



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER

A very warm welcome back to all of our wonderful school community! We are especially delighted to greet our brand-new Reception children, as well as those who have joined other year groups this September. It is such a joy to see everyone settling in so well.

The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and it has been heart-warming to hear the happy chatter of learning around the school. They already look very smart in their uniforms, and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring children wear the correct summer or winter uniform. If anything is missing, your child's teacher or a member of our senior leadership team may be in touch; please remember, we also have a stock of good-quality pre-loved uniform—if you would like to access this, please contact our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Allen.

We value strong, positive relationships with all our families, and there are lots of ways we keep in touch with you:

- Our Senior Leadership Team are outside at the start and end of the school day—please do come and say hello.
- Teachers are available at classroom doors in years R, 1 & 2 from 8.40–8.50am and then all year groups from 3.20–3.30pm.
- You can message your child's teacher via ClassDojo (responses will be before or after school, not during teaching hours). Please note staff are not expected to respond after 5pm or on weekends.
- For absences, club queries, or to request a call from school staff members, please directly contact the school office.
- Our weekly newsletter is sent every Friday via Arbor email—please make sure you give it a read as it often includes important updates.
- We also share celebrations and news on our school Facebook and Instagram pages.

If you ever have a worry or concern, your child's class teacher is always the best first point of contact and members of the Senior Leadership are on gate duty in the morning and afternoon. A quick reminder: all lunches, breakfast and after-school clubs, swimming lessons, and extra-curricular activities must be pre-booked and paid for via Arbor. If you need support using Arbor, our friendly office team will be happy to help, and there are useful videos available to guide you through the app.

At the heart of everything we do is making sure that all of our children are safe, happy, and ready to learn. This relies on our Behaviour Policy and Child Protection Policy, which set out the standards and expectations that help create a secure and supportive environment for everyone. We kindly ask our parent community to work with us in following and supporting these policies and protocols, as this partnership is vital in keeping our whole school community safe and well cared for.

The Governors, staff, and I are looking forward to another fantastic year ahead, full of learning, growth, and exciting opportunities for every child. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming *Meet the Teacher* sessions, starting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September for our Year 1 and 2 families. Wishing you all a happy and successful start to our academic new year.

With warmest regards,

Ms D J Hines - Executive Headteacher



# TERM 1 KEY DATES



## Term 1 Dates

2025-26

### Week 1

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025!**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
Reception First Day (Part Time)

### Week 3

**Monday 15th September** 9:00-9:30am  
Year 3 & 4 Parents & Carers Meet the Teacher

### Week 5

**Tuesday 30th September** 3:30-7:00pm  
KS1 Virtual Parent Partnership Meeting  
KS2 Face-to-Face Parent Partnership Meeting

**Wednesday 1st October** 3:30-7:00pm  
KS2 Virtual Parent Partnership Meeting  
KS1 Face-to-Face Parent Partnership Meeting

### Week 7

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
New Reception 2026 Open Morning  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**  
Individual School Photo's  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
Sibling Photo's  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** 2:30-3:00pm  
Year 1 Phonics Parent Information Session

### Week 2

**Monday 8th September** 9:00-9:30am  
Year 1 & 2 Parents & Carers Meet the Teacher  
**Wednesday 10th September**  
Reception Full Time

**Wednesday 10th September** 2:15pm  
Oysters' Parents & Carers Meet the Teacher  
**Thursday 11th September**  
Kent Test (Year 6)

### Week 4

**Monday 22nd September** 9:00-9:30am  
Year 5 & 6 Parents & Carers Meet the Teacher  
**Friday 26th September**  
European Day of Languages  
**W/C 22nd September** Extended Learning  
Clubs Start

### Week 6

**W/C Monday 6th October**  
Oyster Bay Nursery Parent Consultations  
**Tuesday 7th October** 3:30-7:00pm  
Reception Virtual Parent Consultations  
**Wednesday 8th October** 3:30-7:00pm  
Reception Virtual Parent Consultations  
**Thursday 9th October**  
Harvest Festival FoodBank Collection  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
World Mental Health Day



## SMARTPHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Thank you to our Year 6 parents and carers for not sending smartphones to school with your child this week.

As a little update, Mr Ashley Jones is attending the Canterbury Educators' Roundtable on 'Smartphones and Social Media' this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September at the Canterbury Academy. Further information and resources around online safety, looking after children's mental health and their increasing exposure to harmful online content will be shared with parents and carers at a later date.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	97.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	43 pupils 6.82%

Klee – 100%	Kahlo – 96.7%	Kandinsky – 100%
Van Gogh – 95.8%	Voysey – 97.1%	Vallotton – 100%
Picasso – 98.2%	Postgate – 94.4%	Potter – 100%
Riley – 99.6%	Rousseau – 93.5%	Ringgold – 98.1%
Hockney – 97.7%	Heron – 93.8%	Hepworth – 97%
Degas – 99.1%	Dali – 96.8%	Da Vinci – 99.5%
Bailey – 96.9%	Banksy – 99.1%	Boyce – 100%
Oysters – 94.7%		

## SWIMMING TIMETABLE – TERMS 1-3

Check out this [video](#) for guidance on how to pay for swimming lessons on Arbor.

