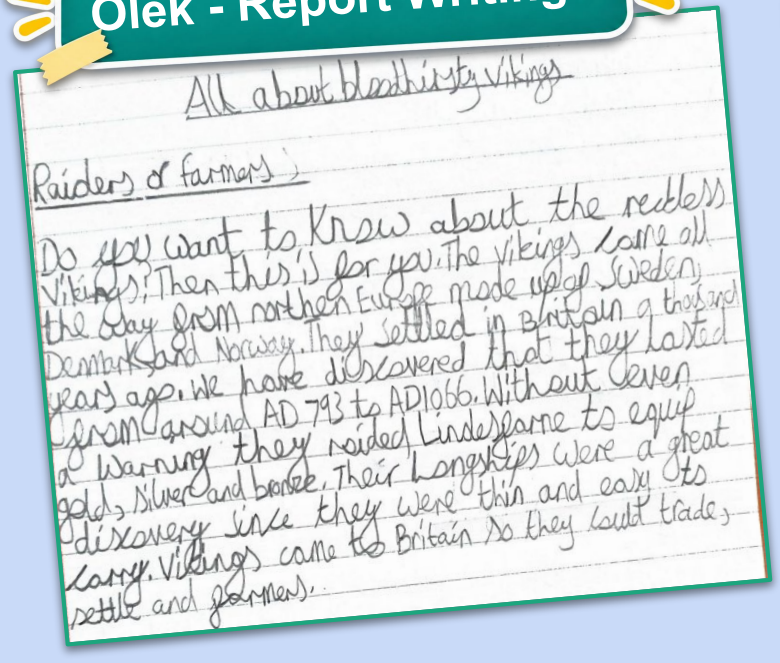




Exciting Writing!

Celebrating Brilliant Year 4 Writing!

Olek - Report Writing



All about bloodthirsty vikings

Raiders or farmers?

Do you want to know about the reckless Vikings! Then this is for you. The vikings came all the way from northern Europe made up of Sweden, Denmark and Norway. They settled in Britain a thousand years ago. We have discovered that they lasted from around AD 793 to AD1066. Without even a warning they raided Lindesfarne to equip gold, silver and books. Their longships were a great discovery since they were thin and easy to carry. Vikings come to Britain so they could trade, settle and farmers.

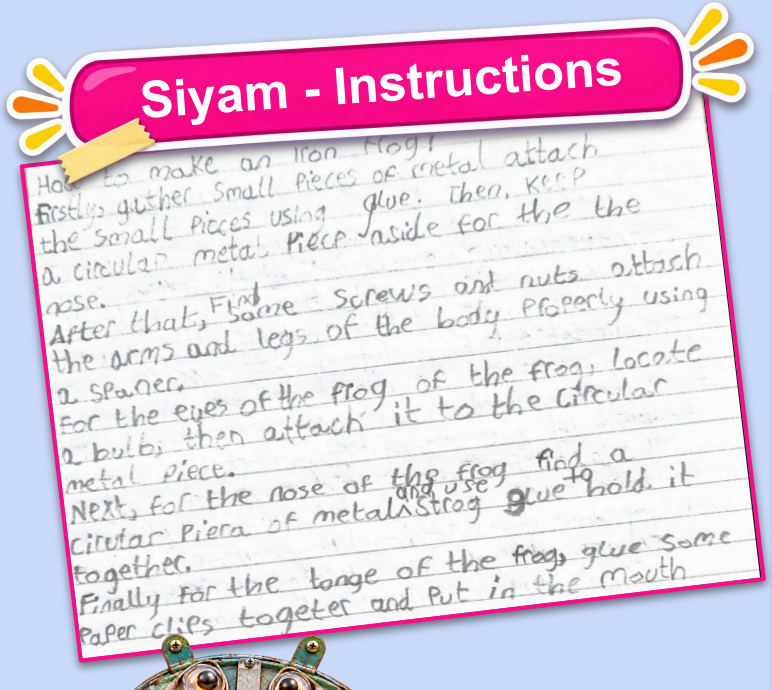
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Fantastic writing!

Siyam - Instructions



How to make an Iron Frog!

Firstly gather small pieces of metal attach the small pices using glue. then, keep a circular metal piece aside for the the nose.

After that, Find some screws and nuts attach the arms and legs of the body properly using a spaner.

For the eyes of the frog, locate a bulb, then attach it to the circular metal piece.

Next, for the nose of the frog find a circular piece of metal and use glue to hold it together.

