



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

We would like to share with you that Mrs. Sally Bowler, one of our SENDCos, will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up an exciting promotion as Head of School and SENDCo at Lynsted and Norton Primary School in the Swale area. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness in her new role. Mrs. Bowler has been a dedicated member of the Joy Lane community for the past ten years, during which time she has supported the learning of hundreds of children; she has also helped and supported many of our families too. She will be greatly missed by us all, but we wish her every success and happiness and send our warmest wishes for this next chapter in her career.

Ms Hines - Executive Headteacher

HEALTH AND SAFETY

A reminder from our School Business Manager

Further to the information we shared last week regarding vehicle access and egress on our school site, it has been disappointing to see that some vehicles are not following our safeguarding protocols.

Please be reminded that these measures are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our entire school community. If any member of our community does not follow the required lockdown and safeguarding protocols, we will have no option but to restrict their access to the site.

We thank all families for their continued cooperation in helping us keep our school safe.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

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

- Years 5 and 6 'Meet the Teacher' – Monday 22nd 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.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES SPECIAL MENU

European Day of Languages
Friday 26th September


ITALIAN

JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mains

Pepperoni Pizza

Ham & Pineapple Pizza

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Sides

Beans

Peas

Pudding

Lemon Sorbet

Mango Sorbet

All dietary requirements will be catered for

No pre-booking required. Your child can order their lunch as usual at morning registration. Please pay via Arbor.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

We are looking forward to meeting you – either virtually or in person – on Tuesday 30th September or Wednesday 1st October (or Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd October for Oysters) for our Parent Partnership Meetings. Booking will go live at 12pm on Friday 19th September via Arbor. If you are attending a virtual meeting, this will be via telephone call. *If you have a child in Oysters, please contact the school office to make an appointment, rather than via Arbor.*

After School Club is being held in our Oysters SRP building; however, please still come to the main school office at your collection time and a staff member will call over for your child. Please remember that Extended Learning clubs will not be running during the week of Parent Partnership Meetings.

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Key Stage 1 Virtual Meeting 3:30-7:00pm
Key Stage 2 Face-to-Face Meeting 3:30-7:00pm

Wednesday 1st October 2025

Key Stage 1 Face-to-Face Meeting 3:30-7:00pm
Key Stage 2 Virtual Meeting 3:30-7:00pm
Oysters Face-to-Face Meeting 3:30-7:00pm

Thursday 2nd October

Oysters Virtual Meeting 3:30-7:00pm

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 19th September 2025



JLPS Whole School attendance	97%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	54 pupils 8.57%

Klee – 94.3%	Kahlo – 99.3%	Kandinsky – 97%
Van Gogh – 97.5%	Voysey – 92.1%	Vallotton – 97.9%
Picasso – 100%	Postgate – 95%	Potter – 98%
Riley – 99%	Rousseau – 92.6%	Ringgold – 97.2%
Hockney – 96.7%	Heron – 98.2%	Hepworth – 96.2%
Degas – 91.7%	Dali – 93%	Da Vinci – 98.5%
Bailey – 98%	Banksy – 98.4%	Boyce – 96.2%
Oysters – 90.8%		

STATUTORY ASSESSMENTS - PARENT INFORMATION

Please find all Parent Information Leaflets for this academic year's statutory assessments on the school [website](#):

- Reception Baseline
- Year 1/2 Phonics Screening
- Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Year 6 SATs



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT



SEPTEMBER TIMETABLE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8th Finding work for young adults - ONLINE WORKSHOP	9th ND Play n Connect Age 4-11 10am-12pm	4th Online Adult Peer Support Group 7:30-9:30pm	5th Harbour Hangout 10am-12pm
16th ND Play n Connect Age 4-11 10am-12pm	Adult Peer Support Group 1-3pm	11th KENT CHARITY AWARDS +No online group	12th Harbour Hangout 10am-12pm
23rd ND Play n Connect Age 4-11 10am-12pm	Adult Peer Support Group 1-3pm	18th Online Adult Peer Support Group 7:30-9:30pm	19th Harbour Hangout 10am-12pm
30th ND Play n Connect Age 4-11 10am-12pm	Adult Peer Support Group 1-3pm	25th Online Parent Support Group 7:30-9:30pm	26th Harbour Hangout 10am-12pm
		2nd Online Adult Peer Support Group 7:30-9:30pm	3rd Harbour Hangout 10am-12pm

Extras
ART WORKSHOP
 We will be holding an art workshop on Sunday 7th September to enable you to create some pieces for the Baton of Hope project - this will include drawing, painting, sculpting, poetry or any other forms of self expression!
NEURODIVERGENT VOICES OF HOPE LAUNCH WEEKEND
 Weekend of the 20th September (date and time TBC). We will be holding a launch event to showcase our art and video project for the Baton of Hope.

CommUNITY FUND
Venues: Play n Connect: Sturry Social Centre Soft Play: Faversham Activity Centre
 Adult groups: Canterbury Umbrella Centre



Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Introduction To Understanding Autism
 08/10/2025 - 17:30am-19:30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Do you have questions about Autism? Maybe your child has received a diagnosis. Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding symptoms of Autism. We also discuss helpful strategies that you can use at home to help support your child.



If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or scan the QR code:

[Introduction to Understanding Autism | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWTandESTenquiries@nelt.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you.



NEW RECEPTION STARTERS 2026



JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

RECEPTION STARTERS 2026

Saturday 4th October: 10 am-12 pm
Tuesday 14th October: 9:15 am- 11 am
Wednesday 29th October: 6 pm- 7 pm (adults only)
Tuesday 4th November: 9:15 am- 11 am
Wednesday 19th November: 9:15 am- 11 am
Wednesday 7th 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
(Please note: these classes are not bookable through the school.)*



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



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** of the [menu](#).
- Download a copy of our handy Term 1 dates [here](#).
- 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 for Years 5 & 6 on Monday at 9am.
- 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
- Remember to book you Parent Partnership meeting via Arbor (Oysters, via phone call to the school office).

