



Joy Lane Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026

END-OF-TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of our wonderful school community. This week, it was fantastic to welcome so many of you to our **Sharing Learning Afternoon**. It was a real celebration of the children's hard work, creativity and achievements throughout the year. I am incredibly proud of everything our pupils have accomplished. Their end of year reports reflect not only the progress they have made academically, but also their growth in confidence, resilience and character.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our teaching staff for the care, commitment and professionalism they have shown in producing such detailed and thoughtful reports. They work tirelessly to support every child to flourish, and their dedication is greatly appreciated.

On Monday, children will spend time transitioning to their new classes. These transition sessions are an important part of ensuring that all pupils are ready, confident and settled as they prepare for the new academic year. We know how valuable these opportunities are in helping children build relationships with their new teachers and become familiar with their new learning environments. You are all very welcome to bring your child to their new classroom at the start of the day on Monday and I request that that you leave the school building by 8.55am in time for the children to start their day. As ever, staff are available to direct you to your child's new class.

A very special thank you goes to Mrs Sarah Young, Chair of Friends of Joy Lane. Sarah, together with her fellow community volunteers, has given an extraordinary amount of time, energy and commitment to fundraising for our schools. Through their hard work and generosity, they have provided countless additional experiences, resources and opportunities that have enriched the lives of our children. These contributions are deeply appreciated by both staff and pupils alike. As Sarah moves on, her dedication, enthusiasm and unwavering support for the Joy Lane community have made a lasting impact, and she will be sorely missed. On behalf of everyone at Joy Lane, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Sarah and every member of the FJL volunteers.

Finally, thank you once again to all our parents and carers for your partnership and support throughout the year. By working together, we continue to create a nurturing, ambitious and inspiring environment where every child can thrive.

All best wishes,

Debra Hines
Executive Headteacher

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Last Day of Term 6 - Wednesday 22 nd July 2026	
Oysters SRP	1.30pm
Main School	2.00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery	3.30pm
After School Club	4.00pm

MENU CHANGE FOR THE LAST DAY OF TERM

MENU CHANGE!

 **LAST DAY OF TERM** 

WED 22 Wednesday 22nd menu will now be **chicken nuggets and chips** 

 There will be **no roast chicken.**

 →  All main meal options already made will be automatically changed to **chicken nuggets and chips.**

  Please use Arbor to check or edit your choice

If you have already pre booked a main meal for that day, it has automatically been changed from roast dinner to chicken nuggets and chips.

Please check arbor to see your meal choice.

If you would like to remove your meal for that day, select the day and click the 'no choice selected' option. Then click 'process'. This will remove it from your child's account.

If you would like to change your meal choice for that day please first remove the current choice (as above) then re select the choice you would like.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to Mr Chevalier, the ball distribution manager at Wimbledon, who has once again donated tennis balls used at the Championships to Joy Lane Primary School.

FRIENDS OF JOY LANE: A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the Friends of Joy Lane this year. Whether you volunteered your time, purchased refreshments, or made a donation, your support has helped us raise vital funds to enrich our children's school experience.

Just this week, we raised a brilliant £373.60 selling refreshments at the Year 6 shows and Sharing Learning Afternoon. We were also able to provide a special book about starting school to all our new Reception starters at the Rainbow Picnic thanks to your generous support.

We also want to share a massive thank you to our outgoing committee members, who worked tirelessly to rebuild the PTA after the pandemic. Chair Sarah Young, Vice Chair Sharon Higgs and Treasurer Rose Marsh are stepping down after making a huge contribution. Thank you all so much for your hard work and the personal time you have given to support our school!

If you're interested in getting involved as a volunteer or on our committee next year, let us know by emailing friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk.

Many thanks,
Gabi

(Gabi Jones, Friends of Joy Lane and parent of Marin De Luca Jones, Klee class)

KENT LIBRARIES SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



We're excited to invite your child to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge – Read to the Beat! - completely free at your local library!

The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun, free way for children aged 4–11 to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays. Children set their own reading goal and can read anything they enjoy – all books count!

The Summer Reading Challenge helps your child to:

- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Stay prepared to return to school in the autumn
- Settle into a new year group
- Access free books and fun family activities all through the summer at your local library.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 17th July 2026

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	63 pupils 10.21%

Klee – 98%	Kahlo – 93.5%	Kandinsky – 99.6%
Van Gogh – 90.1%	Voysey – 97.9%	Vallotton – 96%
Picasso – 96.8%	Postgate – 90.4%	Potter – 94.4%
Riley – 93.9%	Rousseau – 92.7%	Ringgold – 93.3%
Hockney – 96.3%	Heron – 96.4%	Hepworth – 95.5%
Degas – 92.5%	Dali – 95.6%	Da Vinci – 94.8%
Bailey – 97.1%	Banksy – 96.3%	Boyce – 95.9%
Oysters – 92.5%		

MEADOW GRANGE THANKS!

Year One Workshops

To conclude their Plants topic, our Year One classes enjoyed a fantastic hands-on workshop delivered by **Meadow Grange Nursery** this week. The children explored a wide variety of plants, learned about their different parts, investigated herbs by touching and smelling them, and planted their own peas to take home and care for!

Meadow Grange Nursery brought an impressive selection of plants, including sunflowers, lavender, thyme, rosemary, nettles, brambles and strawberry plants, helping to bring the children's learning to life.

We are also incredibly grateful for their generous donation of gardening resources, including children's gloves, tools, seeds, compost and planters, which will support outdoor learning and future gardening projects.

