



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## TERM 5 EVENT DATES

# Term 5 Dates



2025-2026

### Week 1

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
First day of Term 5

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Workshop

*Week 3 of the Menu*

### Week 2

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
Scholastic Book Fair

*Week 4 of the Menu*

### Week 3

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday (School closed)  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
Extended Learning Clubs start

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
David Attenborough Day - 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
(Dress up)

*Week 1 of the Menu*

### Week 4

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
KS2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)  
Year 6

*Week 2 of the Menu*

### Week 5

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 6 Residential Trip

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
Census Day (Special Menu)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
Last Day of Term (usual finishing times)

*Week 3 of the Menu*

# DAVID ATTENBOROUGH DAY

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

8<sup>th</sup> 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.



## READING FESTIVAL DESIGN A LOGO COMPETITION

# Reading Festival Design a Logo Competition

**Can you design a simple reading  
festival logo with an animal theme?**

Size: A5 paper  
Simple design incorporating books,  
reading and animals  
Black and White (no colour)



**THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY PRINTED BY  
ROBINS PAPER BAG CO., WHO IS AGAIN PROVIDING OUR  
READING FESTIVAL PAPER BAGS.**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY**

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – NEXT WEEK!



The Scholastic Book Fair is here from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April until Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

Look out for the bookcases, which will be based in the car park (near the kitchen windows/entrance to the swimming pool). You are welcome to browse and buy with your child at the end of the day between 3:20pm and 3:35pm. You can pay by cash or card. Every book you buy earns free books for the school! We hope to see you there!

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE



### Attendance data week ending 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	69 pupils 11.16%

Klee – 98.6%	Kahlo – 97.7%	Kandinsky – 99.3%
Van Gogh – 93.2%	Voysey – 94.8%	Vallotton – 99.6%
Picasso – 93.7%	Postgate – 96.6%	Potter – 97.9%
Riley – 95.2%	Rousseau – 95%	Ringgold – 99.1%
Hockney – 92.6%	Heron – 96.4%	Hepworth – 95.5%
Degas – 94.4%	Dali – 92.4%	Da Vinci – 94.1%
Bailey – 96.3%	Banksy – 94.1%	Boyce – 99.6%
Oysters – 91.8%		

## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be week 4 of the [menu](#).
- [Click here for next year's Term Dates](#).
- Click [here](#) for Term 5 Key Dates.
- It's David Attenborough Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- The Scholastic Book Fair is here next week – find us in the carpark (near the kitchen windows), Monday to Thursday after school.
- Watch this helpful [video](#) for how to book your school meal.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FIRST CLASS FREE!**  
★ JUST TURN UP!



**WEDNESDAYS**

THE CHRISTIAN CENTRE SEASALTER, 49 FAVERSHAM ROAD,  
SEASALTER, WHITSTABLE CT5 4AX.  
★ No booking necessary – just turn up!

★ **STREET DANCE (AGES 6–10)**  
**FIRST CLASS FREE** (ideal for beginners / warm-up class)  
3.45PM – 4.25PM

★ **STREET / COMMERCIAL (NEW) – IDEAL FOR TEENS (AGES 11–17)**  
**FIRST CLASS FREE – NEW STUDENTS**  
4.35PM – 5.15PM  
Younger dancers may join if deemed ready by the teacher  
★ Returning students: enjoy a complimentary first class for a limited time!

 **VOCAL COACHING (NEW)**  
From 5.30PM  
★ Private tuition or small group sessions  
★ Limited availability – booking essential  
★ 20 minute sessions – 3 available

★ **ADULT STREET / COMMERCIAL (NEW)**  
7:00PM – 8:00PM  
★ £7 per week (paid monthly)  
★ £10 drop-in  
★ First class £5  
★ Whether you used to dance or want to try something new – this class is for you!

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE  
(Children's classes: weekly, monthly or termly)

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**SATURDAY MORNING MUSICAL THEATRE SMMT**

**Saturdays**  
**9am – Midday**  
**Ages 6–16**

**BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL TODAY!**  
(SPACES LIMITED)

★ Learn New Skills ★ Make New Friends ★ Grow Confidence  
★ Express Yourself ★ Perform in Shows ★ All Abilities Welcome  
★ Parking Available ★ Payable Monthly ★ No Joining Fees  
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# Girls' Softball Cricket

Taster Session at Whitstable Cricket Club,  
Belmont Road, Whitstable CT5 1QJ  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 5-6pm



**BEGINNERS WELCOME** - ages Year 3 - Year 6.  
All equipment and coaching provided. Free entry.  
Text Eleanor on 07967 562040 for more info

*Wear comfy clothes, trainers and a BIG smile!*

CURIOS ABOUT BARRE FITNESS?

COME AND FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT AT OUR  
EXTENDED BARRE FITNESS PRACTICE & SOCIAL

# SHIFT

Social Club

SATURDAY 9TH MAY  
18.30 - 20.30

THE HORSEBRIDGE  
ARTS CENTRE,  
WHITSTABLE, CT5 1AF

BUY ONE £25 TICKET AND  
BRING A FRIEND ON US!

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A half-term treat for 3-8 year-olds and their families

'Raucous fun! Bad puns, circus tricks, and goggle-eyed jellyfish abound'  
The Guardian

JULIA DONALDSON \* LYDIA MONKS

# THE SINGING MERMAID

★★★★★  
Time Out

★★★★★  
Musical Theatre Review

★★★★★  
The Times

Sat 30 & Sun 31 May Gulbenkian Arts Centre  
Book online: [thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://thegulbenkian.co.uk)

3-8 year olds and their families will love this adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks' hugely popular book, brought to life with beautiful puppetry and performance, and music and songs by Barb Jungr (*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*).

One day the singing mermaid is tempted away from all of her sea-creature friends to join a travelling circus. The audiences love to hear her sing, but the poor mermaid was tricked! Instead of the swimming pool she was promised, she is kept in a small fish tank by the wicked circus master Sam Sly. She longs to return to the sea, but how can she escape? And who could help her along the way?

'Here's a lovely little show that makes a big splash'  
★★★★★  
The Times

'Brings the world illustrated by Lydia Monks to gloriously barmy life'  
★★★★★  
Time Out

Click [here](#) to hear what the audience think!  
[www.singingmermaid.co.uk](http://www.singingmermaid.co.uk)

Watershed Productions present the Little Angel Theatre and Royal & Derngate, Northampton, production of The Singing Mermaid by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks. This play is based on the original book The Singing Mermaid written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Lydia Monks. Text © Julia Donaldson 2013. Illustrations © Lydia Monks 2013. Published by Macmillan Children's Books.

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