



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th 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 – BOTTLE TOMBOLA!



CENSUS DAY – SPECIAL MENU – THURSDAY 21ST MAY

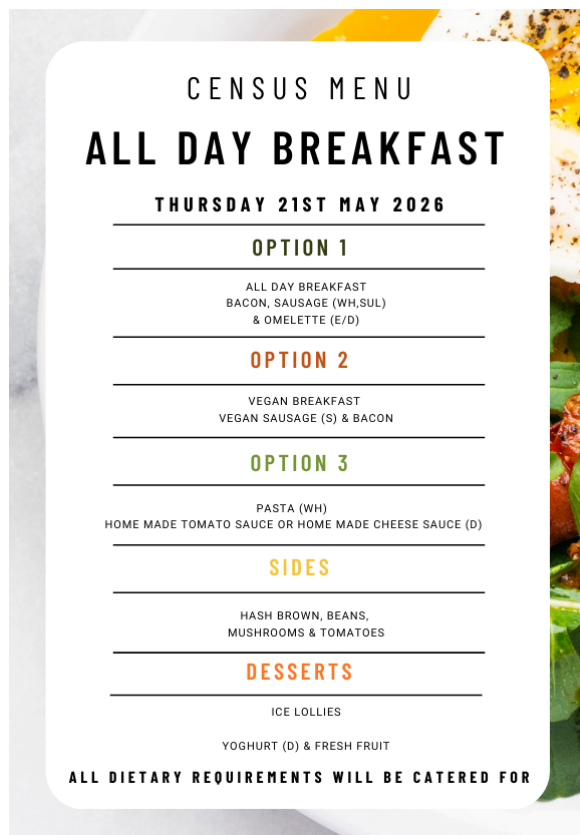
Thursday 21st May is School Census Day, which is the day when the government take a count of all the children that we have in our school to calculate our funding for the year ahead.

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's menu will remain the same.

Make sure you pre-book via Arbor



SCHOOL GROUNDS – POLITE NOTICE

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– Polite Notice to the Whole Community –



This is a polite notice to the whole school community and all visitors that access and use the school grounds; particularly users of the swimming pool, parents and children waiting for an extra-curricular club to finish or if you are on the school grounds for any other reason. Please be aware that the school is still a working environment **up to 6pm** with our After School Club children and adults regularly using the outside environment especially during the summer months.



We therefore respectfully ask that you **don't access the nursery garden, reception or Key Stage 1 outside area or the field**, especially towards the playgrounds and sandpit. If you are accessing swimming lessons or just waiting for a lesson to finish, please use the outside pool area, the grass bank or the MUGA to allow the children to play and socialise.



OUTSIDE POOL AREA



GRASS BANK



MUGA



As a final reminder our OPAL equipment is very precious to the school, so we respectfully ask that **all school equipment is left untouched** and that if the children need something to play with you bring equipment in.



Thank you for your understanding with this.

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SPORTS WEEK – CAN YOU HELP?



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

NHS PARENT WORKSHOPS




NHS
Kent and Medway
Mental Health
NHS Trust

Understanding Neurodiversity
19.05.2026 10:30—12:30pm
[Understanding Neurodiversity](#) | [Meeting-Join](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)

Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School
10/06/2026 10:30—12:30pm
[Starting Secondary School](#) | [Meeting-Join](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)

Starting Primary School
23/06/2026 10:30—12:30pm
[Starting Primary School](#) | [Meeting-Join](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)

Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School
6/07/2026 17:30—19:30pm
[Understanding Neurodiversity](#) | [Meeting-Join](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#)



EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TEAM KENT
EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
MEDWAY

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 15th May 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	65 pupils 10.55%

Klee – 97.5%	Kahlo – 100%	Kandinsky –98.7%
Van Gogh – 91.8%	Voysey – 90%	Vallotton – 97.5%
Picasso – 96.4%	Postgate – 91%	Potter – 97.9%
Riley – 92.1%	Rousseau – 92.7%	Ringold – 92%
Hockney – 88.6%	Heron – 94.8%	Hepworth – 98.1%
Degas – 93.7%	Dali – 85.2%	Da Vinci – 93.7%
Bailey – 98.5%	Banksy – 94.1%	Boyce – 94.7%
Oysters – 93.5%		

TESCO COLOURING COMPETITION

Tesco has invited all children in Years 1 – 4 to take part in a colouring competition to promote Plumbert, their fruit and vegetable monster.

Entries will be displayed in the store, and there will be individual winner, as well as a fruit and veg box for the winning school!

Your child may come home with a covering letter and colouring sheet to complete at home, or they may complete it in school. If your child does bring their copy home and would like to take part, entries will be collected from school on Friday 22nd May. Otherwise, you can drop it straight to the Tesco Extra store before Friday 29th May.

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be week 3 of the [menu](#).
- **Book for our Census Day meal on Thursday 21st May. Watch this helpful [video](#) for how to book your school meal via Arbor.**
- 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 bottles (alcohol, soft drinks, toiletries, etc.) for our Reading Festival tombola/raffle! Any donations will be gratefully received.
- Click [here](#) for the copy of Term 6's Events Dates.