



Joy Lane Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th 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

IMPORTANT – PARENT GOVERNOR BALLOT PACK

We wrote to you on Friday 23rd January to invite nominations for the vacancy of Parent Governor. We have received two nominations for the vacancy on the Governing Body. As there are two candidates for one vacancy, a Ballot is required.

On Friday 27th February (today), children will be sent home with two ballot packs. Each parent/carer is entitled to one vote. If you have parental responsibility and more than one child at the school, you are still entitled to only one vote. Where parents/carers share parental responsibility, each person is entitled to vote separately. Your Ballot packs will contain statements from each candidate and details on how to cast your vote. These must be returned to Joy Lane Primary School Office FAO Clerk to Governors no later than Friday 13th March 2026.

Ballots received after this deadline will not be counted. The Ballot will be conducted by secret vote, and the count will take place on Tuesday 17th March 2026.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact clerk@joylane.kent.sch.uk by email.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 27th February 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	75 pupils 12.13%

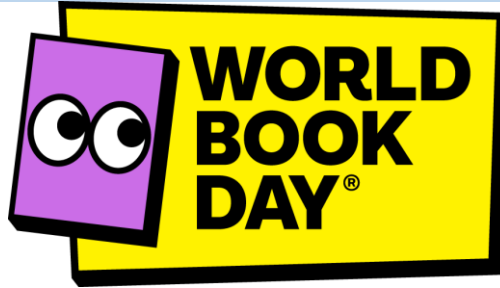
Klee – 98.4%	Kahlo – 97%	Kandinsky – 98.7%
Van Gogh – 95.4%	Voysey – 97.5%	Vallotton – 97%
Picasso – 99.3%	Postgate – 93.8%	Potter – 97.1%
Riley – 92.1%	Rousseau – 95.2%	Ringgold – 94.8%
Hockney – 97%	Heron – 95.2%	Hepworth – 98.6%
Degas – 94.3%	Dali – 98.4%	Da Vinci – 95.2%
Bailey – 95.6%	Banksy – 95%	Boyce – 100%
Oysters – 92%		

TERM 4 CURRICULUM WEBS

We are excited to share our learning with you for Term 4 through our year group Curriculum Webs. Here, you will find a snapshot of learning across the curriculum and see how we immerse the children in their learning through a range of hooks and books!

Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.

THE NATIONAL YEAR OF READING – WORLD BOOK DAY!



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

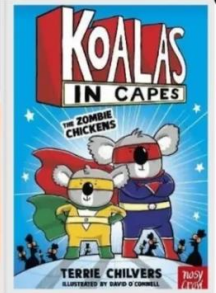
Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character, and they are encouraged to bring the matching book along to share.

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!

FREE WORLD BOOK DAY EVENTS AT WATERSTONES



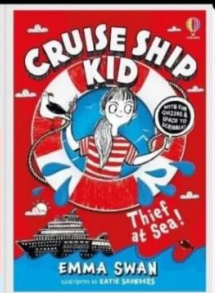
TERRIE CHILVERS SUPERHERO WORKSHOP

Join bestselling author, Terrie Chilvers, for a superhero mask making workshop. For ages 5-8. This event is for children who love funny animal stories and enjoy getting wildly creative!

BOOK NOW

**SATURDAY
7 MARCH
11AM**

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EMMA SWAN DRAMA GAMES WORKSHOP

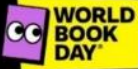
Join Emma Swan – a West End Actress who stars in Horrible Histories stage shows – for fun quizzes, drama games and maybe a couple of interruptions from the Cruise Ship Kid herself! This event is suitable for children ages 7+.

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1PM**

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ANN SEI LIN
ORIGAMI BIRD MAKING





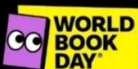
Meet bestselling author, Ann Sei Lin, and enjoy an origami bird making event. For ages 10-14. Younger siblings and parents are welcome to join in the fun!

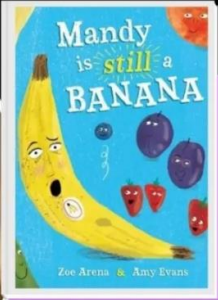
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ZOE ARENA
STORYTIME FUN





Join picture book author, Zoe Arena, for storytime and craft fun. For ages 2-7 years. This event is for children who love clever stories and creativity.

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7 MARCH
3PM**

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Find out more [here](#).

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 LUNCHES

Please note that on Thursday 12th March, Years 1 and 2 will be served a school packed lunch rather than the hot meal advertised on the school menu. This is due to the Lower School Hall being used for a school event. If you would prefer, please provide your own packed lunch that day.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SHIFT

WITH LARA & JODI

WHAT	BARRE FITNESS
WHEN	EVERY WEDNESDAY 12.45 - 13.30
WHERE	THE HORSEBRIDGE ARTS CENTRE WHITSTABLE, CT5 1AF
SIGN UP	EMAIL SHIFT.BARRE@GMAIL.COM £6.50 FOR YOUR FIRST CLASS THEN £65 FOR 5 CLASSES
	* Terms and conditions apply. First class discount offer only valid until 09.04.2026. Limited places available.
FOLLOW	INSTAGRAM.COM/SHIFT_BARRE

Online Courses February/ March 2026

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
153636	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	24/02/26	24/02/26	Tuesday	10:00	11:00
153353	Supporting ADHD in the Home	25/02/26	18/03/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153359	Strategies to Support Your Child with Maths (7-11 yrs) - Webinar	26/02/26	26/02/26	Thursday	10:00	11:00
153352	Autism Awareness	04/03/26	25/03/26	Wednesday	19:00	21:00
153357	Strategies to Support Your ADHD Child - Webinar	11/03/26	11/03/26	Wednesday	13:00	14:00
153354	Calm together - Emotional Regulation You and Your Child	13/03/26	13/03/26	Friday	10:00	12:00
153358	Supporting Your family through our Screen Obsessed World	30/03/26	30/03/26	Monday	19:00	21:00
153355	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	31/03/26	31/03/26	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
153356	Managing Sleep	31/03/26	31/03/26	Tuesday	10:00	12:00
153642	Supporting your Neuro-Diverse Child to eat Healthily	01/04/26	01/04/26	Wednesday	09:30	11:30

To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.



To book your place on one of these FREE courses, scan the QR code or go to www.kentadulteducation.co.uk

and enter the course code into the search box.

For further information email businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk

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PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** of the new [menu](#).
- Download the Term 4 dates [here](#).
- It's World Book Day next Thursday 5th March!
- Read the Terms 4 – 6 Swimming letter [here](#).
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.