



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

TERM 6 EVENT DATES

2026

Term 6 Events

Week 1

- Monday 8th June**
First day of Term 6
- W/C Monday 8th June**
Y1 Phonics Screening & Y2 Retakes
- Wednesday 10th June**
Year 2 Kent Life Trip
Week 4 of the Menu

Week 2

- W/C Monday 15th June**
Sports & Outdoor Learning Week
- Monday 15th June**
Y3 Sports Day - 9:00-10:00am
Y4 Sports Day - 10:15-11:15am
Y5 Sports Day 11:30-12:30pm
Y6 Sports Day - 2:00-3:00pm
- Wednesday 17th June**
Reception Sports Day - 9:00-10:00am
Y1/2 Sports Day - 10:30-12:00pm
- Thursday 18th June**
Nursery Sports Day - 9:00-10:00am
Oysters Sports Day - 1:30-2:30pm
- Friday 19th June**
French School Visit (Y5)
Week 1 of the Menu

Week 3

- Wednesday 24th June**
Transition to Year 1 Parent/Carer Session
9am & 5:30pm
- Thursday 25th June**
Reading Festival - 3:30-6:00pm
Week 2 of the Menu

Week 4

- Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd July**
Year 6 Transition to Year 7
(check separate schools for dates)
Week 3 of the Menu

Week 5

- Monday 6th July**
Year 2 Show - 2-3pm
- Tuesday 7th July**
Year 2 Show - 2-3pm
- Wednesday 8th July**
Pre-School Graduation - 10-11am
- Wednesday 8th July**
New YR Parent & Carer Session Information
Session 5:30-6:30pm
- Thursday 9th July**
Pre-School Graduation - 10-11am
Week 4 of the Menu

Week 6

- Monday 13th July**
Transition to Year 3 Parent/Carer Session -
9am & 5:30pm
- Monday 13th July**
Year 6 Show - 2-3pm
- Tuesday 14th July**
Year 6 Show - 2-3pm
- Thursday 16th July - 2-4pm**
Reports and Sharing Learning Afternoon
Week 1 of the Menu

Week 7

- Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd July**
Transition to New Classes
- Tuesday 21st July**
Year 6 Graduation - Seasalter Christian Centre
9:00-11:00am
- Wednesday 22nd July - Last day of term**
Oysters SRP 1:30pm
Main School 2:00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm
After School Club 4:00pm
Week 2 of the Menu

Please see the separate flyer for information about our new Reception starter events.

READING FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 25TH JUNE



READING FESTIVAL

Thursday 25th June 2026

3:30-6:00pm

Usborne Books
Arts and Crafts
Coconut Shy
Face Painting
Royal British Legion
OPAL Play
Tales on Moon Lane
Live Music
Storytelling
Book Swap and Shop
Refreshments
Adopt a Reading Buddy
and so much more...

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Go wild for reading!



READING FESTIVAL DONATIONS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

READING FESTIVAL
CHOCOLATE
TOMBOLA
DONATIONS NEEDED!

We're collecting donations for our Chocolate Tombola at the upcoming Reading Festival and would love your support!

If you're able, please send in a **CHOCOLATE BAR (OR TWO!)** with your child on **FRIDAY 15TH MAY**

All donations will help us create a fun and exciting stall for the children – and adults! – to enjoy.

Thank you in advance for your generosity—it's greatly appreciated!

WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Every donation makes a difference!

THANK YOU!

REMINDER TO BOOK SCHOOL MEALS VIA ARBOR

REMINDER TO PARENTS!
YOU MUST PRE-BOOK
SCHOOL DINNERS
ON ARBOR!

Please Remember to Book Your Child's Meals in Advance

NO BOOKING = NO MEAL!

No Pre-Booking, No School Dinner!

Plan Ahead & Book Online

Use the Arbor App Today!