Finally for the tonge of the frog, glue some paper clips togeter and put in the mouth

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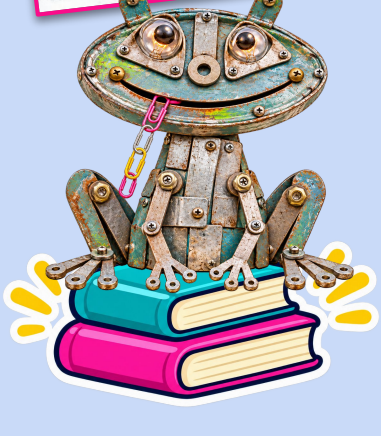
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Brilliant effort!

Great writing deserves the spotlight!





Sustainability

World Kindness Day & Planting

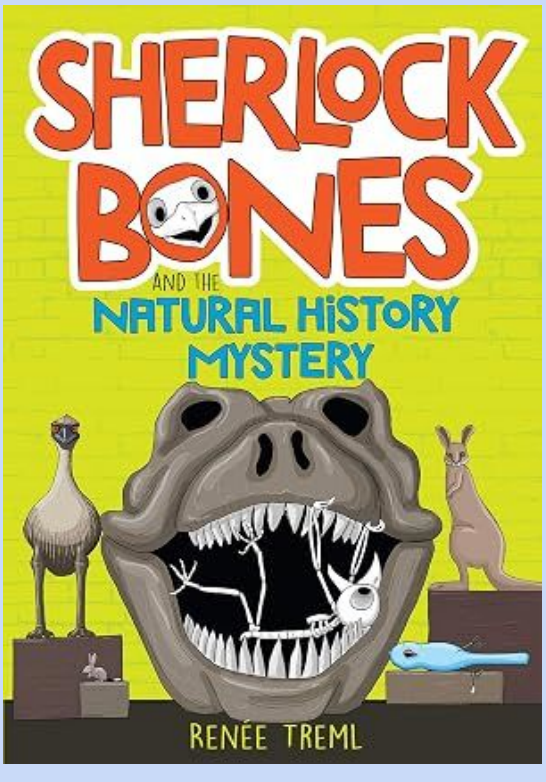
Kindness is more than being nice to your friends. Why not be kind to the planet this week?

November is the ideal time to plant spring bulbs or young native trees. The cool, damp soil lets roots settle quietly over winter so early bumblebees have vital pollen come spring. Show kindness to our planet this week by planting a bulb in a pot or garden border.



Book Recommendation

In Renée Treml's graphic novel *Sherlock Bones and the Natural History Mystery*, a tawny frogmouth bird skeleton named Sherlock Bones acts as a museum's resident detective. When the priceless Royal Blue Diamond is stolen, Sherlock and his taxidermy parrot sidekick, Watts, must solve the mystery to save the museum from closing. Along the way, they dodge a chaotic raccoon named Grace while untangling clues. The book blends fast-paced detective work, humor, and natural history for young readers.



Composition of the Week

Becky Hill & Andy C - Indestructible
Composed: 2015
Genre: Drum and Bass

This track features heavy low-end bass lines and soulful vocals)
Becky Hill originally wrote the track when she was 21 years old (roughly nine years before its release).
The collaboration was sparked after Andy C appeared as a guest on Becky Hill's podcast, *The Art of Rave*.
The song highlights themes of resilience, enduring partnerships, facing life changes, and standing strong under pressure

Click here to listen



Did you know? Becky Hill was a contestant on the first ever UK series of The Voice?

Like this track? Join Mrs Brown 12.30 Tuesday lunch time to learn it!

Online Safety

AI Companions



What are AI companions?
AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.

Find out more here

Weekly Attendance

Every School Day Matters

94%

Class	Attendance %
Curious	92%
Imaginative	92%
Innovative	99%
Adventurous	95%
Confident	96%
Honest	97%
Respectful	97%
Energetic	89%
Expressive	97%
Reflective	94%
Resilient	88%
Kind	95%
Considerate	98%

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 23rd Nov.	Tuesday 24th Nov.	Wednesday 25th Nov.	Thursday 26th Nov.	Friday 27th Nov.
Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson **Pupil Principles to Houses of Parliament** **Year 1 Cinema Trip** 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 Swimming Lesson** **Year 3 Cinema Trip** Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** **Year 4 Energetic Class Cinema Trip** Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 7.45 am Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** Achievers 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 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** **Year 3 Trip to Chislehurst Caves** Dance Club all years 7.50 am
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We've just completed our third successful FIREWORKS NIGHT, and the PTA is looking for ambitious members to join the team!

About the role

- Voluntary
- Help with rallying volunteers, marketing, being organised, and bringing ideas to life!
- Help to build external relationships
- Catching up with the Committee once a week (in-person at school gates, or WhatsApp)

Interested?

We'd love to hear from you. Please email:

jamesdixonpta@gmail.com

to arrange a chat!

Save the date

Come along to
the PTA stall:

11 December at 3pm

We'll be there with
doughnuts
and fresh candy floss!

Cash and card accepted