



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

YEAR 3 AND 4 MORNING DROP-OFF ARRANGEMENTS

From next 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.

OPAL PLAY CAKE SALE – THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

On the last day of term – Thursday 2nd April – we will be holding a cake sale at the end of the school day (2pm) to raise funds for OPAL Play resources.

Would you be able to make or buy some cakes for our sale?

We will be collecting cake donations the day before and the day of the cake sale. Please hand any cakes to the school office, your child's class teacher or Mrs Ames.

If you are making gluten / dairy-free / vegan cakes, please label them. A reminder that we are a 'nut-free' zone!

JUNK WANTED!

Our Junk Orchestra stands near the KSI playground. We are always in need of new frying pans or saucepans with handles that can be hung, but there are a few more unusual items we are looking for:

- Empty fire extinguishers
- Metal teapots
- Spanners / wrenches with a hole in the handle to tie to

Donations can be given to the school office FAO Mrs Rawlings.

Thank you so much



FUNDRAISING FOR WHIZZ KIDZ

Emily (Dali class) and Isla's (Van Gogh class) dad, Josh is running the London Marathon in April. He is aiming to raise £2200 for the charity Whizz Kidz, who provide wheelchairs for children and have been struggling to meet demands. We would appreciate any donations to this important cause.

If you would like to support Josh, please visit their [Just Giving Page](#).



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ballet Classes

Pre school ballet class starting
Friday 9:30 - 10:15am
at Seasalter WI Hall, CT5 4AL
£7.00 per child
please email to reserve your child a place
k@dancewhitstable.co.uk



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 20th March 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	72 pupils 11.7%

Klee – 92.9%	Kahlo – 96%	Kandinsky – 93.7%
Van Gogh – 92.5%	Voysey – 85.4%	Vallotton – 98.6%
Picasso – 95.4%	Postgate – 92.7%	Potter – 95%
Riley – 90.7%	Rousseau – 86.5%	Ringgold – 92.1%
Hockney – 96.3%	Heron – 96.3%	Hepworth – 93.4%
Degas – 91.7%	Dali – 88%	Da Vinci – 93.3%
Bailey – 88.1%	Banksy – 92.2%	Boyce – 91.5%
Oysters – 90%		

EXTENDED LEARNING CLUBS

A reminder that Extended Learning Clubs finish next Friday 27th March.

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 1** of the new menu.
- **Please consider donating any teddies/soft toys ahead of our Reading Festival.**
- Can you donate any resources for the Reception outdoor area - bark or wood chip; pots and pans; sand toys.
- **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.
- **Can you buy something from our OPAL Play Amazon list.**
- A reminder that Extended Learning Clubs finish next Friday 27th March.
- **Can you make/donate cakes for our OPAL Play cake sale on Thursday 2nd April?**
- Check out the 'junk' list needed for Mrs Rawlings' junk orchestra.