THE OFFICE WILL CALL AND ASK YOU TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH IF YOU HAVE NOT PREBOOKED

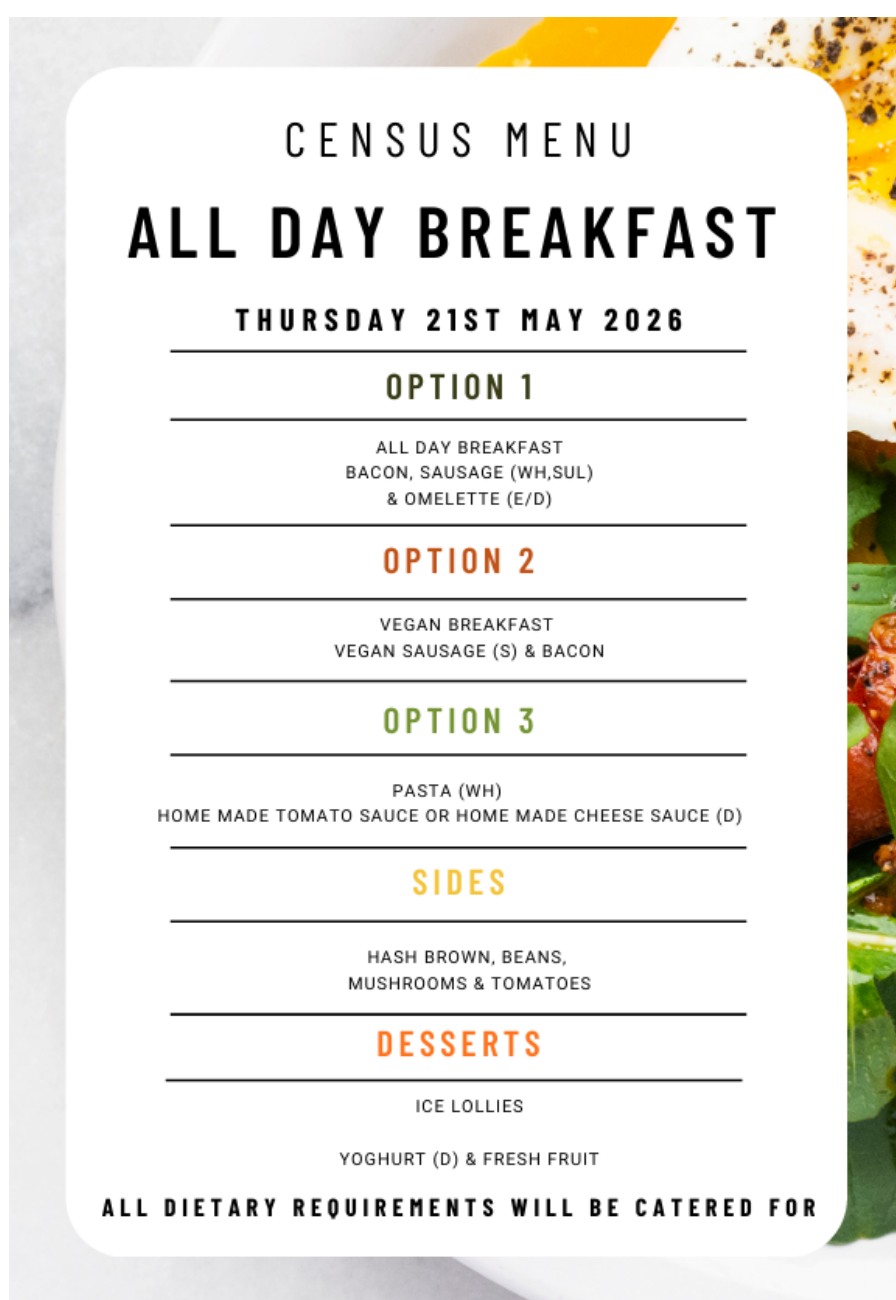
CENSUS DAY – SPECIAL MENU – THURSDAY 21ST MAY

Thursday 21st May is School Census Day, which is the day when the government take a count of all the children that we have in our school to calculate our funding for the year ahead.

The number of children choosing a school dinner on that day decides a large element of the funding, and as a result, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to opt-in for a school dinner on this day.

We have an exciting, alternative menu for Census Day, and we hope to see lots of children enjoying this meal. Please book your meal ahead via Arbor. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please note that Friday 22nd May's menu will remain the same.



Make sure you pre-book via Arbor

VOLUNTEER GARDENER NEEDED

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JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Help us grow a **brighter future** for our children and our school community!



WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Help maintain and improve the school garden and green spaces
- Plant flowers, vegetables, and seasonal plants
- Support occasional gardening activities with pupils
- Share your knowledge and passion for gardening



WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- A love of gardening and the outdoors
- Reliability and a positive attitude
- Ability to work independently or with small groups of children
- Gardening experience is helpful but not essential



WHAT YOU'LL GAIN:

- The chance to contribute to a vibrant school community
- Experience working in an educational setting
- The joy of helping children connect with nature

TIME COMMITMENT:

Flexible – even a few hours a week can make a big difference.



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUR GARDEN GROW, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



CONTACT:

Please get in touch with the school office to find out more and apply.

office@joylane.kent.sch.uk



SPORTS WEEK – CAN YOU HELP?

**SPORTS WEEK
2026**

Can you volunteer some time to teach a sport, exercise or fitness activity?

Are you part of a club or know someone who could help?

From yoga to hockey, dance to karate...
WE NEED YOU!

16th - 19th June

Please complete the Google form attached.

Click [here](#) if you can help.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 8th May 2026



JLPS Whole School attendance	94.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	63 pupils 10.26%

Klee – 96.4%	Kahlo – 97.4%	Kandinsky – 96.7%
Van Gogh – 90.6%	Voysey – 95%	Vallotton – 100%
Picasso – 98.2%	Postgate – 94%	Potter – 98.7%
Riley – 88.4%	Rousseau – 91.3%	Ringgold – 92%
Hockney – 94%	Heron – 100%	Hepworth – 97.2%
Degas – 96.3%	Dali – 94.5%	Da Vinci – 96.7%
Bailey – 94.9%	Banksy – 86.8%	Boyce – 95.8%
Oysters – 94.5%		

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be week 2 of the [menu](#).
- Book for our Census Day meal on Thursday 21st May. Watch this helpful [video](#) for how to book your school meal.
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.
- Click [here](#) if you can help during our Sports Week!
- Put the date in your diary: Reading Festival, Thursday 25th June, 3:30-6:00pm
- Next Friday we are collecting chocolate for our Reading Festival tombola/raffle! Any donations will be gratefully received.
- Click [here](#) for the copy of Term 6's Events Dates.