



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2025

CHRISTMAS DINNER – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS MENU
Wednesday 17th December 2025

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MAIN

Roast Turkey with all the Trimmings
Vegetable Wellington (vg)

Roast Potatoes (vg)
Carrots, Peas and Brussels (vg)
Gravy (vg)

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DESSERT

Christmas Biscuit (d/f, vg)
g/f Christmas Biscuit available
Chocolate Yule Log
Allergy free Chocolate cake will be available (v, d/f, g/f)

vg - vegan
v - vegetarian
g/f - gluten free
d/f - dairy free

All dietary requirements will be catered for

We will be enjoying our Christmas Dinner, complete with crackers and table settings, on Wednesday 17th December 2025!

Please complete this [form](#) with your child's choice of main and dessert – *please also do this if your child receives Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals as this will help us cater to correct numbers. (You do not need to make payment).* Meals cost £2.95 and are payable via Arbor. Deadline for orders is Monday 8th December 2025.

THE BUSY TWO WEEKS AHEAD!

Christmas

events at Joy Lane Primary School

Week 7

Monday 8th December

Babies & Toddler Christmas Stay and Play - 9:00am

Tuesday 9th December

Klee Christmas Show - 9:30am

KS2 Christingle Service at Seasalter Christian Centre 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Wednesday 10th December

Kahlo Christmas Show - 9:30am

Year 1 Christmas Show - 2:00pm

Thursday 11th December

Kandinsky Christmas Show - 9:30am

Year 1 Christmas Show - 2:00pm

Friday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Santa Dash

KS1 Oysters Christmas Sing-a-long - 1:15pm - 2:00pm

Year 2 Christmas Songs & Crafts 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Week 8

Monday 15th December

KS2 Oysters Nativity 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday 16th December

Christmas in Pre-School - 9:30am

Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Parties (non-school uniform: party clothes)

OPAL CELEBRATION - FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

Next week, on Friday 12th, we will be receiving our Platinum OPAL Award from our OPAL Play Mentor. To celebrate this special occasion, we will gather as a whole school on the playground, in front of our OPAL bus. Mrs Rawlings has kindly organised for the school band to play a song for us all to sing together, and Mrs Plowman will then lead a dance to help warm us up and get everyone moving! Some of our children will also be reading their own OPAL-themed poems.

We are delighted to share that a special guest local artist will be joining us to pull down the tarpaulin and reveal the brand-new artwork on our OPAL bus — a wonderful surprise for the children!

As a thank you for everything they do, Friends of Joy Lane, along with our Governors and Parent Council members, have been invited to attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Joy Lane community to come together and celebrate the joy of play, creativity, and togetherness. Please remember to pack your child's coat that day as we will be outside- whatever the weather!

SUPPORTING EVERY CHILD: INTRODUCING OUR INCLUSION CHAMPIONS

We are excited to share a new initiative to strengthen support for all children in our school. This term, we are introducing Inclusion Champions - experienced staff members who will work closely with class teachers to identify and meet children's needs within the classroom.; this role is in addition to their class teaching responsibility. They will liaise with our SENDCos and Inclusion Manager to share information, plan next steps, and promote inclusion across their phases.

Please see our new Inclusion structure below:

Inclusion Manager - Mrs Godden
Oysters SRP SENDCo - Mrs Crocombe
Inclusion Champion for years 5 and 6 - Mrs Wilson
Inclusion Champion for years 3 and 4 - Mrs Sharp
Inclusion Champion for years 1 and 2 - Mrs Dodd
Early Years and Nursery SENDCo - Mrs Finch

As ever, your child's class teacher remains your first point of call if you have any concerns or queries. If you would like to contact a member of the Inclusion team above, please email inclusion@joylane.kent.sch.uk .

Inclusion is something we continually celebrate at Joy Lane Primary School, and we hope that this approach will continue to help us explore and address common themes across cohorts and ensure every child feels valued and supported. We are thrilled about the possibilities this brings for our school community and look forward to working closely with you.

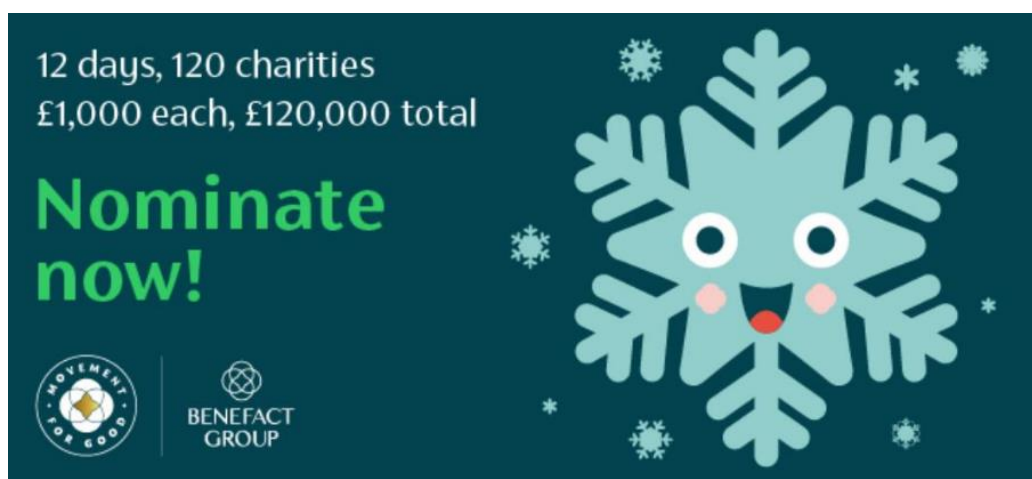
Mrs Godden
Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion

