



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026

TERM 4 DATES

Term 4 Dates



2025-26

Week 1

Monday 23rd February
Back to School

W/C Monday 23rd February
Year 5 Bikeability (all week)

Wednesday 25th February
Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip

Week 2

Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th March
Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day (Dress up)

Week 3

W/C Monday 9th March
British Science Week

Wednesday 11th March
Joy Lane Orchestra
Marlowe Theatre 12-3:30pm

Week 4

Friday 20th March
Year 5 Day Trip to France
Red Nose Day (School Uniform)

Week 5

Friday 27th March
Extended Learning Clubs Finish

Week 6

Thursday 2nd April
OPAL Play Cake Sale (2pm)

Last Day of Term - Thursday 2nd April
Oysters 1:30pm
Main School 2:00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm
After School Club 4:00pm

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

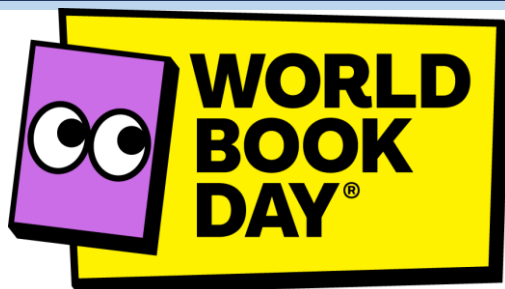


Attendance data week ending 13th February 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	77 pupils 12.41%

Klee – 96.7%	Kahlo – 98%	Kandinsky – 95.3%
Van Gogh – 94.3%	Voysey – 92%	Vallotton – 98.1%
Picasso – 96.8%	Postgate – 96.6%	Potter – 95.4%
Riley – 87.2%	Rousseau – 90.4%	Ringgold – 96.4%
Hockney – 96.7%	Heron – 95.2%	Hepworth – 96.4%
Degas – 93%	Dali – 94.6%	Da Vinci – 92.3%
Bailey – 92.6%	Banksy – 89.2%	Boyce – 96.7%
Oysters – 84.6%		

THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING – WORLD BOOK DAY!



We are excited to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March with a full day devoted to all things reading!

Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character, and they are encouraged to bring the matching book along to share.

This year, we are also supporting the National Year of Reading theme, “Go All In – Whatever you’re into, get ready to GO ALL IN.” As an alternative to their favourite book character, children may choose to come dressed as something they love, such as their favourite sport, hobby, or singer, and bring a book that links to their interest.

Throughout the day, pupils will enjoy a range of reading-themed activities including Book Banter sessions and a whole-school assembly, all designed to celebrate and inspire a love of reading.

We can’t wait to see everyone’s fantastic costumes and favourite books!

TERM 4 SPRING MENU

Please see our [NEW Spring Menu](#). This Menu will run for the whole of Term 4.

FRIENDS OF JOY LANE – WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is taking place soon – let's get prepared!

FOJL are holding a pre-loved costume sale to help everyone get ready. Have you got any outgrown or unwanted costumes you'd be willing to donate? We'd love to give them a new home! Donations can be placed in the donation bins when children return from half term.

Thank you for your support – together we can make it a fantastic (and affordable!) World Book Day for all!

SAFER INTERNET DAY: ONLINE SAFETY



 Internet Safety: Navigating the Digital World Together! 

Online safety doesn't need to mean shutting down technology – it's about exploring the internet smartly and safely. We've got some great resources to help you become internet superheroes!

Feeling overwhelmed by parental controls? Internet Matters is your secret weapon! They've got easy-to-follow guides for every device, game, and app. Think of it as your digital parenting cheat sheet!  

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

BBC also have some helpful information for parents and children, which can be explored together:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cp440njz78zt>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/groups/c8dp5jz9z19t>

The real secret to effective internet safety is open conversations!

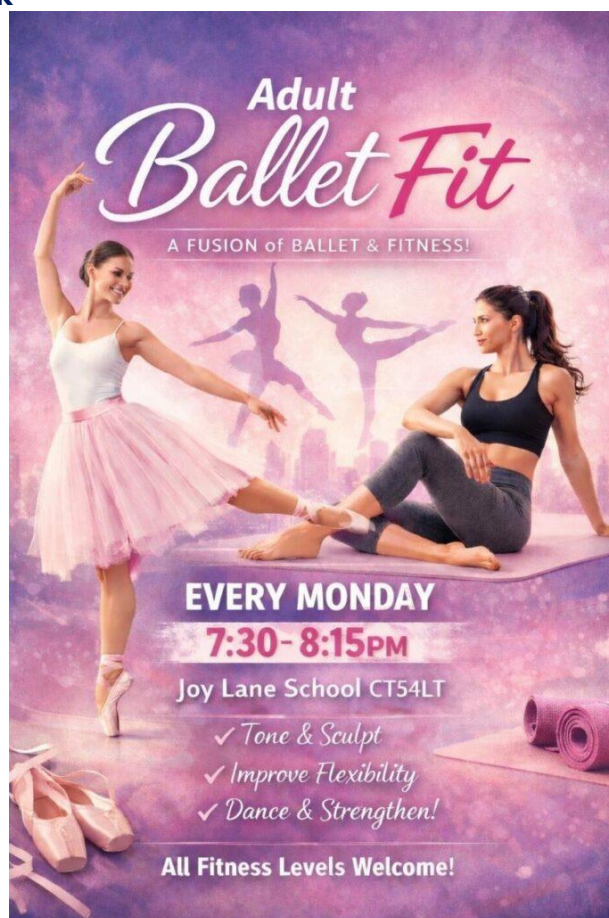
 Creating a judgment-free zone where your children can chat about their online experiences. No scary lectures, just honest talks.

Check out LEGO's 'Build and Talk' series – learning internet safety while building together:

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/families/digital-play>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We now have Ballet, tap and modern dance classes held at Joy Lane and an adult ballet fit class, for more details please go to our website [Dance Classes in Whitstable](#) or message k@dancewhitstable.co.uk



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- The first week back will be **Week 1** of the new [menu](#).
- View our new Spring menu [here](#).
- Do you have any outgrown or unwanted costumes for **World Book Day** you'd be willing to donate to **FOJL**?
- Download the Term 4 dates [here](#).
- We look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 23rd February**.
- It's **World Book Day** on **Thursday 5th March**! You might like to start thinking about costumes over the break.
- Read the **Terms 4 – 6 Swimming letter** [here](#).