

Parent survey about playtime at school - Feedback  
Survey shared November 2023  
Joy Lane Primary School

*A Love of Learning - for Life, for All*



## Introduction

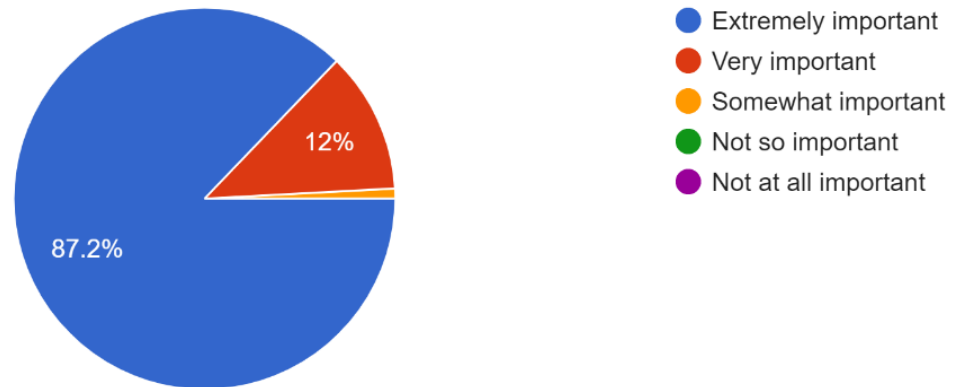
A huge thank you to the 117 parents/carers that took the time to complete our survey regarding playtime at Joy Lane. Be assured, our Senior Leadership Team have read and taken on board each and every comment, and we are excited to use this valuable feedback to help us implement OPAL Play within our School.

To find out more about our OPAL Play Scheme visit our [School Website](#).

Please see the questions and responses to the survey below.

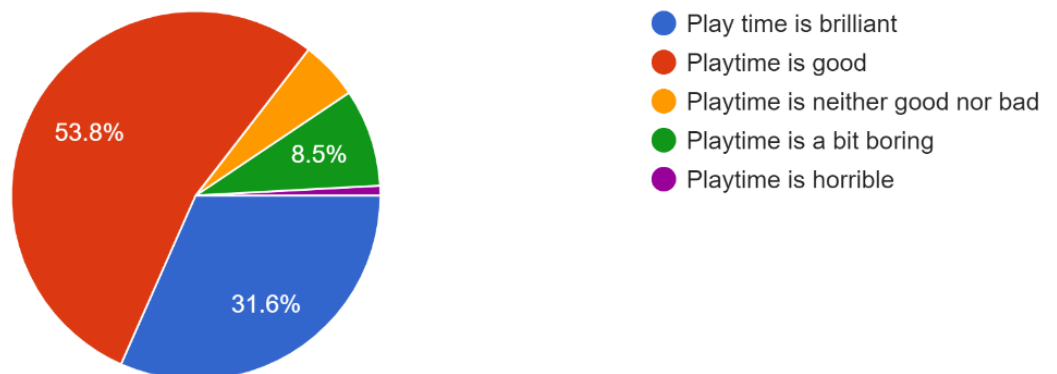
### 1. How important do you think playtime is for our children?