A huge thank you to **Meadow Grange Nursery** for inspiring our young gardeners and nurturing a love of nature!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

JOIN IKK WHITSTABLE KARATE CLUB!

A family friendly run Karate club based in Swalecliffe, with classes for kids and adults, everyone is welcome.

International Karate Whitstable is run by Sensei Kevin, Sensei John and Senpai Emily who, along with a group of helpers, have over 30 years of experience in traditional Kyokushin Karate. Though we have many aims, our main one is establishing a safe and happy environment for our students and instructors, where they can flourish and we can nurture their talent.

Our head instructors each hold full DBS, First-aids and safeguarding certifications and have worked with students with learning difficulties.

To find out more and contact us please follow the link to our website:
<https://www.ikkwhitstable.co.uk/contact>

IKK Whitstable Karate Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Juniors: 6pm - 7pm
Seniors: 7pm - 8:30pm

No Direct Debt or hidden fees.

Swalecliffe Community Primary School,
Bridgefield Road, Whitstable, CT5 2PH



We take pride in our family friendly atmosphere and welcome everyone to our club. Our students enjoy a close relationship with our instructors, and have formed strong bonds with each other. Our instructors are specialists in different areas within Kyokushin Karate, however they all have a shared interest in nurturing and helping students develop their skills.



Or join our summer trail for £1.50

CREATIVE SUMMER WORKSHOPS

AGE 4+

At Meadow Grange Nursery
Honey Hill, Whitstable CT5 3BP

Friday 7th August
Pebble Painting

Friday 14th August
Fairy Teacups

Friday 21st August
Mini Beast Hotels

Friday 28th August
Paint a Plant Pot

For more information please visit
www.meadowgrangenursery.co.uk

DROP IN SESSIONS
NO BOOKING
REQUIRED
Every Friday in
August 10am - 12pm
£5 per child
(must have adult supervision)



**Kent and Medway
Mental Health**
NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Starting Primary School

11/08/2026 10:30—12:30pm

*Workshop
timings
change from
term to
term

Is your child about to start **primary school**? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child with this step in their lives**?

You are invited to a **workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this**. We will consider **challenges and concerns** and discuss **techniques that you can use at home** to help them feel ready for starting primary school.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/join/336151678548213?pwd=086c5a50a52u0u0w>

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you



Please call for more information 0300 300 1955



**Kent and Medway
Mental Health**
NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School

03/08/2026 09:30—11:00am

*Workshop
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change from
term to
term

Is your child moving to **secondary school**? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child with this step in their lives**?

You are invited to a **workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this move**. We will consider **challenges and concerns** and discuss **techniques that you can use at home** to help them feel ready for the move ahead.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/join/341931700362562?pwd=Ft8ZuaJ836k12A4vAh>

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We look forward to meeting you



Year 3 to Year 7 Girls

BE A PART OF OUR TEAMS!

Weekly Thursday Training 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Variable Sunday training, fixtures & events

Canterbury Rugby Club

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
minigirls@canrugby.co.uk
07908 916522



GIRLS RUGBY

SUMMER PRESEASON

EVERY THURSDAY IN AUGUST
AT CANTERBURY RUGBY CLUB
5:30pm to 6:30pm

YEAR 3 - 7 GIRLS
2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR

NEW TO RUGBY
NON CONTACT
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

**FREE 4 WEEK
TASTER SESSIONS**

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT ALICE:

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SCAN HERE TO
SIGN UP



JOY LANE'S ORAL HEALTH CHAMPION



Hi, you may know me, my name is Mrs Ramsey, I'm your Oral Health Champion for Joy Lane and Oyster Bay Nursery, I have over 15 years of experience in dentistry. This means I can help and guide you with anything regarding Oral Health for your child.

Whether it's their first tooth, or their visit to the dentist, a child's early experiences of oral health can impact on the rest of their life.

My ultimate mission is, with your help, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to avoid oral health problems now and for their future.

Did you know? Spitting out after brushing and not rinsing helps the toothpaste protect your teeth for longer?

**“A Happy Mouth
Is... A Happy Life”**



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

NHPA
NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS

SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

9AM-3PM*
(*14TH AUG IS 10AM-1PM)

FRIDAY 24TH JULY
K POP & HIP HOP
AGES 6-16

THURSDAY 30TH JULY
MICHAEL JACKSON MJ
AGES 6-16

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST
TOY STORY
AGES 5-12

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST
DESCENDANTS VS ZOMBIES
AGES 6-16

***FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST**
K POP DANCE MASTERCLASS
AGE 5-12

£35 PER CHILD PER DAY

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
BOOK BEFORE 1ST JULY

£30 PER PERSON PER DAY

TO BOOK VISIT **WWW.NHPA.UK**

@NEWHEIGHTSPERFORMINGARTS

24th JULY WORKSHOP CANCELLED

LIMITED SPACE ON OTHERS - BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

END-OF-TERM OFFER - BOOK BY WEDS 22nd JULY for £30 per workshop or £15 for the K Pop Masterclass

To book visit www.nhpa.uk

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- **Next week will be **Week 2** of the menu. Please note the change of menu on **Wednesday**.**
- **Please ensure that your child takes home their wellies and puddle suits as soon as possible. Please also check the lost property bins!**
- **Join the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library!**
- **Please return any school books to school by the end of term.**
- **If you have not collected your child's report, these are available to collect from the school office.**
- **A reminder of our early pick up times on **Wednesday**, the last day of term.**