



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE



KEEPING SAFE: SCHOOL LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

*Our
school.
Our
community.
Our
priority.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The safety and well-being of our children and staff is our highest priority.

As part of our safety procedures, we regularly practise emergency plans. This includes fire evacuation drills and **School Lockdown** practices.



A **School Lockdown** is a safety procedure used if we need everyone to remain safely inside the building due to a potential risk. We talk to children about this as a "Keeping Safe" practice.

A LOCKDOWN MAY BE USED IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS:



A concern or incident in the local community



An unknown person on the school site



A nearby environmental risk (such as smoke, gas, or other hazards)



Any situation where remaining inside is the safest option



ON MONDAY, WE WILL BE CARRYING OUT A WHOLE-SCHOOL LOCKDOWN PRACTICE.

The children will be told in advance that this is a safety practice and will hear a specific alarm/message to signal the start of the procedure. During the practice:

- ✓ Children will remain with their class and school staff
- ✓ Doors will be secured and windows closed
- ✓ Staff will follow the school's safety procedures
- ✓ Children will take part in a calm, age-appropriate activity, such as listening to a story



The practice is designed to help children understand how to stay safe. We will make sure it is handled in a reassuring and child-friendly way.



Once the school is checked and it is safe to do so, a message will signal the end of the practice.



During a real lockdown, no visitors would be allowed onto the school site (except emergency services), and anyone already in school would follow staff instructions.



This will be the first of several lockdown practices over the next year to ensure our procedures remain effective and everyone knows what to do.



*Thank you for your
continued support.*



The School Leadership Team

GARRY PARSONS – READING FESTIVAL GUEST ILLUSTRATOR!

EXCITING NEWS!

We are very lucky to have

GARRY PARSONS

AWARD WINNING ILLUSTRATOR
OF OVER 100 CHILDREN'S BOOKS,
leading illustration workshops at the

READING FESTIVAL!

You may recognise his illustrations in the best selling picture book series

THE DINOSAUR THAT POOPED...
by Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter
published by PUFFIN

Garry will be leading **THREE THIRTY-MINUTE DRAWING WORKSHOPS** during the Reading Festival.

If you would like your child to attend, **PLEASE COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM.**

Spaces are allocated on a **FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.**

You will be contacted to **CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S PLACE,** or you may be placed on the waiting list.

THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO **BUY BOOKS** – AND HAVE THEM SIGNED BY GARRY!



Book a place [here!](#)

EXTENDED LEARNING CLUBS NEXT THURSDAY

A reminder that Extended Learning Clubs are cancelled next Thursday 25th June due to the Reading Festival.