117 responses



### 2. Currently, how much does your child or children enjoy their school playtimes?

117 responses

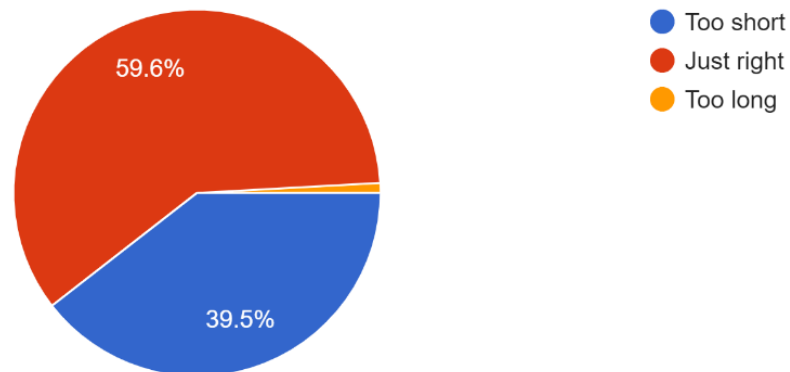


### 3. Why?

Answer	Count
Play	66
Friends / socialise	62
Football	7

4. Do you think playtime at our school is too short, just right or too long?

114 responses

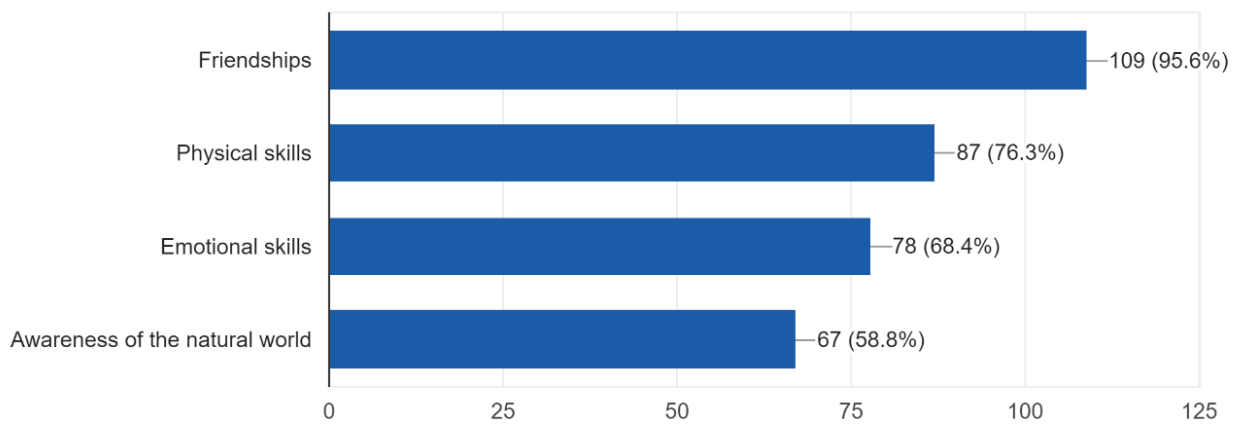


5. Thinking about your own childhood, what did you like playing at school or home?

Item mentioned	Count
Ball games (Football, Cricket, Rounders, Netball)	28
Games	28
Tag / Bull Dog / Chase / 52 Bunker / Stuck in the Mud	23
Friends	19
Skipping	16
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Climbing (Tree's, Climbing Frames, Monkey Bars)	13
Role Play / Imaginary Games	13
Hopscotch	12
Being outside	6
Running around	3
Dens	3
Marbles	3
Duck Duck Goose	2
Cycling / Bikes	2
Singing / Dancing	2

## 6. How did you benefit from that playtime?

114 responses

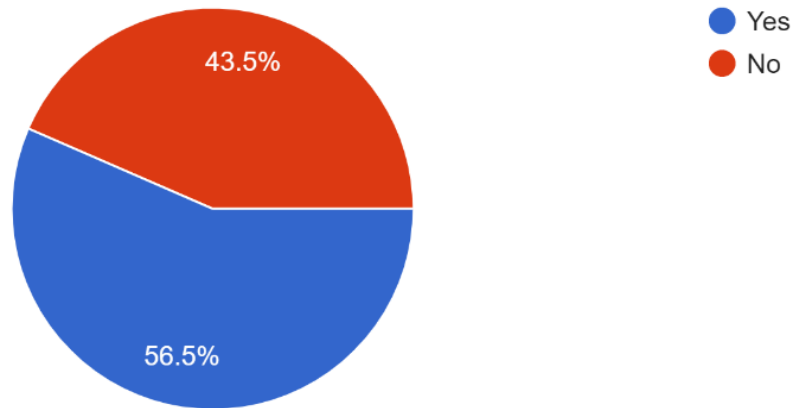


## 7. Please tell us any other ways that you benefitted from playtime.

Item mentioned	Count
Break from work / Classroom / Away from Desk / Social / Escape / Unwind	23
Friendships / Socialise / Social skills / Sharing / Turn Taking / Mix	10
Fresh Air / Downtime / Let off Energy / Burn off Energy	14
Nature Hunt / Interact with Nature	4
Pretend Play	2
Exercise / Physical Activity / Sport / Movement / Games / Healthy body	16
Imagination	3
Fun	3
Healthy Balance	4
Core Memories	2
Sensory Relief	2
Laughter	2
Freedom	2

