



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

What a busy term we have had! Sadly, there has been a lot of illness amongst staff and children, but thankfully now, most have recovered just in time for our mid-term break.

I would like to thank you for your donations towards our new Opal Play initiative - this is an integral part of our plan in order for us to move forward; the children are now embracing the ethos of the project and staff are working hard to support this - the mucky weather has not deterred us from being outside this week and welly boots and over-clothes/suits have been the order of the day! We are at the very early stages of this Opal Play initiative and very much looking forward to seeing it develop further over the coming months. At this point, on behalf of the children and whole JLPS community, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Joy Lane who have pledged a significant amount of money towards one of our Spring projects.

A few concerns have been raised with me, not only about the pedestrian access to/from Vulcan Close, but general inconsiderate and dangerous parking around all entrances surrounding our school; can I please ask that you are mindful of blocking local residents' driveways and please abstain from parking on footpaths - together we can make it safer for children. You can report your traffic concerns directly on the following [link](#). To further add to the traffic congestion around our school, roadworks are starting tomorrow along Joy Lane for the next ten days; it does not impact on our main school entrance but may affect the school commute during the first few days back at school. I am meeting the local councillors, property developers and governors in the coming weeks to discuss all concerns and will update you with the outcomes in due course. Working together with all concerned parties, I will also be looking into how we can ensure the speed limit along Joy Lane is reduced to 20 mph for the safety of all of us.

It was a pleasure to watch the Year 4 show this week - what a talented lot they are! Every child had the opportunity to play the ukulele, sing and dance - the children were absolutely amazing and the joy on their faces was evident throughout. I am so proud of them and the staff who make this happen, as it really was 'The Greatest Show'!

In recent weeks, members of our Governing Body, the Local Authority and Leadership team have conducted learning walks in school, which have involved looking at the children's work and speaking to them about how they learn and the way they like to learn. The children tell us that they feel safe and are happy in school and are always very proud of their work and what they achieve; they are also very aware of what the next steps are in their learning and what they need to do. You will have seen how well the children are doing in their recent interim reports and what you can do to support their learning at home - this partnership approach will have the best impact on the progress your child makes in their learning and their wellbeing in school. If you feel the need, please make sure you make an appointment to discuss further any part of the interim report or any other aspects of your child's learning and wellbeing in the coming weeks. Thank you for working in partnership with us here at Joy Lane.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy mid-term break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

With my very best regards, Ms D Hines



## TERM 4 DATES

# Term 4 Dates



## 2023-24

### Week 1

Year 5 Bikeability (all week)

Thursday 22nd February - 5:30pm (Teams)  
Year 5 Gilwell Park Residential Meeting

Friday 23rd February - 3:15pm (Carpark)  
Friends of Joy Lane Pre-loved World Book  
Day Sale

### Week 2

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th February  
Year 5 Bikeability

### Week 3

Thursday 7th March  
World Book Day (Dress-up)

### Week 4

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March  
Yoga Sessions (Whole School)

Friday 15th March  
Red Nose Day (Non-school uniform)

### Week 5

Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th March  
Year 5 Residential to Gilwell Park

Friday 22nd March  
Extended Learning Clubs Finish

### Week 6

Monday 25th March  
Walk 4 Water (Wear blue)






















































































Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March  
Light Up the Hall (Musical Event)

Thursday 28th March  
Last Day of Term (Earlier finish)



