



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Our virtual Parent Partnership Meetings will take place next week. Please see the details below. Booking is still open until Monday, so if you have not yet made an appointment, please do so as soon as possible.

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

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	
Early Years / Key Stage 1	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	
Early Years / Key Stage 1	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
Degas (Year 5)	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	
Key Stage 2 (including Degas)	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
*Oysters SRP	Virtual Meeting 3:00-6:30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## FOJL WINTER DISCO SUCCESS!

Huge shout-out to everyone who made the FOJL discos such a hit!



What an incredible time was had – non-stop energy and memories for everyone! From the music and the feel-good energy to the amazing community that showed up, the discos truly delivered! Thank you to all our dancers, volunteers, and supporters for making it unforgettable 🎉🌐👧

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And thanks to this amazing support we raised just over an incredible £1200! The children loved the energy that JustBounce gave with their amazing music, non-stop dancing, bubbles and the absolute favourite...snow machine! Please show your appreciation by booking them for your next party!

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE



### Attendance data week ending 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.7%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	74 pupils 11.93%

Klee – 98.9%	Kahlo – 91.3%	Kandinsky – 94.7%
Van Gogh – 91.8%	Voysey – 90.6%	Vallotton – 95.2%
Picasso – 81.5%	Postgate – 95.8%	Potter – 98.6%
Riley – 92.7%	Rousseau – 95.9%	Ringgold – 95.2%
Hockney – 95.6%	Heron – 98.1%	Hepworth – 92.9%
Degas – 98.4%	Dali – 94%	Da Vinci – 98.5%
Bailey – 93.3%	Banksy – 92.6%	Boyce – 95.9%
Oysters – 88.3%		

# CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMA DAY APPEAL



We still have some time until our pyjama donations are being collected, so there is still time to donate.

- Donate via our [Just Giving Page](#) (link has been updated)
- Buy a pair of PJs from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and these will be sent directly to the school

Thank you for your generous donations and support so far.

## YEAR 6 – SAVE THE DATE

Joy Lane Year 6 Prom  
Monday 13th July | 6:00–7:45pm  
Seasalter Christian Centre

Parents... assemble! 🧑👧

The date is locked in, the venue is booked, and now we need you to help make this the most unforgettable Year 6 Prom ever. If you'd like to join the planning fun and sprinkle a little magic on the big night, send your name and phone number to [friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk) and we'll add you to the group.

Let's make it a night they'll never forget! ✨

## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4 of the [menu](#)**.
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.
- Pick up a Family Reading Pledge from the school office to get involved with The National Year of Reading!
- Book your Parent Partnership Meeting by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.