Day	Year / Class	Time
Monday	Year 6 - Bailey	1-2pm
	Oysters Group <small>(Group 1 and 2 to alternate swimming each term)</small>	2-3pm
Tuesday	Nursery	9:30-11:30am
	Year 4 – Hockney	1-2pm
	Year 5 – Degas	2-3pm
Wednesday	Year 4 – Heron	1-2pm
	Year 4 – Hepworth	2-3 pm
Thursday	Year 5 – Dali	1-2pm
	Year 5 – DaVinci	2-3pm
Friday	Nursery	9:00-12pm
	Year 6 – Boyce	1-2pm
	Year 6 – Banksy	2-3pm



## NEW RECEPTION STARTERS 2026



### JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

#### RECEPTION STARTERS 2026

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October: 10 am-12 pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October: 9:15 am- 11 am  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October: 6 pm- 7 pm (adults only)  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: 9:15 am- 11 am  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: 9:15 am- 11 am  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January: 9:15 am- 11 am

Please follow to book:



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[WWW.JOYLANE.KENT.SCH.UK](http://WWW.JOYLANE.KENT.SCH.UK)



## MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

**A reminder of the upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' sessions:**

- **Years 1 and 2 'Meet the Teacher' – Monday 8th September 9am**
- **Years 3 and 4 'Meet the Teacher' – Monday 15th September 9am**
- **Years 5 and 6 'Meet the Teacher' – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9am**

**This is a great opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and find out expectations for the year ahead. Sign up is not necessary – just turn up on the day after you drop your child off. We will ask you to wait outside the classrooms until the children have left the classrooms to go to assembly. If you are unable to attend, recordings will be made available on the school website.**



## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE



Please come along to our **AGM - Monday 8th September at 6pm**. We will be appointing the committee for the year and will be looking at our financial position with a projection of where our funds should be spent in the coming year. There will be a further meeting (TBA) that will discuss our upcoming events in detail. If you cannot attend but would still like to be involved, please email [friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk) to be added to the WhatsApp group.



The new reception classes were so happy to receive their FOJL books on Thursday!



## YEAR 6 - SECONDARY APPLICATION INFORMATION

For children starting Year 7 in September 2026 applications opened on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and close on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Click [here](#) to find out more about the process. If parents have any queries, the team can be contacted on [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk).

Please make sure you check your local secondary schools' websites so that you know when their Open Mornings and Evenings are taking place. You are welcome to arrange visits to local schools of your choice for a look around and to get a feel of which school may be the right fit for your child.

Some of these open mornings or appointments will be in school time, and this will, of course, be authorised absence from Joy Lane. Please inform the school office if your child will be away for a time visiting a secondary school between now and the end of October when the whole process closes.

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss options or get some advice from Mr Rogers or Mr Ashley-Jones regarding the secondary school application process if you so wish.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT



**(Carers And Parents Support)**  
A support group for parents, families, and carers of children and adults with

### AUTISM

& associated learning difficulties

**Come and join us for a chat and a cuppa**

**WHERE**  
Club Café  
Herne Bay Football Club  
Stanley Gardens CT6 5SG

**WHEN**

2025	2026
26 <sup>th</sup> September	30 <sup>th</sup> January
31 <sup>st</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> February
28 <sup>th</sup> November	27 <sup>th</sup> March
12 <sup>th</sup> December	15 <sup>th</sup> May
	26 <sup>th</sup> June
	10 <sup>th</sup> July

**TIME**  
10am to 12pm

Children are welcome and must be supervised at all times



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**FOOTBALL FUTURES**  
"SUPPORT WHERE YOU NEED IT MOST"

WE ARE HOLDING AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT:  
JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLUB DETAILS FOR TERM 1:	DBS CHECKED, INSURED AND FIRST AID TRAINED
FOOTBALL ON THURSDAY FROM 15:30 - 16:30	POTENTIAL FOR PLAYERS TO BE INVITED TO OUR DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AND ADVANCED ACADEMY. A CHANCE FOR PLAYERS TO BE SCOUTED BY FOOTBALL FUTURES FOUNDER/CRYSTAL PALACE FC SCOUT JOSH ALGAR IF THEY SHOW EXCELLENT PROMISE
START DATE: THURSDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER	SESSIONS ARE RUN BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED COACHES WHO HAVE AN EXPERIENCED BACKGROUND IN THE FOOTBALL INDUSTRY
END DATE: THURSDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER	
AVAILABLE FOR YEARS 3 & 4	
£4.50 PER SESSION (UPFRONT PAYMENT OF £18.00 FOR 4 WEEKS)	



Aim of session: For children to learn and master the basics of football, while having fun and developing their skills

CONTACT US TO BOOK:  
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PLEASE NOTE PAYMENT TO BE MADE VIA BANK TRANSFER ONLY

PLEASE NOTE DUE TO RESTRICTIONS WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT A MAXIMUM OF 20 SPACES FOR THE CLUB. PLACES WILL BE GIVEN ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. WE WILL CONFIRM YOUR PLACE BY EMAIL.



## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** of the [menu](#).
- Download a copy of our handy Term 1 dates [here](#).
- Remember to pack a healthy, nut-free breaktime snack for your **KS2** child. A reminder for parents of **Year 3** children that you need to provide a morning snack and school dinners now need to be paid for.
- If you have a child in **Year 6**, please be aware that the secondary application process is now beginning.
- Please complete your child's pupil collection arrangements [form](#) as soon as possible.
- Don't forget to come to our **Meet the Teacher** sessions, starting on **Monday** for **Years 1 & 2**.
- Download the **Autumn/Winter** menu [here](#).

