



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026

YEAR 3 AND 4 MORNING DROP-OFF ARRANGEMENTS

From Monday 23rd March, we will be encouraging greater independence for our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. Children will no longer be dropped off directly at their classrooms. Instead, parents should say goodbye at the main gate, allowing children to walk to their classrooms independently.

Members of staff will be on duty at the gates near the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms to support the children and ensure they arrive safely.

Collection at the end of the day will remain the same. Parents can continue to walk to their child's classroom to collect them from 3:20pm. However, if you wish, you may choose to encourage your child to walk independently to meet you at the main gate.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 13th March 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.7%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	71 pupils 11.54%

Klee – 95.7%	Kahlo – 99.3%	Kandinsky – 99.3%
Van Gogh – 93.5%	Voysey – 88.3%	Vallotton – 93.6%
Picasso – 93.7%	Postgate – 95.7%	Potter – 91.1%
Riley – 93.8%	Rousseau – 96.2%	Ringgold – 90.8%
Hockney – 93.3%	Heron – 94.6%	Hepworth – 97.9%
Degas – 93.9%	Dali – 94%	Da Vinci – 98%
Bailey – 98.1%	Banksy – 98.9%	Boyce – 96.7%
Oysters – 92.9%		

WE NEED YOUR TEDDIES!



If you are having a 'spring clean' soon, please consider donating any teddies that need a new home for our super successful 'adopt a reading bear' stall at the Reading Festival. Please send any donations into the school office. Donations are welcome until June. Thank you in advance for your support.

RECEPTION – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Now that Spring has finally sprung, we are looking to freshen up and revamp our Reception garden to further enhance learning opportunities for our lovely children. We are looking for donations of the following:

- Bark or wood chip
- Pots and Pans
- Sand toys

Please let a member of our Reception team know if you are able to donate or bring any resources to the school office. Thank you so much for your continued support.

You can also find items for Reception on our OPAL Play [Amazon](#) list.

CYCLING AND SCOOTING SAFETY REMINDER

With the weather looking promising during the next week - and fingers crossed all the way to Easter - I would like to remind parents and children that the safety of all the community is paramount, especially during the entry to and exit from the Joy Lane Primary School site.

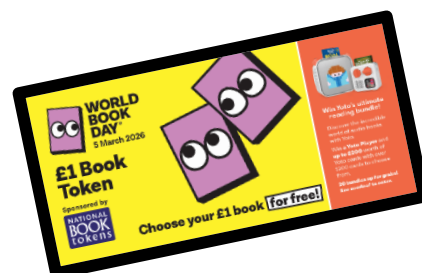
It is so lovely to see the children scooting and cycling to and from school, and we appreciate the children taking the care to push or wheel their bikes and scooters around the site when it is so busy.



As a reminder, particularly to those children that access school independently, please remind your children they should not be riding around the road leading up to the blue main gates as there are children/parents waiting for school to start as well as many cars accessing the school site.

Thank you for reminding the children about safety for all.

DON'T FORGET TO SPEND YOUR WORLD BOOK DAY TOKEN



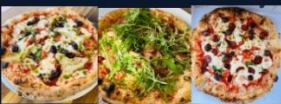
COMMUNITY EVENTS

**OLD SCHOOL PIZZA
AT WEST BEACH
EVERY FRIDAY 4-8PM**

MARCH - NOVEMBER



WEST BEACH CARAVAN PARK



**SPEND YOUR
FRIDAY NIGHTS
ENJOYING PIZZA AT
WEST BEACH**




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Mug Make**

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Saturday 14th March

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£8 per mug




PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** of the new menu.
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's **Curriculum Web**.
- Please consider donating any teddies/soft toys ahead of our **Reading Festival**.
- Can you donate any resources for the **Reception outdoor area**?
- Don't forget to spend your **World Book Day** voucher!
- From **Monday 23rd March**, **Year 3 and 4** children will no longer be dropped at their classroom doors.
- A reminder that children should not be riding bikes and scooters on the school site or on the road leading up to the blue main gates.