



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd April 2026



From the Governors, staff and children, we wish you a restful Easter break.
We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20th April.

TERM 5 EVENT DATES

Term 5 Dates



2025-2026

<i>Week 1</i> Monday 20th April First day of Term 5 Thursday 23rd April Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Workshop <i>Week 3 of the Menu</i>	<i>Week 2</i> Monday 27th April - Thursday 30th April Scholastic Book Fair <i>Week 4 of the Menu</i>
<i>Week 3</i> Monday 4th May Bank Holiday (School closed) Tuesday 5th May Extended Learning Clubs start Friday 8th May David Attenborough Day - 100th Birthday (Dress up) <i>Week 1 of the Menu</i>	<i>Week 4</i> Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May KS2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) Year 6 <i>Week 2 of the Menu</i>
<i>Week 5</i> Sunday 17th - Wednesday 20th May Year 6 Residential Trip Thursday 21st May Census Day (Special Menu) Friday 22nd May Last Day of Term (usual finishing times) <i>Week 3 of the Menu</i>	

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH DAY

Let's party for **Sir David Attenborough's** 100th BIRTHDAY

8th May

🐼🦋 A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION 🦋🐼

👔 DRESS CODE 🧢

Come dressed as:

- ✦ Your favourite animal
- OR
- ✦ Sir David Attenborough himself
(Khakis, notebooks, binoculars)

🌿 WHAT TO EXPECT 🌿

- 🦋 Enjoy a special lunch
- 🌿 Spend the day learning all about Sir David's life and legacy
- 🦋 Discover and explore some of David's favourite animals
- 🦋 Celebrate nature, wildlife, and the wonders of our planet
- 🌿 A day of discovery, conservation, and celebration — in true Attenborough style.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMPETITION



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR



Spring Competition

To be in with a chance of winning a £5 voucher to spend at the fair in Term 5, write a Spring-themed Haiku.

Deadline: Friday 24th April

*On a frozen twig,
The little bird dreams of Spring.
Oh! To see the sun!*

A Haiku is:

3 lines (line 1: 5 syllables, line 2: 7 syllables, line 3: 5 syllables)

Describes the beauty of nature



OYSTER CATCH-UP

Over the last eight weeks, our talented team of Year 4, 5 and 6 aspiring journalists have been busy researching, writing and carefully editing their articles as part of their extended learning club. They've explored every corner of the school - conducting interviews, gathering opinions and tracking down the latest news for you to read. Read it [here](#).

FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

FoJL were thrilled to attend both KS1 and KS2 assemblies this week to hand out the £50 class 'small spends'. FoJL are only able to offer these spends due to our school community supporting our events, so a big thank you to everyone who has attended a school disco or purchased something from a sale.

FoJL would also like to offer their best wishes and thanks to Mrs Rogers' who has always been a great supporter of FoJL. Good luck in your new school!

The next FoJL meeting will be at The Monument on Monday 27th April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome!

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 2nd April 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	71 pupils 11.5%

Klee – 97.4%	Kahlo – 89.5%	Kandinsky – 98.6%
Van Gogh – 90.8%	Voysey – 89.1%	Vallotton – 94.9%
Picasso – 93.4%	Postgate – 93.3%	Potter – 94.9%
Riley – 93.1%	Rousseau – 91.2%	Ringgold – 91.1%
Hockney – 94.2%	Heron – 90.3%	Hepworth – 96.6%
Degas – 91%	Dali – 92.6%	Da Vinci – 93.8%
Bailey – 94.2%	Banksy – 97.4%	Boyce – 94.3%
Oysters – 90.9%		

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WHITSTABLE
 APR 7-8 9AM TO 3PM

EVERYDAY BALLERS

PLYR EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP 26
 BUILT FOR EVERYDAY BALLERS
 TOTAL FOOTBALL DEPT.
 U6:U14 BOYS + GIRLS



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 20th April.
- The first week of term will be Week 3 of the [menu](#).
- Are you having a Spring clean over the Easter break? Please consider donating any teddies/soft toys ahead of our Reading Festival or 'junk' items for Mrs Rawlings' junk orchestra.
- Click [here](#) for next year's [Term Dates](#).
- Click [here](#) for Term 5 Key Dates.
- Your child could be in with a chance of winning a £5 voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair next term if they write a Spring-themed haiku!
- It's David Attenborough Day on 8th May – why not think about what animal your child could come dressed as over the Easter break?