



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

## SHARING LEARNING AFTERNOON SUCCESS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Sharing Learning Afternoon today. It was wonderful to see so many of you engaging with your children and taking the time to explore their work and achievements. Your presence and support help make these moments meaningful for our learners, and we truly appreciate your involvement.

Ms D Hines - Executive Headteacher

## KS2 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**KEY STAGE 2  
CHRISTINGLE  
EVENT**

**BOOK NOW**

CHRISTINGLE MAKING  
SING-ALONG WITH MRS RAWLINGS & THE BAND  
NATIVITY STORY  
LIGHTING THE CHRISTINGLES AND REFLECTION  
FOJL SERVING REFRESHMENTS

**9  
DEC** | **5:00-6:30PM**  
SEASALTER CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
49 Faversham Rd, CT5 4AX

FAMILIES OF KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN INVITED  
(INC. YOUNGER SIBLINGS)  
MAX. 1 ADULT PER FAMILY  
(MAX. 2 FOR MUSICIANS AND READERS)  
BOOK VIA GOOGLE FORM  
TICKETS ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS

**Book [here](#).**

If your child is a reader or musician, please complete the Google Form sent to you separately.

## ALL WRAPPED UP RIVERSIDE CHURCH PROJECT

So far, we have collected nearly 8 crates of toys for the All Wrapped Up Riverside Church project. Thank you for your support!



There is still time to 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.

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

## WINEGUMS AND WISDOM EVENING – BOOK NOW!



Book via Arbor.

## 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](#).

## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE



Get a sprinkle of Christmas magic! FOJL are providing personalised letters from Santa - lovingly prepared and sprinkled with festive cheer! Each letter comes with reindeer food.

🔔 Order your letters now and let the festive fun begin!  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane/index.cfm#>

## Week 8 of “Meet the Committee”!

Say hello to Barbara! Barbara is a dedicated committee member Her commitment and energy to supporting FOJL shines!



# Hello, I'm Barbara

Hi, I'm Barbara! I'm a FOJL committee member and have my youngest grandson in Year 5. I've also been involved with my older three grandchildren when they attended the school. I enjoy helping at events and being part of a friendly, hardworking team. Being retired allows me to offer extra support during the day, and it's wonderful to see the children enjoying the activities and experiences that FOJL helps to provide.

## FREE 11+ PREPARATION AND KS2 SUPPORT AVAILABLE



We're pleased to let you know that Joy Lane Primary School has partnered with Atom Learning, the leading Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation website, to provide free KS2 learning to primary school children who are eligible for Pupil Premium. Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year).

There is a 5-day free trial of Atom available for non-PP families. Atom Learning is a viable, more child-centric alternative to private tuition that we believe is a non-stressful and enjoyable way of making progress at KS2 and, when relevant, preparing for exams.

### Do you know someone who is eligible?

If you know someone whose child is preparing for the 11+, or is in need of extra Key Stage 2 learning support (they do not need to be attending Joy Lane Primary School), please share this link with them: <https://atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/primary-schools>

After completing the form on this page, their primary school will receive a notification to verify their pupil premium eligibility. Once confirmed by their school, their Atom Home account will be created.

Mr M Ashley-Jones  
Joy Lane Primary School

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	95.2%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	77 pupils 12.28%

Klee – 96.6%	Kahlo – 99.6%	Kandinsky – 95.9%
Van Gogh – 92.1%	Voysey – 89.3%	Vallotton – 94.7%
Picasso – 94.2%	Postgate – 91.6%	Potter – 97.6%
Riley – 94.6%	Rousseau – 94.2%	Ringgold – 92.9%
Hockney – 95.1%	Heron – 96%	Hepworth – 92.7%
Degas – 93.1%	Dali – 92.2%	Da Vinci – 93.3%
Bailey – 98.4%	Banksy – 93.8%	Boyce – 94.3%
Oysters – 91.1%		

## MEET SANTA AT MEADOW GRANGE

Thank you to Meadow Grange, who will once again be donating two Christmas trees to the school.

Tickets now on sale!

*Santa's Grotto*  
at Meadow Grange

Meet Santa and his festive farm animals on the following dates:

Saturday 6th December  
Sunday 7th December  
Friday 12th December  
Saturday 13th December  
Sunday 14th December  
Saturday 20th December  
Sunday 21st December  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Book online: [www.meadowgrangenursery.co.uk](http://www.meadowgrangenursery.co.uk)

Click [here](http://www.meadowgrangenursery.co.uk) to book.

# NURSERY RHYME 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! Deadline for entries is **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

**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

**PRIZES**

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

**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!

**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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** of the [menu](#).
- **Download a copy of our updated Term 2 dates [here](#).**
- **Book a table at our Wine Gums and Wisdom event on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](#)?**
- **Why not take part in the [Nursery Rhyme Quiz](#) to win a book hamper?**
- **Order your Santa letter [here](#).**
- **Book [here](#) for the [Key Stage 2 Christingle Service](#).**