



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## SITE SAFETY NOTICE

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the safety of our school community, we kindly remind you that there will be no vehicle access to/or on the school site during the following times:

- Morning: 8:30am – 9:00am
- Afternoon: 3:00pm – 3:35pm

These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of all children, families, and staff during our busiest times of the day. Please note that if you are parked on site during these times, you will not be able to leave until the restriction has ended.

With 631 children in our primary school, plus our nursery-aged children, there is a significant amount of footfall at drop-off and collection times, and we constantly review how we can ensure you can access our site with ease and without too much congestion. We will be further assessing and monitoring access arrangements to and from the school due to updated legislation and will share these arrangements with you following our full governing body meeting.

If you accompany your children to and from school, could I also ask that children are supervised whilst on the school site being particularly mindful to not ride scooters or bikes when there are so many children and adults walking around. Similarly, please do not allow children to roll tyres or play with equipment used during the school day. A reminder will also be communicated in school assemblies.

Your cooperation is essential in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone and thank you for your understanding and support.

D J Hines  
Ms Debra Hines  
Executive Headteacher

## SETTLING INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We are now two weeks into the new term, and it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new classes. Starting a new school year is always an exciting time, but we know that transition can also be a little tricky for some children. With new routines, new teachers, and sometimes even new friends, it can take time for everyone to feel fully comfortable.

Our teachers are getting to know their new classes, and the children are getting to know their new teachers too. Building these relationships takes patience and understanding, and we are already seeing great progress as the school community comes together.

If you ever have any concerns, questions, or simply want to check in, please remember that you are always welcome to speak with your child's class teacher or any member of our staff. We are here to support both you and your children as they continue to settle and grow.



## ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	97.4%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	68 pupils 10.77%

Klee – 99.6%	Kahlo – 95.5%	Kandinsky – 99.3%
Van Gogh – 95.2%	Voysey – 97.2%	Vallotton – 99.6%
Picasso – 98.4%	Postgate – 93.1%	Potter – 99.2%
Riley – 98.6%	Rousseau – 94.4%	Ringgold – 98%
Hockney – 97.4%	Heron – 100%	Hepworth – 96.2%
Degas – 95.5%	Dali – 93.7%	Da Vinci – 96.3%
Bailey – 99.2%	Banksy – 98.5%	Boyce – 99.3%
Oysters – 94.7%		

## MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

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

- Years 3 and 4 'Meet the Teacher' – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WHITSTABLE UNPLUGGED PRESS RELEASE

A large number of schools, including Joy Lane Primary School, have met in Canterbury to discuss the impact of smartphones in schools across the district, with the aim of finding and implementing collective solutions. Read the press release [here](#).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT



The WTFC Reds U9 Football Team and we are looking for players! We currently play in Division 2 of 6, so we are looking for players who have experience of playing for a team already – boys or girls. Training will take place on the 4G pitch at The Belmont Ground, and matches are on a Saturday. Please contact [jamesbrady1003@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbrady1003@gmail.com) for further information.

Whitstable Town – The Kent Youth League



# 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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# NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS (NHPA)

## AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLASSES NOW TAKING BOOKINGS

**MONDAY** – Oysters, Reception & Year 1 (max. 15 students) starting Monday 22nd September until Monday 8th December. Book [here](#) and select Monday.  
**ONLY 6 SPACES REMAINING.**

**WEDNESDAY** Street Dance (fully booked - this was previously our Tuesday class)  
Starting Wednesday 17th September until weds 10th December

**FRIDAY** - Year 2 & Year 3 - Book [here](#).  
Starting Friday 19th September until Friday 12th December

**LIMITED SPACES - BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

### ⚠️ NEW CLASSES ALERT ⚠️

**WEDNESDAY 4.35pm - 5.20pm - K POP Dance!**  
Book [here](#). (max 25 per class)  
Starting Wednesday 24th September – Wednesday 10th DECEMBER

**WEDNESDAY 5.30 - 6.30pm - Advanced Street/Commercial class - Ages 8+ (this is our advanced fast paced class but still super fun).**  
Book [here](#). (Max. 25 per class)  
Starting Wednesday 24th September – Wednesday 10th December

*\*All prices for classes are in the joining form - if you have any queries, please contact [newheightsperformingarts@gmail.com](mailto:newheightsperformingarts@gmail.com)  
(Please note: these classes are not bookable through the school.)*



A vibrant poster for a K-POP Dance Class. The background is a dark purple gradient with glowing neon icons of musical notes, stars, and lightning bolts in shades of blue, pink, and yellow. At the top, there's a logo for 'NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS' featuring two stylized dancers and a large yellow star. Below the logo, the text 'K-POP DANCE CLASS' is written in large, bold, glowing letters. Underneath, it says 'AGES 7+' in a yellow rounded rectangle. The schedule 'WEDNESDAYS 4:35PM - 5:20PM' is listed in glowing blue and pink. The location 'NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS @ JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL, JOY LANE, WHITSTABLE, KENT, CT5 4LT' is written in white. At the bottom, it says 'TO BOOK VISIT' followed by the website 'www.nhpa.uk/classes/weds-k-pop-class'.



## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** 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. As a reminder, please do not notify your teacher via ClassDojo as it is important that these records are collected centrally in the school office.
- Don't forget to come to our Meet the Teacher sessions, starting on Monday for Years 3 & 4.
- Book up for NHPA's new dance classes! Places filling up quickly!
- A reminder of our school 'lockdown' times where driving is prohibited on the school site: Morning: 8:30am – 9:00am / Afternoon: 3:00pm – 3:35pm