# SPRING MENU – STARTING TERM 4

## Oyster Bay Catering Menu at Joy Lane Primary School Spring & Summer Term 2024

	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1</b>	Homemade Cheese & Tomato Pizza   Baked Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Salad & Baked Beans Low Sugar Ice Cream Tub 	Smoky Spanish Pork Meatballs   Vegetable & Mixed Bean Burrito   Steamed Rice Peas & Vegetable Sticks  Jam Sponge    Custard 	Roast Chicken & Gravy Vegan Meatloaf  Sage & Onion Stuffing  Roast Potatoes Carrots & Green Beans Fresh Fruit Salad	Beef & Onion Pie  Chickpea & Sweet Potato Samosa  Mashed Potato, Broccoli & Mixed Vegetables Fruit Meringue  Cream 	Fish Fingers   Bean Burger Chips Peas & Baked Beans Coconut Biscuit 
<b>Week 2</b>	MEAT FREE MONDAY Pasta in a BBQ Tomato Sauce   Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese   Garlic Bread   Cucumber Salad & Peas Frozen Mousse 	Mild Beef Chilli Soya Mince Chilli  Sour Cream  (Optional) Mixed Bean Savory Rice  Mixed Salad Peachy Melba Crumbles   	Roast Pork & Gravy Baked Veggie Sausages & Gravy   Apple Sauce Roast Potatoes Carrots & Cabbage Fresh Melon	Chicken & Leek Risotto  Spinach & Feta Pie    Tomato Salad & Sweetcorn with Mixed Peppers Pineapple & Coconut Sponge    Custard 	Oven Baked Battered Fish Filet   BBQ Vegetable Wrap   Chips Peas, & Baked Beans Lemon Biscuit 
<b>Week 3</b>	MEAT FREE MONDAY <u>The Jacket Potato Shack</u> Various Fillings (Beans, Cheese  , Vegan Cheese, Coleslaw  , Tuna Mayonnaise  ) Mixed Salad & Vegetable Sticks  Ice Lolly	Sweet & Sour Chicken  Vegetable Korma  Steamed Rice Whole Green Beans & Cauliflower Vanilla Ice Cream  with Fruit Compote	Minced Beef in Gravy Soya Mince in Onion Gravy  Yorkshire Pudding    Roast Potatoes Carrots & Peas Mandarins with Cream  (optional)	Baked Pork Sausages   Vegan Sausages  Mashed Potato Baked Beans & Mixed Vegetables Butterscotch Mousse 	Fish Fingers   Salmon Fish Cake    Dairy Free Cheese & Marmite Twist   Chips Baked Beans & Peas Oat Cookie 
<b>Week 4</b>	MEAT FREE MONDAY Cheese & Potato Pie   Spanish Omelette   Baked Beans Tomato & Red Onion Salad Fruit Smoothie	Lemon & Garlic Chicken  Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Sweetcorn & Peas Apple & Strawberry Crumble   Cream 	Roast Gammon, Gravy Vegan Vegetable Pie    Roast Potatoes Carrots & Broccoli Fruit Salad	Beef Pasta Bolognese  Stuffed Pepper with Couscous    Cauliflower & Mixed Vegetable Chocolate Chip Sponge    Custard	Oven Baked Battered Fish Filet   Veggie Nuggets  Chips Baked Beans & Peas Vanilla Shortbread 

Available Daily: Freshly Baked Bread  , Jacket Potatoes ( Limited Availability), Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts 

\*Additional dietary information, subject to availability: **Gluten Free** option available for Pasta, Pizza, Sausages, Fish, Biscuit. **Dairy Free/Vegan** option available for Pizza, Ice Cream & Custard. Vegan Jelly available.

ALLERGENS  Celery,  Dairy,  Egg,  Fish,  Mustard,  Wheat,  Sesame,  Soya,  Sulphite.

## OPAL PLAY AMAZON WISHLIST

### OPAL Play Wish List

If you would like to support OPAL Play at Joy Lane, please visit our Amazon Wish List.

[Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#)

Thank you to our parents/carers who have contributed this week!

Laura B  
Anna S  
Danielle H



## SWIMMING – TERMS 4 – 6

Day	Year / Class	Time
Monday	Oysters SRP	1-2pm
	Year 3 – Ringgold	2-3pm
Tuesday	Nursery	9:30-11:30am
	Year 3 – Riley	1-2pm
	Year 3 – Rousseau	2-3pm
Wednesday	Year 1 – Voysey	1-2pm
	Year 1 – Vallotton	2-3pm
Thursday	Reception	9-12am
	Year 2 – Postgate	1-2pm
	Year 2 – Picasso	2-3pm
Friday	Nursery	9:30-11:30am
	Year 1 – Van Gogh	1-2pm
	Year 2 – Potter	2-3pm

## JOY LANE BIATHLON – ARE YOU INTERESTED?



# BIATHLON

We are very excited to start planning this year's Biathlon!

We are asking parents/carers to let us know if you and your child/children would be likely to participate. This is not a commitment to attend/take part in the event. Completing this survey will support planning by year groups and give us a rough idea of interest.

Please click the [link](#) for more details and to complete the survey (It will take less than 2 minutes!).

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### Attendance data week ending 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024



JLPS Whole School attendance	94.1%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	103 pupils 16.69%

Klee – 95.9%	Kahlo – 95.3%	Kandinsky – 96.6%
Van Gogh – 91.4%	Voysey – 90.5%	Vallotton – 92.2%
Picasso – 93.3%	Postgate – 89.7%	Potter – 95.6%
Riley – 90.6%	Rousseau – 90%	Ringold – 96%
Hockney – 97.9%	Heron – 95%	Hepworth – 98.5%
Degas – 92.8%	Dali – 92.2%	Da Vinci – 88.3%
Bailey – 97.9%	Banksy – 89.3%	Boyce – 96%
Oysters – 93.1%		



