



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## FIREWORKS SUCCESS!

A huge thank you to our wonderful community for making this year's school fireworks display such a spectacular success! Your support of the event created an unforgettable evening of light, laughter, and community spirit. We're so grateful for everyone who volunteered, offered their services, and joined us to celebrate together.

## TERM 2 EVENT DATES

**TERM 2 DATES 2025-26**

**Week 1**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Term 1 Begins  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
New Reception Open Evening 6:00-7:00pm

**Week 2**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
New Reception Starters Open Morning 9:15-11:00am  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
Fireworks Event  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Joy Lane Remembrance Service

**Week 3**  
W.C Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Anti bullying Week  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Odd Socks Day  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Michael Rosen Day  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Children in Need Day (non-uniform)

**Week 4**  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Scholastic Book Fair  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
New Reception Starters Open Morning 9:15-11:00am  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Sharing Learning Afternoon - 2:00-3:00pm  
Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale &  
Pre-loved JLPS Uniform Sale - 3:45pm

**Week 5**  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Extended Learning Clubs Finish

**Week 6**  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
Oysters Pantomime Visit  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Year 6 Wine Gums and Wisdom 6:00-7:00pm

**Week 7**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Babies & Toddler Christmas Stay and Play 9:00am  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Klee Christmas Show 9:30am  
KS2 Christingle Service  
Seasalter Christian Centre - 5:00-6:30pm  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Kahlo Christmas Show 9:30am  
Year 1 Christmas Show 2:00pm  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Kandinsky Christmas Show 9:30am  
Year 1 Christmas Show 2:00pm  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Year 2 Christmas Songs & Crafts 2-3pm

**Week 8**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
KS2 Oysters Nativity 2pm  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas in Pre-School 9:30am  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Lunch  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Parties

**Last day of term finishing times...**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Oysters SRP 4:30pm  
Main School 2:00pm  
Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm  
After School Club 4:00pm

**\*Please note the additional date for the KS2 Christingle Service. More details to follow soon regarding booking a place.**



## WINEGUMS AND WISDOM EVENING – BOOK NOW!



Book via Arbor.

## CHILDREN IN NEED & ALL WRAPPED UP – FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOV

Next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, we will be taking part in Children in Need Day, as well as supporting the All Wrapped Up Riverside Church project, which provides Christmas presents for families in need. Find out more [here](#).

The children are invited to wear non-school uniform, including any Pudsey accessories, next Friday. The day will also involve a visit from the Herne Bay High Dance Dash!



Any cash donations made on the day will be split between the two charities, or you can make a donation online to the charity of your choice:

- [All Wrapped Up · ChurchSuite Donate](#)
- [Donate to BBC Children in Need 6](#)

Alternatively, you can support All Wrapped Up by donating a gift or stocking filler for a child or young person aged 0-17 years, up to a value of about £30. These can be dropped off to school, or you can buy a gift via our [Amazon Gift List](#), and this will be delivered directly to school. Deadline for donations will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November.



## ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	95.3%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	80 pupils 12.75%

Klee – 95.9%	Kahlo – 96.7%	Kandinsky – 99%
Van Gogh – 89.4%	Voysey – 82.9%	Vallotton – 98.5%
Picasso – 94.1%	Postgate – 95.9%	Potter – 93.6%
Riley – 95.5%	Rousseau – 97.5%	Ringgold – 94%
Hockney – 94.2%	Heron – 96.4%	Hepworth – 95.5%
Degas – 93.4%	Dali – 94.4%	Da Vinci – 97%
Bailey – 94.8%	Banksy – 95.9%	Boyce – 96.2%
Oysters – 84.6%		

## OPAL PLAY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are extending our OPAL Play provision (even further!) and setting up a nautical-themed base. We are on the lookout for any of these items (or anything you think would be a welcome addition for the children!):

- Wooden Cable Reels
- Lobster/Crab Pot Catchers
- Life Buoy
- Fishing Nets
- Life Jackets
- Anchors
- Large Wooden Posts



Donations can be left at the OPAL Play drop off station outside the main school office.

For any queries, please [contact](#) one of our OPAL Team. You can also purchase items from our [OPAL Amazon Wishlist](#).

## APFS CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS – DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Our APFS deadline for orders has been extended until 9<sup>th</sup> November! Every order you make raises funds for our school!

Simply visit <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk>, and input the unique artwork code - found on the label on the reverse of the artwork - and your child's first name and surname. Orders should be back with us before the end of November.



# MICHAEL ROSEN DAY SPECIAL MENU – THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOV



## MICHAEL ROSEN DAY

Special Menu

Thursday 13th November

### 'FINGER GOOD'

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sausage Roll      |                   |
| Cocktail Sausage  |                   |
| Cheese and Tomato | VEGETARIAN OPTION |
| Pizza Pinwheel    | Vegetable Samosa  |
| Ham Wrap          | Spring Roll       |
|                   | Cheese and Tomato |
|                   | Pizza Pinwheel    |
|                   | Cheese Wrap       |



### 'CHOCOLATE CAKE'

Chocolate Cake  
Cream

SUBstitutions WILL BE MADE for those  
with DIETary requirements

Book your child's meal [here](#) (only KS2 need to pre-book).



