



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

TERM 3 EVENT DATES

Term 3 Dates 2025 - 2026



Week 1

Monday 5th January
Term 3 Begins
Wednesday 7th January
New Reception 2026 Open Morning
9:00-11:00am

Week 2

Thursday 15th January
Census Day (Special Menu)
Friends of Joy Lane Winter Discos
1:30 - 2:30pm - Reception
2:30 - 3:30pm - Year 1
3:30 - 4:30pm - Year 2
4:30 - 5:30pm - Year 3

Week 3

W/C 19th January
Extended Learning Clubs Commence
KIC Theatre Drama Workshops
Friday 23rd January
Year R Hearing & Vision

Week 4

Thursday 29th January
Friends of Joy Lane Winter Discos
13:30 - 2:00pm - Oysters
2:00 - 2:30pm - Nursery
2:30 - 3:30pm - Year 4
3:30 - 4:30pm - Year 5
4:30 - 5:30pm - Year 6
Friday 30th January
Children's Hospital Pyjama's Appeal

Week 5

W/C 2nd February
National Storytelling Week
Monday 2nd February 3:00 - 6:30pm
EY/KS1 Virtual Parent Partnership Meeting
Tuesday 3rd February 3:00 - 6:30pm
EY/KS1 Virtual Parent Partnership Meeting
Wednesday 4th February 3:00 - 6:30pm
KS2 Virtual Parent Partnership Meeting
Thursday 5th February 3:00 - 6:30pm
KS2 Virtual Parent Partnership Meeting

Week 6

Tuesday 10th February
Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February
Last Day of Term 3 - Normal Finish Times

Welcome Back to Term 4

Monday 23rd February

Click [here](#) for a PDF version.

WELLY SALE – TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY

On Tuesday 20th January, we will be hosting a pre-loved welly sale after school near the school office. All wellies will be priced at £2, with cash payments only.

In the event of bad weather, we will reschedule the sale for later in the week and notify you via Class Dojo.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMA DAY APPEAL



SPREADING LOVE THROUGH COMFORT

We are looking forward to our second Children's Hospital Pyjamas Appeal on Friday 30th January! Last year, the charity – and Joy Lane! – were overwhelmed by your generous donations and support.

The children are invited to wear their pyjamas, or other comfy loungewear, for the day, and with the crisp, cold weather setting in, this is the perfect excuse to layer up and wrap up warm! Think oodles, onesies, blankets, dressing gowns, slippers (for the classroom), and you can layer your PJs over leggings and t-shirt, if needed.

There are so many ways you can get involved:

- Donate £1 on the day - look out for the orange buckets!
- Donate via our [Just Giving Page](#)
- Donate a pair of brand-new PJs (ages 0 - 18)
- Buy a pair of PJs from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and these will be sent directly to the school

Anything you are able to donate will go towards supporting children in QEQM Margate, Kent and Canterbury Hospital and Demelza Hospice. Thank you in advance for your support.

FOJL WINTER DISCOS!

We're thrilled to welcome back the amazing Just Bounce, bringing a full professional disco experience — think lights, sound and bubbles!

Two high-energy entertainers will be leading fun games, competitions, and easy dance routines, with age-appropriate music for every year group. Expect props, prizes, and non-stop fun, all run by fully trained staff with enhanced DBS checks.

🍷 Drinks and popcorn are included in the ticket price!

Times and dates for year groups are:

Thursday 29 th January
Oysters 1:30-2:00pm
Nursery 2:00-2:30pm
Year 4 2:30-3:30pm
Year 5 3:30-4:30pm
Year 6 4:30-5:30pm



Tickets are available [here](#) and will cost £2 per person for Nursery, Reception & Oysters, and £3 for the rest of the year groups.

If you're experiencing financial difficulties and would still like your child to attend, please use our 'Pay It Forward' scheme by selecting the 'Pay It Forward' ticket option.

🎉 We can't wait to see the dance floor full of smiles, moves, and disco magic! 🎵 🌐

KIC THEATRE – MONDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY

We are delighted to welcome KIC Theatre back for the children's educational drama workshops. During the workshops, the children bring their classroom learning to life through theatre and their understanding of the topic is enhanced in an interactive and engaging way.

MONDAY 19 th Jan	Yr 6	Macbeth
	Yr 5 (Degas, DaVinci)	Harry Potter
TUESDAY 20 th Jan	Yr 1	Neil Armstrong & Space
	Yr 5 (Dali)	Harry Potter
WEDNESDAY 21 st Jan	Yr 3	Romans
	Oysters – Warhol & Wiltshire	'Inside Out' (film) & Emotional Literacy
	Oysters – Wyburn	Emotional Literacy
THURSDAY 22 nd Jan	Yr 2	Queen Elizabeth II
	Yr R (Kandinsky, Klee)	Dinosaurs
FRIDAY 23 rd Jan	Yr 4	Mayans
	Yr R (Kahlo)	Dinosaurs

Each class will have their own individual workshop, with all pupils taking part during the week commencing Monday 19th January 2026.

Please pay your contribution of £2 per pupil through Arbor (via 'Trips'); we are only able to offer these opportunities if we can cover our costs. Thank you for your continued support.

PYJAMA DAY POSTER COMPETITION TIME!



COMPETITION TIME!

