



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

OPAL PLAY SUCCESS!



This is to certify that

Joy Lane Primary School

has achieved the

Platinum

Standard Quality Mark

for outdoor play and learning in schools

October 2025

OPAL Mentor

Michael Follett, CEO OPAL CIC



Following our pre-accreditation visit from our OPAL Play mentor yesterday, she was so impressed by our play offer for the children that she awarded us the Platinum Award early! We achieved an outstanding 94% as a school, placing us in the top 1% of OPAL schools worldwide for our fantastic play provision.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parent community, the hardworking staff at Joy Lane, the Friends of Joy Lane, and of course, our amazing children, for all your support and enthusiasm.



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



Buy your tickets [here](#).



FRIENDLY REMINDER ABOUT PARKING AND SITE ACCESS

We're very fortunate to have substantial car parking facilities on our school site, and we all share a responsibility to keep everyone safe. We're always happy to share our space with our community, as long as all visitors follow our safety protocols and help us look after one another.

To keep our children, families, and staff safe during our busiest times, there will be no vehicle access or movement on the school site at the following times:

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

We've noticed some vehicle movement in the car park during these times recently and please ensure you do not move from your parking space until time restriction is lifted. If vehicle movement continues, we may need to introduce tighter restrictions — something we'd really like to avoid.

Please remember that if you are parked on site during these times, you'll need to wait until the restriction has ended before leaving.

With 631 children in our primary school, plus our nursery-aged children, there's a lot of foot traffic at drop-off and collection times. We regularly review our entry and exit routes for vehicles, as well as our walking routes, to make sure we're keeping everyone safe and responding to any changes in how our site is used.

Your understanding and cooperation make a real difference in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for all. Thank you for your continued support and care.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 10th October 2025



JLPS Whole School attendance	95.8%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	85 pupils 13.53%

Klee – 82.9%	Kahlo – 96.7%	Kandinsky – 97.3%
Van Gogh – 92.5%	Voysey – 92.3%	Vallotton – 99.3%
Picasso – 98.2%	Postgate – 93.1%	Potter – 96.1%
Riley – 94.8%	Rousseau – 91.1%	Ringgold – 91.2%
Hockney – 97.5%	Heron – 97.9%	Hepworth – 92.1%
Degas – 90.3%	Dali – 96.3%	Da Vinci – 96.3%
Bailey – 97.5%	Banksy – 94.1%	Boyce – 96.6%
Oysters – 94%		



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you and us:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.
- In school, we are recalling all stock from our book corners and will be removing the links from the books.

FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

🎆 ✨ We're so excited to be supporting The Joy Lane Fireworks Display! ✨ 🎆

It is set to be an amazing night of lights & community spirit!

We'll be there on the evening with plenty of goodies available to keep you warm and happy:

🍷 **Mulled Wine**

🍺 **Beer**

🍹 **Soft Drinks**

🍪 **Sweet Treats**

We can't wait to see you there!

🌟 Meet the Committee 🌟

Week 3 of Meet the Committee is here! This week we are introducing our amazing FOJL Treasurer – Rose. Rose plays a key role keeping FOJL finances fair and our mission strong!



Hello, I'm Rose

Hi, I'm Rose, Treasurer of FOJL. I have two children at the school, and I love being able to give whatever little time I can to support FOJL's fundraising efforts. The funds we raise make a real difference in enriching our children's school journey, and it's wonderful to be part of a friendly, dedicated team that also makes sure we have fun along the way.



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

PLYR
AUTUMN
FOOTBALL
CAMP

9AM TO 3PM

OCT 21-22 WK1
 OCT 27-28 WK2

WHITSTABLE

BUILT FOR EVERYDAY BALLERS

OLD SCHOOL PIZZA
 AT JOY LANE FIREWORKS DISPLAY
THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
 5:30PM-7PM

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE BRINGING OLD SCHOOL PIZZA TO JOY LANE FOR THEIR FIREWORKS DISPLAY. COME AND SEE US FOR A DELICIOUS PIZZA

JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
 OLD SCHOOL PIZZA

THE MONUMENT

OLD SCHOOL PIZZA AT THE MONUMENT
HALLOWEEN PARTY
 31 OCTOBER
 PIZZA FROM 5PM

LIVE MUSIC FROM 8:30PM
 FIREWORKS FROM 9:30PM
 PIZZA FROM 5PM
 DRINKS ALL NIGHT!

AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN TRICK OR TREATING COME AND ENJOY A PIZZA AND A HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE MONUMENT

OLD SCHOOL PIZZA





Book your FREE workshops now

PARENT SEND INFORMATION DAY

- Get help and advice
- Learn ways to support your child
- Talk to people from schools, health, and charities

Book here



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16th October 2025 10am - 4pm
Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, Kent ME14 3JF



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** 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.**
- 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.
- **Book your fireworks tickets [here](#).**

