



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

LAST DAY OF TERM – EARLY FINISH

Thursday 2 nd April – Last day of term	
Oysters	1:30pm
Main School	2:00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery	3:30pm
After School Club	4:00pm

OPAL PLAY CAKE SALE – THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

On the last day of term – Thursday 2nd April – we will be holding a cake sale (cash only) 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' school!

TERM DATES 2026-27

Click here for next year's [Term Dates](#).

MENU CHANGE – LAST DAY OF TERM

Please note the change to next Thursday's menu:

- Chicken nuggets or Vegetable nuggets
- Pasta and Tomato sauce
- Chips, beans, peas
- Strawberry Mousse

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

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



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 27th March 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	71 pupils 11.5%

Klee – 98.6%	Kahlo – 95%	Kandinsky – 97%
Van Gogh – 96.8%	Voysey – 90%	Vallotton – 89.3%
Picasso – 90%	Postgate – 90.3%	Potter – 92.9%
Riley – 89%	Rousseau – 96.2%	Ringgold – 92.5%
Hockney – 97%	Heron – 94.3%	Hepworth – 95.9%
Degas – 90.5%	Dali – 87.6%	Da Vinci – 91.3%
Bailey – 93.7%	Banksy – 97.7%	Boyce – 94.3%
Oysters – 87.5%		

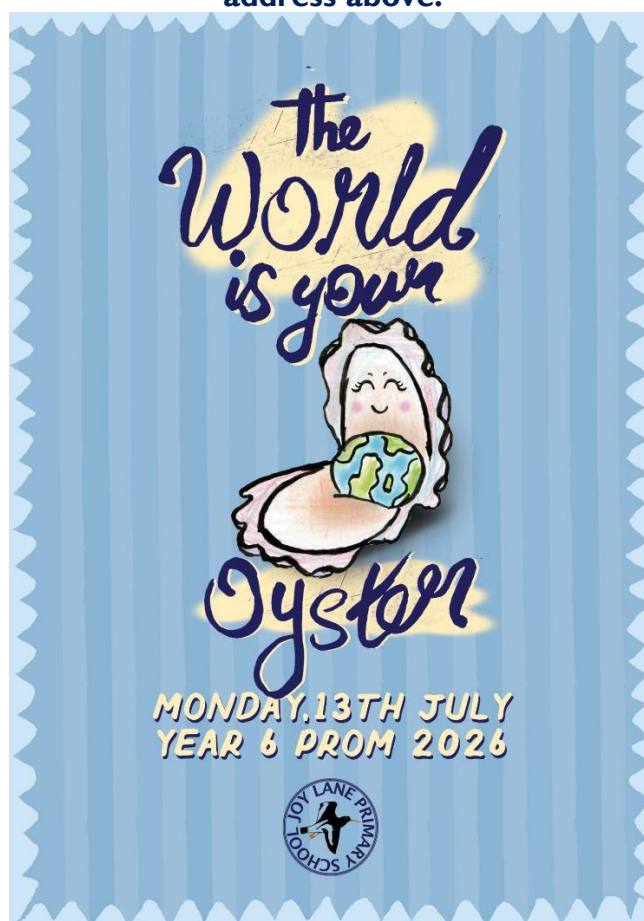
YEAR 6 LEAVERS PARTY

Let's Party! Calling all Year 6 pupils to attend and make some memories, celebrating with friends before starting their new onward adventures to secondary school.

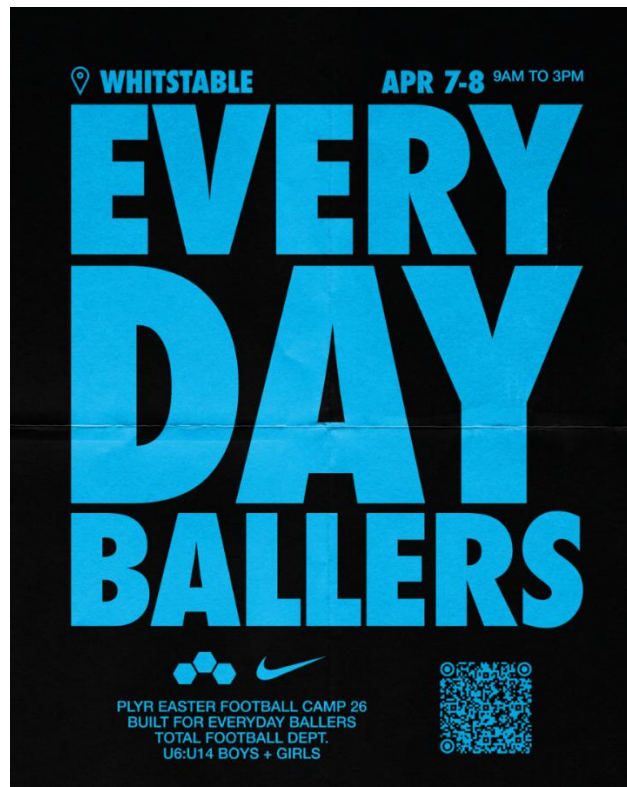
Monday 13th July 6pm - 7.45pm at The Seasalter Christian Centre.

[Book tickets](#) now! If you have any questions, please contact friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk.

Please note that this is not a school-run event, so please direct any enquiries to the email address above.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** of the new menu. A reminder of Thursday's alternative lunch choices.
- Please consider donating any teddies/soft toys ahead of our Reading Festival.
- Can you buy something from our OPAL Play Amazon list.
- A reminder that Extended Learning Clubs finish today.
- 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.
- Please note the early finish times next Thursday 2nd April.
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