



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

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.

Children have been 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 6th March 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.7%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	67 pupils 10.84%

Klee – 95.4%	Kahlo – 97.7%	Kandinsky – 97%
Van Gogh – 95.4%	Voysey – 90.8%	Vallotton – 96.4%
Picasso – 96.8%	Postgate – 96.6%	Potter – 96.4%
Riley – 96.6%	Rousseau – 91.9%	Ringgold – 88.4%
Hockney – 97.5%	Heron – 97%	Hepworth – 99.3%
Degas – 93.6%	Dali – 94%	Da Vinci – 97%
Bailey – 97.4%	Banksy – 94.6%	Boyce – 97.7%
Oysters – 92.9%		

SANTA DASH SUCCESS!

Your sponsorship of the Santa Dash fundraiser raised a massive £765.31, which will be going towards strengthening our PE provision. Thank you for your support!

Science Week 2026

9th - 13th March

This years theme is:

Curiosity: What's your question?

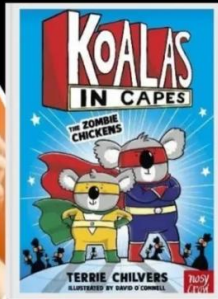
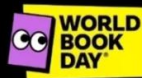
At Joy Lane we plan to use our curiosity to delve further into our Solar System.

We are lucky enough to have the opportunity to all visit a Space Dome during this week and our thanks go out to Sue Curtis and Pat Bell who donated the money to enable this amazing opportunity for the children alongside the fabulous Friends of Joy Lane.

Thank you all!

FREE WORLD BOOK DAY EVENTS AT WATERSTONES

TERRIE CHILVERS SUPERHERO WORKSHOP



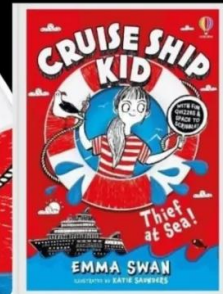
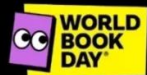
Join bestselling author, Terrie Chilvers, for a superhero mask making workshop. For ages 5-8. This event is for children who love funny animal stories and enjoy getting wildly creative!

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SATURDAY
7 MARCH
11AM

EMMA SWAN DRAMA GAMES WORKSHOP



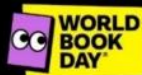
Join Emma Swan – a West End Actress who stars in Horrible Histories stage shows – for fun quizzes, drama games and maybe a couple of interruptions from the Cruise Ship Kid herself! This event is suitable for children ages 7+

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SATURDAY
7 MARCH
1PM

ANN SEI LIN ORIGAMI BIRD MAKING



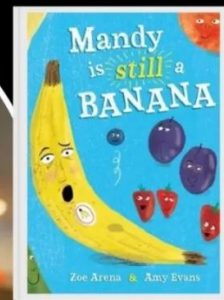
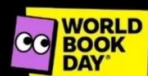
Meet bestselling author, Ann Sei Lin, and enjoy an origami bird making event. For ages 10-14. Younger siblings and parents are welcome to join in the fun!

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SATURDAY
7 MARCH
2PM

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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SATURDAY
7 MARCH
3PM

Find out more [here](#).

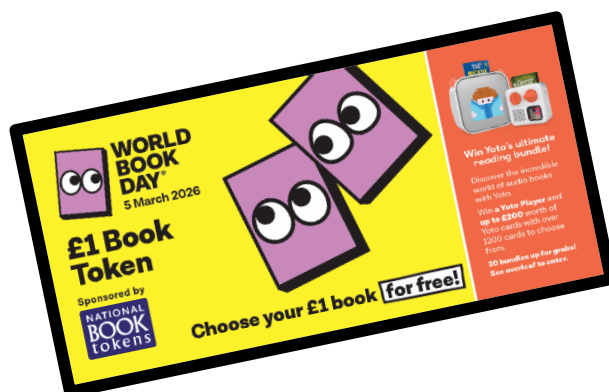
DON'T FORGET TO SPEND YOUR WORLD BOOK DAY TOKEN



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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.

CANTERBURY ACADEMY COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

Local children and athletes are invited to take part in our Midnight Mile on Thursday 2nd April at midnight to help raise funds for a new track at Canterbury Academy, which we know many Joy Lane children also access. The track is now 26 years old and completely worn out. They need to replace the whole track, and this is a fantastic opportunity for children to play a big part in securing the future of the facility.

We'd love as many children as possible to take part! After signing up, please encourage everyone to share the fundraising [link](#) with family and friends and ask for sponsorship. Every single penny raised will go directly towards replacing the track.

Let's make this a brilliant, memorable event for the local community 🏃 🏃

COMMUNITY EVENTS



THE WHISTABLE CINEMA

THE WORKERS LEAGUE, 1 ALBERT STREET

OSCAR 2026 EDITION

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER

I SWEAR

ZOO TROPOLIS

SAT 14TH MARCH 1PM

SAT 14TH MARCH 5PM

SAT 14TH MARCH 7:30PM

SUN 15TH MARCH 1PM

14TH AND 15TH MARCH

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT:

THEWHISTABLECINEMA.COM





Drop in Support

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES OR ADDITIONAL NEEDS

THURSDAY 10AM- 12PM
12TH FEBRUARY, 12TH MARCH, 2ND APRIL, 7TH MAY,
4TH JUNE & 2ND JULY
RIVERSIDE CAFE, RIVERSIDE CHURCH WHITSTABLE,
THANET WAY, CT5 3JQ

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the new menu.
- Download the **Term 4** dates here.
- It's **Science Week** next week!
- Please click here to be directed to your child's **Curriculum Web**.
- Parent Governor votes need to be returned by **Friday 13th March**.