**FOJL WINE AND WISDOM – BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

# WINE & WISDOM



GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

15 March | 7pm

Joy Lane Primary School

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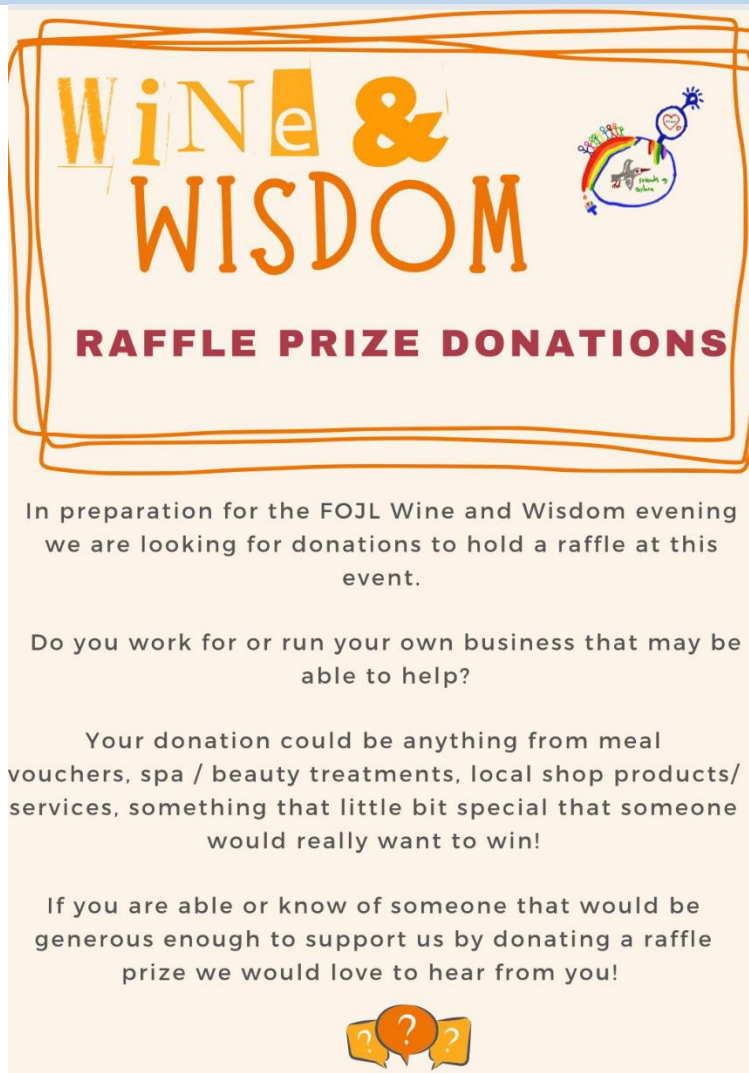


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Any questions, please contact: [friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk)



## FOJL WINE AND WISDOM – CAN YOU HELP?



**WINE & WISDOM**


**RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS**

In preparation for the FOJL Wine and Wisdom evening we are looking for donations to hold a raffle at this event.

Do you work for or run your own business that may be able to help?

Your donation could be anything from meal vouchers, spa / beauty treatments, local shop products/ services, something that little bit special that someone would really want to win!

If you are able or know of someone that would be generous enough to support us by donating a raffle prize we would love to hear from you!



## HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

**Welcome to the weekly house captain catchup. On Wednesday, there was a cross-country event with all the local schools taking part and 16 children taking part from Joy Lane. Everyone did very well with 6 children getting into the top ten. Furthermore, there was a Girls' football match on Thursday vs Herne Bay Juniors, but sadly it was called off, as well as the boys' match. This will be rearranged for the first few weeks in Term 4.**

**This term, Mayflower won the house points! Can you believe it - we are already half-way through the year already!!!! Over the half term, the House Captains have set a challenge for you, with two categories: the first one is a creative craft, and the second one is creative writing. Creative writing is where you have the chance to write a story about anything - let your imagination run wild. The creative crafts section is where you can make anything you want to, for example, a Lego model. So, get creative and once you have finished, you need to bring it to the House Captains in Mr Rogers' Class (Bailey Class) and there will be a prize for the winning entries.**



# WORLD BOOK DAY PRE-LOVED COSTUME SALE



**World Book Day**  
**COSTUME SWAP**  
Costume Donations

In the spirit of reuse and not buy new FOJL will be holding a pre loved World Book Day costume swap.

If you have had a new year / post Christmas sort out and have any unwanted / outgrown dressing up outfits we would love to take them off your hands.

Donations will be accepted from now and can be handed in to any staff member on duty at drop off and pick ups.

As per the Christmas jumper swap, all costume donations will be available in exchange for a small monetary donation on the 23rd February.

# HALF-TERM FUN!

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## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- The first week back will be **Week 1** of the menu. Check out our new Spring menu (outlining allergens).
- Please donate any **World Book Day**-themed costumes for our pre-loved Friends of Joy Lane sale.
- **Book amnesty!** Look out for any banded books that you might have at home and bring them into school.
- If you were unable to collect your child's **Progress Update Report**, these are available at the **School Office**, and they will need to be signed for.
- **Year 5 Parents/Carers**, join Mrs Harkins for the **Gilwell Park** information session on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** at 5:30pm.
- **Wellies or Old trainers** to be brought in from the beginning of **Term 4** in a named carrier bag.
- Please read our **Year 2-6 Parent/Carer Reading Guide** [here](#).
- Download a copy of the **Term 4 Dates** [here](#).
- Download a copy of our new **Spring/Summer Menu** for Terms 3, 4 & 5 [here](#).
- Read the **Term 4-6 Swimming Letter** [here](#).
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