# CANTERBURY FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Simply add one item each day to a Bag For Life during the month of November



\*please consider free from products

## DROP OFF YOUR REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Help us reduce supermarket bin overflow! Drop off your donations at one of our collection points listed below. Our friendly volunteers will be ready to receive your contributions. We can't wait to see you there!


- ❄️ 1st December - Sainsbury's, Herne Bay Broomfield 5pm - 7pm
- ❄️ 2nd December - Tesco Extra, Whitstable - 5pm - 7pm
- ❄️ 3rd December - Morrisons, Wincheap - 5pm - 7pm
- ❄️ 4th December - Sainsbury's, Kingsmead Canterbury - 5pm - 7pm
- ❄️ 5th December - Sainsbury's, Chestfield - 2pm - 6pm



## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

### Friends of Joy Lane (FOJL) – Co-op Local Community Fund Support Quest!

You can help us raise money every time you shop with Co-op — it's super easy:

- 1 Sign in to your Co-op Membership account (or download the Co-op App)
- 2 Head to the 'Wallet' tab
- 3 Select "Friends of Joy Lane" as your chosen cause 

**Bonus boost: FOJL earns £5 for every new Co-op member who joins via the app (up to 10 members) — but only until 15 November 2025!**

 Join [here](#)

### What a night!

It was wonderful to see so many lovely faces at the Joy Lane Fireworks Event this week — what an incredible display enjoyed by everyone!

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we raised a fantastic £1,095!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us — whether by manning the FOJL station, helping with event prep, purchasing items, or spreading the word. Your efforts make a massive difference to our school and community.

### Week 6 of "Meet the Committee"!

It's time to introduce another wonderful member of the Friends of Joy Lane (FOJL) committee — say hello to Naomi!



## Hello, I'm Naomi

Hi, I'm Naomi!  
I'm a member of the FOJL committee and have two daughters, one in Year 5 and one in Year 1. I joined FOJL to meet other parents and become more involved in supporting the school. I particularly enjoy being part of a group where everyone's ideas are valued and where we can see the positive impact of our efforts on the children's day-to-day school life.

**Naomi is a dedicated committee member who helps FOJL make amazing things happen for our school community. Her enthusiasm and support play a big part in bringing our events and fundraising efforts to life!**



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMPETITION

We are looking forward to the arrival of the Scholastic Book Fair book cases from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The children are invited to take part in a competition to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair.

Simply photograph your child enjoying one (or more!) of the following cosy reading activities, and send it to Mrs Harkins via ClassDojo.



## YEAR 6 BAKE SALE – FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



# NOVEMBER TIMETABLE



		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
<b>SATURDAY 1ST</b> <b>Like Minded</b> 10:30 - 11:30am Our new group at Hawkinge Village Hall for parents and children will be every 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month!	4th	ND Play n Connect Age 4-11 10am-12pm	Adult Peer Support Group 1-3pm	5th	Online parent support group 7:30 - 8:30pm		
	11th	ND Play n Connect Age 4-11 10am-12pm	Adult Peer Support Group 1-3pm	12th	Online adult peer support group 7:30 - 8:30pm		
	18th	ND Play n Connect Age 4-11 10am-12pm	Adult Peer Support Group 1-3pm	19th	Online parent support group 7:30 - 8:30pm		
<b>MONDAY</b>		25th	ND Play n Connect Age 4-11 10am-12pm	Adult Peer Support Group 1-3pm	26th	Online adult peer support group 7:30 - 8:30pm	
24th	Non-violent resistance - ONLINE WORKSHOP					7th	Harbour Hangout 11am-1pm
						14th	Harbour Hangout 11am-1pm
						21st	Harbour Hangout 11am-1pm
						28th	Harbour Hangout 11am-1pm

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

**ND Harbour**  
A safe space for neurodiversity

## AFTER SCHOOL SOFT PLAY

exclusive venue use for neurodivergent children

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
4 - 6PM  
FAVERSHAM ACTIVITY CENTRE

£5 PER CHILD  
SIBLINGS WELCOME  
BABES IN ARMS & ADULTS FREE

BOOKABLE ON EVENTBRITE  
OR CONTACT [JO@NDHARBOR.ORG.UK](mailto:jo@ndharbour.org.uk) WITH ANY ENQUIRIES

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## ND PLAY N CONNECT

Play session for neurodivergent children who are not in school.

**FREE to attend**  
Tuesday  
10am - 12pm  
Sturry Social Centre

Low-pressure environment  
Small group size  
Free play and fun activities

**BOOK YOUR SPACE TODAY!**  
Contact: [jo@ndharbour.org.uk](mailto:jo@ndharbour.org.uk)



## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** of the menu.
- **Download a copy of our updated Term 2 dates here.**
- Please click here to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.
- **Book a table at our Wine Gums and Wisdom event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**
- **Buy your child's Christmas card design here by midnight on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**
- **Book your child's Michael Rosen Day meal here for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November (only KS2 need to pre-book).**
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need / All Wrapped Up Day! Children can wear non-uniform, and you can support/donate in various ways. Check out our Amazon Gift List.**
- **Can you help with our most recent OPAL Play request for nautical-themed items? Or, can you buy something from our OPAL Amazon Wishlist?**
- **Why not take part in the Scholastic Book Fair cosy Autumn competition to win a £5 voucher.**

