



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

SHARING LEARNING AFTERNOON – FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

We look forward to welcoming you all into the school next Friday 21st November between 2pm and 3pm to look at your child's work and classroom.

- EY/KSI parents/carers to enter alongside the Children's Centre, past the Nursery to the EY/KSI joining corridor.
- Years 3/4 parents/carers to enter the gate by the swimming pool and into the classroom via the back doors.
- Years 5/6 parents/carers to enter via the gated area/cloakroom fire exit doors.

You are welcome to move to different areas of the school if you have multiple children to visit, and you can take your children home when you have finished. The main Joy Lane entrance will be open for the afternoon. The Valkyrie gate will open at its usual time of 3:20pm.

Outside the school office, the FoJL will be selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers and other dressing up items, alongside our JLPS selling pre-loved uniform.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to showcasing the children's wonderful work and learning so far this year.

Ms Hines – Executive Headteacher

ALL WRAPPED UP RIVERSIDE CHURCH PROJECT

Thank you for your support so far with the All Wrapped Up Riverside Church project. We are continuing to support this cause, which provides Christmas presents for families in need. Find out more [here](#).



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 28th November.

Alternatively, you can make a monetary donation here: [All Wrapped Up · ChurchSuite Donate](#)

WINEGUMS AND WISDOM EVENING – BOOK NOW!



Book via Arbor.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 14th November 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	95.3%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	87 pupils 13.87%

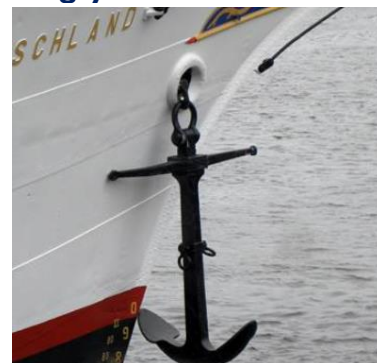
Klee – 98.4%	Kahlo – 97.3%	Kandinsky – 98.7%
Van Gogh – 85.7%	Voysey – 95.3%	Vallotton – 94.1%
Picasso – 93.7%	Postgate – 94.8%	Potter – 95.7%
Riley – 96.6%	Rousseau – 93%	Ringgold – 95.6%
Hockney – 97.8%	Heron – 98.9%	Hepworth – 94.1%
Degas – 91.7%	Dali – 97%	Da Vinci – 96.7%
Bailey – 97.6%	Banksy – 98.1%	Boyce – 100%
Oysters – 90.6%		



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](#).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – HERE FROM MONDAY!



The Scholastic Book Fair is here from Monday 17th November until Thursday 20th November, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

In a change to how we usually run the fair, this year, we will be grouping the three age-range book cases together in the car park, near the school office/school kitchen window.

There will be opportunities for the children to visit the cases during the day, and you are welcome to browse and buy with your child at the end of the day between 3:20pm and 3:35pm. You can pay by cash or there is the facility to pay online using your debit/credit card, plus a card machine.

Every book you buy earns free books for the school! We hope to see you there!

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



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

Christmas Jumper Sale!

FOJL is hosting a Christmas jumper sale on Friday 21st November during the Sharing Learning Afternoon! We are in need of donations of festive jumpers, tops, dresses, or nativity outfits. Drop off any donations to our new FOJL donation bins at drop-off/pick-up.



FOJL

Christmas
Jumper Swap

21st November ★
2pm - 3.30pm
Outside the Main School Office

ReDuCE
ReUse
ReCYCLE

The poster features a cream background with green and red borders. It includes illustrations of Christmas jumpers, stars, and a penguin. The text is centered and includes the FOJL logo, the event title, date, time, and location, and a recycling message.

Week 7 of “Meet the Committee”!




Hello, I'm Gabi

Hello, I'm Gabi, a member of the FOJL committee. My son has just started in Reception and is really enjoying the beginning of his school journey. I decided to get involved with FOJL as a way of giving back to this wonderful school community and helping to raise funds that create new opportunities for our children and their learning.

Every week, a new team member takes the stage. Meeting the people making FOJL possible! This week, we are introducing committee member, Gabi! Gabi, is our newest committee member. We're so excited for all the energy and ideas she brings!

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](#)

YEAR 6 BAKE SALE – FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER



NURSERY RHYME TIME COMPETITION

To further celebrate *Michael Rosen Day*, we're holding a special Nursery Rhyme Competition! Children can collect quiz forms from their class teacher and return completed entries to the school office with a £1 entrance fee. Fantastic prizes are up for grabs – our First Prize is a wonderful book hamper, and the Second Prize is a cuddly teddy reading buddy. Let's celebrate stories, rhymes, and the joy of reading together!

YEAR 6 PRESENTS

NURSERY RHYME QUIZ

for Michael Rosen day

Have you got the time
To solve these traditional nursery rhymes?

Just for JLPS
All welcome!
Collect from your teacher

EVENT RULES
Collect a quiz from your teacher
Fill it in at home – with the (optional) help of your friends and family!
Bring your quiz back to the main office and pay £1 to enter!
Winners to be revealed at Wine-gums and Wisdom, and posted on Dojo!

PRIZES

- 1st PLACE
Book Hampers!
- 2nd PLACE
A new cuddly reading buddy!

How to Enter:
Collect a quiz from your teacher, complete, hand in to the office and pay £1!

Confused? Find Miss Crowe or Dr Heald to answer your questions

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT FOR SALE

YAMAHA P-105
Compact digital piano
For sale
£275 o.n.o

Ideal for home, stage and studio use. Been lightly used over the last 6 years by one family. Prior to this was briefly used weekly for church services. In excellent condition. Comes with stand and hard case.



Please contact Chantelle on 07817711336

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** 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 5th December.**
- You can purchase a gift for the **All Wrapped Up** appeal via our [Amazon Gift List](#) or make a gift donation of your own. Deadline for donations will be Friday 28th November.
- **Can you help with our most recent OPAL Play request for nautical-themed items? Or, can you buy something from our [OPAL Amazon Wishlist](#)?**
- Next Friday 21st November is our **Sharing Learning Afternoon (2-3pm)** including the Year 6 Bake Sale, JLPS pre-loved uniform sale and FoJL Pre-loved Christmas Jumper Sale.