



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025

FIREWORKS – THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025



FIREWORKS DISPLAY

JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
& FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025

GATES OPEN: 5:30PM
DISPLAY STARTS: 6:30PM
EVENT CLOSES: 7:00PM

ADULTS £8
CHILDREN £5
FAMILY £22
(2ADULTS 2 CHILDREN)
UNDER 3S FREE

HOT FOOD AND DRINK STALLS
PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS
CARD PAYMENT AND CORRECT CHANGE
DOGS NOT ALLOWED ON SITE
BLUE BADGE PARKING ONLY



SCHOOL UNIFORM – PUPIL VOICE

JLPS school uniform expectations



PUPIL VOICE

- Pride
- Sense of belonging
- Same as everyone else
- Part of a TEAM
- Keeps you safe

How does it make you feel to wear JLPS school uniform?



IMPORTANT PARKING INFORMATION

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the overwhelming majority of parents and carers that park responsibly and respectfully in and around the Joy Lane Primary School site.

Unfortunately there are a small minority of motorists who consistently park across the local residents driveways, on double yellow lines and in places that clearly cause an obstruction or may be dangerous for children and families using pavements.

For your information we attach the Kent County Council link regarding what constitutes nuisance parking.
[Nuisance parking - Kent County Council](#)

Please consider the safety and well being of the whole community during pick up and drop off which we understand is a very busy time for everyone.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 3rd October 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	96.4%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	63 pupils 10.03%

Klee – 96.5%	Kahlo – 98.3%	Kandinsky – 93.3%
Van Gogh – 92.6%	Voysey – 91.9%	Vallotton – 98.5%
Picasso – 100%	Postgate – 95.2%	Potter – 95.7%
Riley – 95.2%	Rousseau – 95.9%	Ringgold – 92.8%
Hockney – 96.3%	Heron – 98.6%	Hepworth – 96.6%
Degas – 89.7%	Dali – 92.2%	Da Vinci – 96.3%
Bailey – 94%	Banksy – 90%	Boyce – 92.1%
Oysters – 92.3%		

HARVEST FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER

On Thursday 9th October, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival with a collection for the Canterbury Food Bank, who are in desperate need of donations at the moment. If you are able to help, please see the list of items below that are most needed. On Thursday morning, look out for the tables to drop off your donations.

This Harvest we would appreciate:

Baked Beans	Cleaning Products
Tinned Peas & Carrots	Shampoo
Tinned Tomatoes	Showergel
Tinned Tuna	Washing Powder
Tinned Meatballs	Cat/Dog Food
Soup	Washing Up Liquid
Tinned Pasta	Jam / Peanut Butter
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Rice Pudding
Long Life Milk *	Tinned Fruit
Long Life Fruit Juice	Dried Pasta 500g *

*Please also consider Free-From options



FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

📢 Reminder: You're Invited! Join us for our next PTA Meeting

📅 Monday, 6th October

🕒 7:00 PM

📍 The Monument Pub, Church Lane

Please note the change of venue!

Come along to share ideas, connect with other parents, and make a difference in our school community. We'd love to see you there!



🌟 Meet the Committee 🌟

This week, we continue our introductions to the dedicated volunteers behind FOJL. These wonderful committee members work hard to organise events, raise funds, and bring our school community together.

This week we are introducing our FOJL Vice Chair - Sharon.



Hello, I'm Sharon

Hello, I'm Sharon, Vice Chair of FOJL. I've worked at Joy Lane for about 14 years, so I've seen first-hand how important FOJL's fundraising is. The children benefit enormously from the funds raised and always enjoy the events we organise. I love being involved with a wonderful group of parents who share the same goal: making every child's experience at Joy Lane the best it can be.



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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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Swale Hawks Junior Basketball Club

2025/2026 season

@ The Abbey Sports Centre , Faversham. ME13 8RZ

🏀 🏀 New Coach joins Swale Basketball Club 🏀 🏀

We are very pleased to announce that Coach Jerry has joined Swale Basketball Club and brings with him a wealth of basketball experience .

🏀 Local league Basketball 🏀

Both the Under 14's and the Under 16's are entered into the Kent County junior Basketball League which starts on the 1st of November and runs on the 13th of December , 17th of January , 7th of February , 7th of March and the 25th of April .

🏀 **New Session Times From this Saturday the 13th of September** 🏀

Under 10's (school year 2,3,4 & 5) – 10.00am to 11.00am.

Under 12's (school year 6 & 7) – 11.00am to 12.00 noon.

****Under 16's (school year 10 & 11) – 12.00 noon to 1.30pm****

****Under 18's (school year 12 & 13) – 12.00 noon to 1.30pm****

****Under 14's (school year 8 & 9) - 1.30pm to 3.00pm****

'Look for excuses in sports , you will find them everywhere .

Look for opportunities to improve : those are everywhere too .

Your mindset determines what you see .'

Please contact info@swalebasketball.co.uk

Visit our website at

<https://www.swalebasketball.co.uk>



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PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2 of the [menu](#)**.
- 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
- Send your child in with appropriate clothing for outdoor **OPAL** play now that it is getting colder and wetter.
- Please complete our short **OPAL Play [survey](#)**.
- It is our **Open Day tomorrow - Saturday 4th October** - for prospective **2026 Reception starters**. Spread the word about **Joy Lane!**
- A reminder to not enter the Joy Lane Primary School site before the gates are opened at **8.40am**. **Oyster Bay Nursery** parents and carers are an exception.
- **Next Thursday, we are collecting for Harvest Festival.**

