

Towering Infernos!



Finally on Monday, the weather was dry enough for Year 2 to re-enact the Great Fire of London. They excitedly carried their magnificent Tudor houses down to the Forest School area and Mr Fraser kindly placed them in a line to resemble a typical London street in 1666. He lit the Bakery first and with the perfect weather conditions the fire soon took hold and spread quickly from house to house, much to the children's delight. Their squeals carried through the air as the smoke billowed from the raging fire. We all had a great time and are ready to write our recount next week in English.



Wonderdome!



Last Friday, Years 5 and 6 had the opportunity to experience the Wonderdome. This was to support their learning about Earth and Space.

No photos were allowed inside the dome - so parents, please ask your children to describe their experience of the show.



Amazing Tuff Trays

Last year we showcased some of the tuff trays that Sarah, Year 1 and Year R mum, has made for her boys to do at home. Well, Sarah's skills go from strength to strength as you can see from these amazing trays she has made for the boys over the past few weeks. Why not give it a go?



Curriculum focus - History



History is a time for us to dive into the past and witness how the people of the past lead their lives.

Year 3 and Year 5 have been learning about the Stone Age and the Ancient Greeks.

They have both had fantastic topic days celebrating and diving into these fascinating periods of time.



Did you know that the Ancient Greeks were the first to invent the clock? The philosopher Plato, is said to have used one of the earliest versions of these!



Stone Age cavemen are often depicted as living at the same time as the dinosaurs. This is not true. Dinosaurs became extinct 65 million years ago!



Respect for our Neighbours

We are continuing to receive complaints from our neighbours about the way some of our parents park especially when dropping children off in the morning. Below is an email we received this week.

“Hi

I called up and spoke to a very nice lady in reception who said I should forward on this information regarding an altercation with one of the parents from your school.

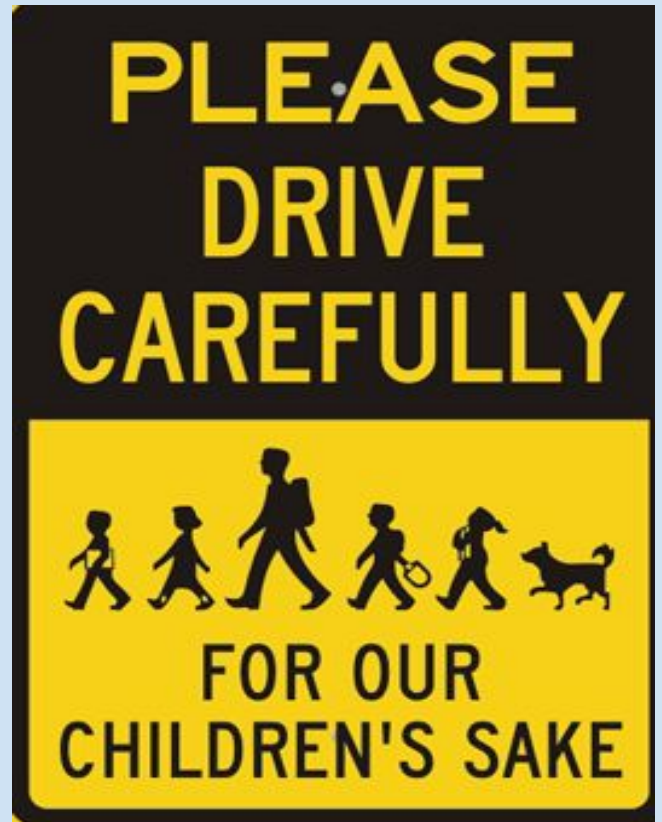
The lady, who accused my 72 year old mum of being intimidating, was rude, aggressive and claimed she could park “wherever she wanted.”

As mentioned to your staff, I think some parents need to be reminded that it is private parking and to respect that. The road is not maintained by the council but by the residents so any wear and tear or damage is covered by us. I understand people park there and that is fine but when I have a pregnant partner and specifically put up a barrier to save our space I feel it should be honoured.”

**Please respect our
neighbours and park
considerately**

Road Safety

There have been several incidents of dangerous driving recently especially on the bend outside the school. Please ensure you are driving slowly and carefully when picking up and dropping off children. Please do not mount kerbs to park as it is dangerous for our children who are walking to and from school. Please drive as if every child on the street were your own.



Term Dates 2023-2024

	AUTUMN 2023	SPRING 2024	SUMMER 2024
Term Starts	Thursday 31st August	Wednesday 3rd January	Tuesday 16th April
Half Term	Monday 16th October - Friday 27th October	Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February	Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
Term Finishes	Tuesday 19th December @ 2pm	Friday 29th March @ 2pm	Tuesday 23rd July @ 2pm



PTA Annual General Meeting



FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER - 9AM.

“How to be Savvy Online” & “PTA Annual General Meeting”.

You can take part either:

- ▶ In person at school from 8:45am with tea and biscuits or;
- ▶ Online with **Google Meets** link to be sent via email from school. We will resend the link via the WhatsApp Groups and JDPS Facebook.



Hear some great tips to keep you and your children safe online and learn about what the PTA has achieved over the last year.



VOTE

We need your votes for PTA Committee members and to approve the accounts. The AGM is a vital to ensure the PTA charity continues it's great work.



Next week's achievers

Attitude to Learning

Reflective Class	Henry
Resilient Class	Hazal
Kind Class	Demi
Considerate Class	Jayson
Capable Class	Jaxon
Caring Class	Ben
Successful Class	Charlie
Adventurous Class	Melanie
Confident Class	Adetooke

Weekly Attendance

96%

*Be here every day,
all day!*

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	97%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	96%

James Dixon
Primary



STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Code Camp YR 1-2 3.00 pm● Football Club 3.00 pm● Drama Club YR 1-3 3.00 pm
Tuesday 14th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mini Athletics R-YR1 3.00 pm● Drama Club YR 4-6 3.00 pm
Wednesday 15th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gymnastics Club 7.30 am● Achievers Assembly 10.10 am (by invitation only)● Code Camp YR 3-6 3.00 pm● Gymnastics Club 3.00 pm
Thursday 16th Nov.	<p><u>Year 4 Cinema Trip</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Phonics Booster 3.00 pm (selected children only)● Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm● Steel Pan Club YR3 3.00 pm● Steel Pan Club YR4 3.30 pm
Friday 17th Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dance Club 7.50 am