FRIENDS OF JOY LANE



Exciting news: we're counting down to Christmas, Santa is on his way - and so is the brand-new Christmas school Lottery Golden Draw! This whopping £10,000 cash bonanza **MUST BE WON** in a huge draw on Saturday 20th December. The winner will take home a cool £5,000 for them, and a whopping £5,000 for your school, too! What a way to spread some festive cheer! Every ticket in a draw between 29th Nov - 20th Dec will mean an extra entry into our Christmas Gold Draw - so don't forget to get tickets soon, while the spirit of giving is upon us: you won't want to miss out on this festive opportunity!

Find out more here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>



FoJL needs your help! We're in the running for the final £1,000 Movement for Good draw of the year – and it's a big one! This December, £1,000 will be given to 10 charities every day for 12 festive days. Please nominate Joy Lane Primary School Parents, Teachers, Friends Association to give us the best chance of winning. The more nominations we receive, the better our chances – so please share! Click [here](#)!

Nominations are open now and close at 23:59 on December 15th, 2025. Thank you for your support!



FOJL will be supporting the upcoming Christmas performances by providing refreshments. Don't forget to bring along some loose change to treat yourself to a mince pie and a warm tea or coffee while you sit back and enjoy the show! Cashless donations will also be available as usual. We look forward to seeing you there!

JOY LANE CHOIR AT THE CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

This week, our Joy Lane choir sang at Canterbury Cathedral as part of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment Carol Service. The children sang beautifully in front of a very large audience within the amazing ambience of the Cathedral. Mrs Rawlings is also known as Seargent Rawlings of the Band of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, which added special significance to the evening and was, undoubtedly, a moment of immense pride for all. Thank you to Mrs Rawlings, Mrs Bottle, Miss Daly and Miss Ross for supporting the children in this amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 5th December 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.9%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	77 pupils 12.30%

Klee – 93.1%	Kahlo – 96%	Kandinsky – 94%
Van Gogh – 95.2%	Voysey – 93.3%	Vallotton – 87.8%
Picasso – 97%	Postgate – 94.8%	Potter – 94.4%
Riley – 99%	Rousseau – 89.3%	Ringgold – 90%
Hockney – 96.3%	Heron – 100%	Hepworth – 90%
Degas – 87.9%	Dali – 95.2%	Da Vinci – 95%
Bailey – 90%	Banksy – 95.9%	Boyce – 80.7%
Oysters – 90.8%		

YOUNG ENGINEERS STEM CLUB

We are pleased to inform you that registration is now open for our Young Engineers STEM Club at Joy Lane Primary School. In Term 3, the STEM Club will run on Tuesdays concluding at 16:35 and is open to pupils in Years 3 through 6. Each session lasts for 75 minutes and is priced at £14 per session. Find our more [here](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OLD SCHOOL PIZZA

AT THE NEW INN IN WHITSTABLE
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING 5PM-9PM

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM
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FRIDAYS
5-9PM

GRAB AN OLD SCHOOL PIZZA TO EAT IN AND THE NEW INN OR THE FOUNTAIN OR TAKE IT AWAY

OLD SCHOOL PIZZA

SANTA DASH – FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER



On 12th December, our school will be joining in a fun Santa Dash! The children will be running, skipping, walking or even hopping around the field as many times as they can. We will already be wearing our Christmas jumpers that day, but children are welcome to add a Santa hat or any festive accessories to make the dash even more exciting. If you want to make a 'promise of sponsorship', we will be collecting sponsorship money until the end of January. All the money raised will help us buy new PE equipment, kit and extra opportunities for the children. Thank you for your support!

CAUSE AND EFFECT TOYS NEEDED

We're on the lookout for 'cause and effect' toys, such as jack-in-the-boxes or press-down/pump spinning tops. If you're having a clear-out before or over Christmas and have any of these toys you no longer need, we'd be very grateful for donations!



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** of the [menu](#).
- **Book your child's Christmas Dinner via this [form](#). Deadline Monday 8th December.**
- **Can you buy something from our [OPAL Amazon Wishlist](#)?**
- **Order your Santa letter [here](#). The deadline to order is Monday 8th December.**
- **We are now fully booked for the Key Stage 2 Christingle Service. If you filled out the form, your place is secured. You will be required to sign in on arrival to the event.**
- **Please nominate Joy Lane Primary School Parents, Teachers, Friends Association to give us the best chance of winning the Movement for Good draw. Click [here](#)!**
- **Do you have any 'cause and effect' toys that you could donate to the school?**
- **Our Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash day are on Friday 12th December – Christmas jumpers, head accessories and trainers required!**