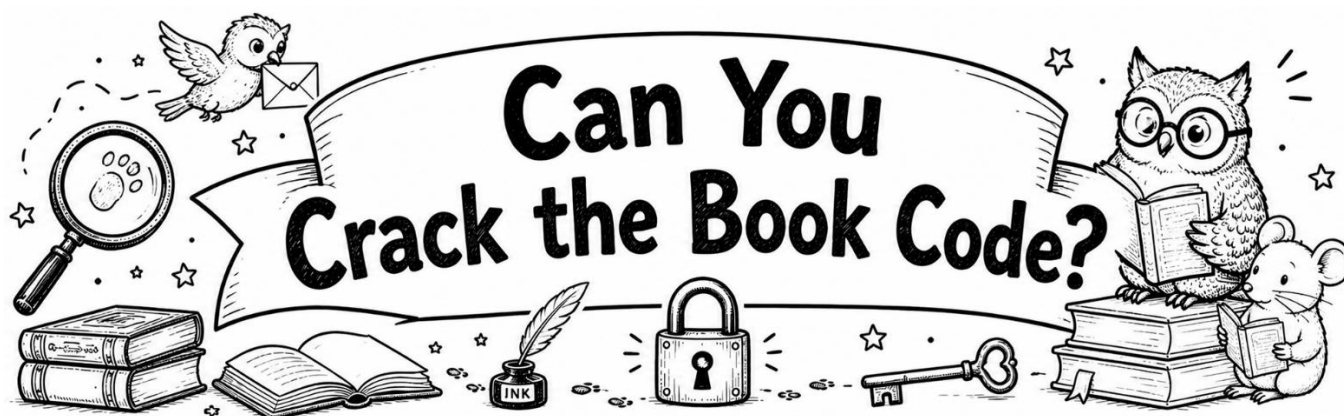
CAR GATE NOTICE TO PEDESTRIANS

Please may we politely remind all Parents and Carers that this gate is not a Pedestrian Gate for entering or exiting the school site. Therefore, we kindly ask you do not wait for the gate to be opened by vehicles to then walk in the road with the children.

We want the whole community to be safe so ask that that everyone follows this direction.



BOOK QUIZ!



To get us excited about the upcoming Reading Festival, we have released an exciting animal-themed book quiz! Complete the quiz (a copy can be picked up from the school office foyer or your class teacher), fill out your name and class and return it to school along with your £1 entry fee for a chance to win an amazing book hamper!

Deadline extended: Friday 26th June!

READING FESTIVAL – NEXT THURSDAY 25TH JUNE!

We are busy preparing for our upcoming Reading Festival! If you want to find out more about what will be happening at the event, visit our dedicated [webpage](https://www.joylane.kent.sch.uk) for more information, including photos, videos, and FAQs.



The poster features a jungle theme with a large green title 'READING FESTIVAL' and a date 'Thursday 25th June 2026' in green. A circular logo in the top left corner shows a bird and the text 'JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL'. Below the title, a list of activities is presented in two columns: 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, and Adopt a Reading Buddy. A social media bar includes Instagram and Facebook icons with the website 'WWW.JOYLANE.KENT.SCH.UK'. At the bottom, a cartoon illustration shows a zebra-striped safari car filled with children and animals (elephant, giraffe, monkey, tiger, bear, and a boy) driving on a path that is shaped like an open book. The path is flanked by green trees. A yellow starburst graphic on the left side of the path contains the text 'FREE ENTRY' three times.

READING FESTIVAL

Thursday 25th June 2026

3:30-6:00pm

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

 [WWW.JOYLANE.KENT.SCH.UK](https://www.joylane.kent.sch.uk) 

Go wild for reading!

FREE ENTRY
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HOT WEATHER UPDATE



Hot Weather Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the hot weather forecast from Monday, please support us in keeping pupils safe and comfortable.




Uniform Update

Pupils **do not** need to wear their ties during this period.



Stay Safe in the Sun

-  **Sunscreen** applied before school
-  A **hat** for outdoor play
-  A **full** water bottle



If it gets hotter we will review this on **Monday**.

Thank you for your continued support 

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 19th June 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance		94.6%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)		59 pupils 9.57%
Klee – 96.4%	Kahlo – 97.9%	Kandinsky – 99%
Van Gogh – 94.6%	Voysey – 98.5%	Vallotton – 98.6%
Picasso – 97.5%	Postgate – 92.3%	Potter – 96%
Riley – 93.8%	Rousseau – 94.4%	Ringgold – 93.2%
Hockney – 97.1%	Heron – 98.1%	Hepworth – 98.1%
Degas – 90.7%	Dali – 96%	Da Vinci – 97.4%
Bailey – 96.3%	Banksy – 94.8%	Boyce – 95.2%
Oysters – 91.2%		

COASTAL UNIFORM COMPANY



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** of the menu.
- Next week: **Reading Festival, Thursday 25th June, 3:30-6:00pm**
- Click [here](#) for a copy of Term 6's Event Dates.
- **Why not take part in the Book Quiz as a family? Deadline next Friday.**
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- **A reminder that the children do not need to wear ties in the hot weather next week. We will review this as the week goes on.**