DESIGN A POSTER TO ADVERTISE OUR HOSPITAL PYJAMA APPEAL

Your poster should be:

- Eye-catching, neat, colourful
- Persuasive

Information to include:

- PJ Day: Friday 30th January 2026
- Wear Pyjamas for the day!
- Donate a pair of brand-new pyjamas (newborn to 18 years old) or donate cash or online
- Charity name - Children's Hospital Pyjamas
- Who we are helping

DEADLINE: MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2026

**WIN A
BOOK
VOUCHER!**

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 16th January 2026



JLPS Whole School attendance	94.7%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	75 pupils 12.39%

Klee – 98.9%	Kahlo – 99.3%	Kandinsky – 96.3%
Van Gogh – 94.1%	Voysey – 95.7%	Vallotton – 96.3%
Picasso – 97.8%	Postgate – 96.2%	Potter – 100%
Riley – 93.1%	Rousseau – 96.7%	Ringgold – 90.1%
Hockney – 97.5%	Heron – 95.6%	Hepworth – 94.6%
Degas – 96.3%	Dali – 96.5%	Da Vinci – 95.6%
Bailey – 95.2%	Banksy – 90.4%	Boyce – 92.7%
Oysters – 91.7%		

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026 – READING PLEDGE

Last week, we shared our support for the The National Year of Reading 2026, which is a UK-wide initiative encouraging everyone to “Go All In” and rediscover reading for pleasure.

In 2025, the percentage of children and young people who said they enjoyed reading is at its lowest since surveys began in 2005!

- Just 1 in 3 children now enjoy reading
- Only 1 in 5 children and young people aged 8-18 read daily
- 1 in 10 aged 5-18 say they don't even have a book at home

At a time when reading for pleasure is declining across all ages, the National Year of Reading reminds us that reading doesn't have to feel like a chore. Instead, it can be a joyful, meaningful part of everyday life—something we choose because it connects us to what matters most.

We're inviting families to make a 'Reading Pledge' to help find different ways to fit reading into your daily family life. This pledge is about making reading part of your family reading culture - not something extra to fit in!

- 1) Simply pick up a 'Family Reading Pledge' from the school office (see below)
- 2) Choose a 'pledge' to make for one month from the ideas – or choose your own!
- 3) Make your pledge as a family and begin to put it into action!
- 4) At the end of the month (or longer if you need it!), review your successes and if you have made any lasting changes.
- 5) Cut off the slip and bring back into school for Mrs Harkins to celebrate in assembly!
- 6) Then, why not pick another pledge for the next month?

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026
FAMILY PLEDGE

Instructions:
 Pick one habit to pledge to try for the month and write it below. Use the chart below to track your progress by colouring in each day that you are successful. Complete the slip at the end of the month and return to Mrs Harkins.

THE FAMILY PLEDGE TO...

TRACKER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY

(ONLY USE IF HELPFUL)

FAMILY NAME: _____

OUR PLEDGE: _____

WE TRIED OUR PLEDGE

A SENTENCE TO SUMMARISE YOUR READING SUCCESS THIS MONTH _____

MONTH: _____

<p>10 minutes reading a day</p>	<p>Turn Off the Screens & Read (x 1 per week)</p>	<p>Visit the library (and sign up if you haven't already!)</p>	<p>Read and make a recipe</p>	<p>Try audiobooks</p>
<p>Read in new places</p>	<p>National Year of Reading Pledge Ideas</p>			<p>Family 'read aloud' night</p>
<p>Explore reading linked to your interests/hobbies</p>				<p>Book swap with friends</p>
<p>Take notice of signs, posters and notices</p>	<p>Adults and children read alongside each other</p>	<p>Read aloud to your child (no matter what age!)</p>	<p>Make (and stick to!) a bedtime reading routine</p>	<p>Try 'Book Banter' at home</p>

NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS



SATURDAY

- ★ Musical Theatre – SMMT
9:00am – 12:00pm | Joy Lane School, CT5 4LT

MONDAY

- ★ Joy Lane Oysters SRP & Reception Dance (Joy Lane school)
3:30pm – 4:15pm | Joy Lane School

WEDNESDAY

- ★ Street Dance (Ages 7+)
3:40pm – 4:20pm | Seasalter Christian Centre
- ★ Musical Theatre Dance (Jazz) (Ideal for teens)
4:30pm – 5:10pm | Seasalter Christian Centre

FRIDAY

- ★ Friday Fun Street Dance (Years 1–3)
3:30pm – 4:20pm | Joy Lane Lower Hall
- ★ Mini Musical Theatre (Years 1–3)
4:30pm – 5:20pm | Joy Lane Lower Hall

**To book visit:
www.nhpa.uk**

Classes run per week | Subject to availability

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2 of the [menu](#)**.
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.
- Buy your tickets for the **Winter Discos [here](#)**.
- **KIC Theatre workshops commence on Monday 19th January. £2 towards the session can be paid via Arbor.**
- **It is Pyjama Day on Friday 30th January in support of Children's Hospital Pyjamas. You can donate via our [Just Giving Page](#) or buy a pair of PJs from our [Amazon Wishlist](#).**
- Download our **Term 3 Dates [here](#)**.
- **Please hand any Santa Dash sponsorship money into the school office by the end of the month.**
- Please read the important [letter](#) outlining our expectations around attendance at school.
- **Pick up a Family Reading Pledge from the school office to get involved with The National Year of Reading!**
- **Extended Learning Clubs begin on Monday 19th January.**
- **Come to our welly sale after school on Tuesday 20th January.**