



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Our virtual Parent Partnership Meetings will take place during the week commencing 2nd February. Please see the details below. [Booking will open today at 6pm via Arbor.](#)

*Parents of children in Oysters, please contact the school office via telephone (01227261430) or email (office@joylane.kent.sch.uk) to make your appointment.

There is an expectation that all parents/carers make an appointment to discuss the progress of their child at this mid-point in the year.

Monday 2 nd February	
Early Years / Key Stage 1	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
Tuesday 3 rd February	
Early Years / Key Stage 1	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
Degas (Year 5)	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
Wednesday 4 th February	
Key Stage 2 (including Degas)	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
*Oysters SRP	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
Thursday 5 th February	
Key Stage 2 (not including Degas Y5)	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
*Oysters SRP	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm

*Please note that all Parent Partnership meetings are via phone call. There are no face-to-face meetings in school.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Board. Parent Governors play an important role in helping to shape the strategic direction of the school and supporting its continued development. Our Governing Board are ideally looking for someone who has experience or skills in Business, Finance or Governance and a willingness to contribute time and ideas in making Joy Lane the best it can be.

Please take a moment to read the attached information, which outlines the role and what it involves, and if you would like more information or are interested in putting yourself forward, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Contact clerk@joylane.kent.sch.uk
Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

[Parent Governor Letter](#)

[Parent Governor Application](#)

All best wishes,
Ms D J Hines & Mrs N Mattin

OPAL PLAY REMINDER – MUDDY CONDITIONS

With the current rainy weather, our mud area is very muddy – fantastic for OPAL play, but tough on school uniforms! Please ensure children have an all-in-one puddle suit rather than two-piece sets, as these provide better coverage. If you know your child enjoys accessing the mud areas, we'd also appreciate it if you could provide an extra pair of trousers/leggings and a top to keep them comfortable for the rest of the day if their uniform gets muddy. Thank you for your support.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMA DAY APPEAL – NEXT FRIDAY



SPREADING LOVE THROUGH COMFORT

We are looking forward to our second Children's Hospital Pyjamas Appeal on Friday 30th January!

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!

A reminder to book tickets for the upcoming Winter Discos!

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.

[Collection & clothing information for Oysters, Nursery, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6](#)



Thursday 29th January

- 1:30–2:00pm – Oysters - send a change of clothes into school in a labelled bag. Children will get changed in their classrooms before/after the disco. Normal classroom pick up.
- 2:00–2:30pm – Nursery - send a change of clothes into nursery in a labelled bag. Normal classroom pick up.
- 2:30–3:30pm – Year 4 - send a change of clothes into school in a labelled bag. Parents to collect at 3:30pm from the Year 2 double doors/corridor. (Children who are not attending to be collected from classrooms at 3:20pm).
- 3:30–4:30pm – Year 5 - send a change of clothes into school in a labelled bag. Children to change after school and independently walk to the Lower School Hall (note: parents must have completed a [Pupil Collection Arrangements](#) from School form allowing their child to walk home from school alone. Parents to collect at 4:30pm from the Year 2 double doors/corridor.
- 4:30–5:30pm – Year 6
Drop off at the back door of the Lower School Hall and collect from the Year 2 double doors/corridor.

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026 – LIBRARIES!

As part of our support for the The National Year of Reading 2026, we are encouraging families to join the local library – and if you are already a member, dust of your card and visit soon!

With 1 in 10 children aged 5-18 saying they don't have a book at home, this is the time to fill our homes with books – for free! Did you know that you can sign up for a library card online? Check out the different ways to sign up [here](#).



Mrs Harkins would love to see any pictures of our children visiting the library or hear about them receiving their first library card! Just pop a message on Dojo. 😊

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 23rd January 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.7%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	79 pupils 12.72%

Klee – 98.6%	Kahlo – 96.7%	Kandinsky – 95.3%
Van Gogh – 94.6%	Voysey – 85.9%	Vallotton – 93.3%
Picasso – 94.8%	Postgate – 95.2%	Potter – 98.2%
Riley – 91.7%	Rousseau – 91.5%	Ringgold – 96%
Hockney – 96.7%	Heron – 97.4%	Hepworth – 94.3%
Degas – 91.1%	Dali – 96.2%	Da Vinci – 95.2%
Bailey – 96.4%	Banksy – 93.7%	Boyce – 97.3%
Oysters – 93.9%		

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

**CANTERBURY
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JUNIOR FOOTBALL

SATURDAY 10:30 - 11:30
AGES 5-8 YEARS

LET YOUR CHILD KICK-START THEIR FOOTBALL JOURNEY IN A FUN, FRIENDLY, AND ENERGETIC ENVIRONMENT! OUR JUNIOR FOOTBALL SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, COORDINATION, AND A LOVE FOR THE GAME.

The King's School Sports Centre,
1 St Stephens Road, Canterbury CT2 7HU

01227 595602

info@kingschoolsportscentre.co.uk

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the [menu](#).
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.
- Buy your tickets for the Winter Discos [here](#).
- Download our Term 3 Dates [here](#).
- 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](#).
- Please hand any Santa Dash sponsorship money into the school office by the end of the month.
- Pick up a Family Reading Pledge from the school office to get involved with The National Year of Reading!
- Book your Parent Partnership Meeting from 6pm this evening.