8. Do you feel your own child or children have the same opportunities to play outdoors as you did?

115 responses

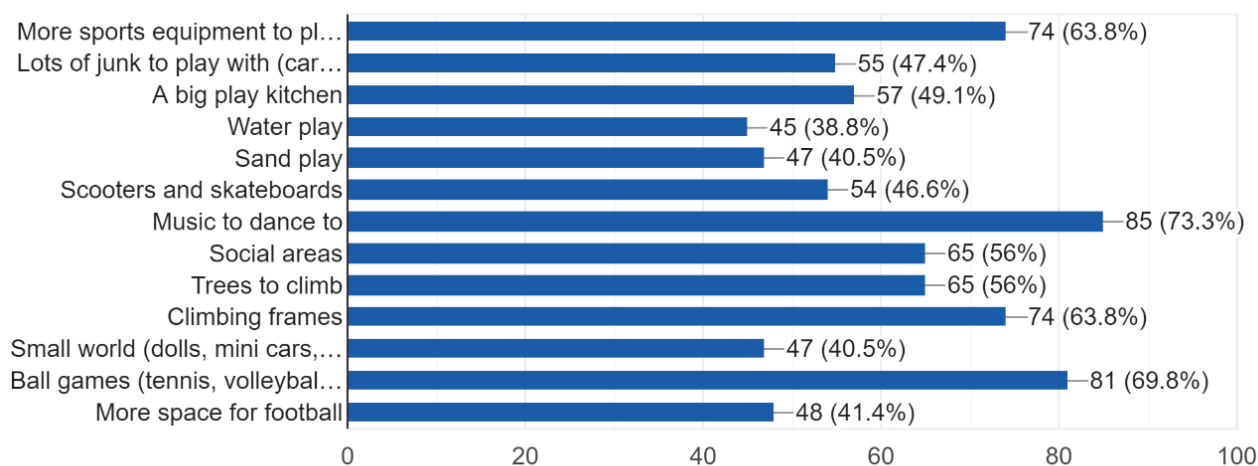


9. How does outdoor play for children now differ from what you did? (Outside of school)

Item mentioned	Count
Less Safe now / concern for safety / cautious of safety / health & safety / dangerous	16
Too much technology now / internet / prefer tech / gaming / screen	12
Less Freedom now	9
Don't play outside as much now / less outside play	9
More Freedom now	7
More structured now	4
Nature / less contact	4
Lack of variety now	2
Not many parks now/ green space	2
Too many restrictions now	2
Lots of green space	1
Indoors more	1
Too guided through play	1
No difference	1

## 10. We want to improve the play opportunities at our school. What types of things would you like to see?

116 responses



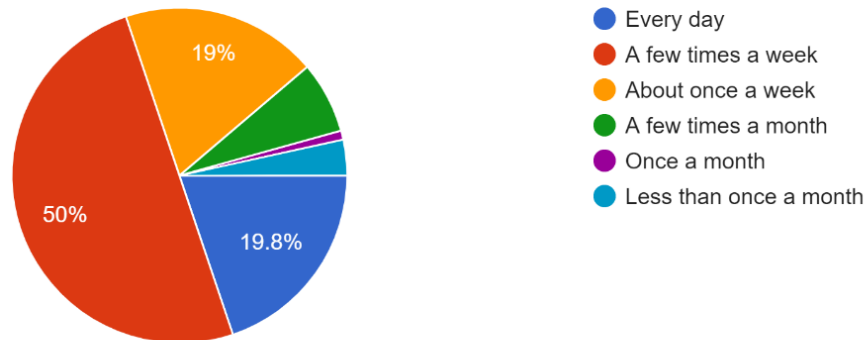
\*More sports equipment to play with / Lots of junk to play with (including cardboard boxes, tyres, material) / A big play kitchen / Water play / Sand play / Scooters & Skateboards / Music to dance to / Social areas / Trees to climb / Climbing frames / Small world (dolls, mini cars, dinosaurs, farm animals) / Ball games (tennis, volley ball, basketball) / More space for football.

## 11. Anything else you would like in the playground?

Comment	Count
Resources - Sandpit / bikes / skipping ropes / small parts / paint / hula hoops / instruments	9
No	5
Shelter	3
Friendship bench / lonely bench	2
Cosy corner	2
Nature / natural	2
Football goals	1

12. Thinking about your family, how frequently do your children play outdoors outside your home, in a street, a green space (park, marshes, beach, playground) or similar?

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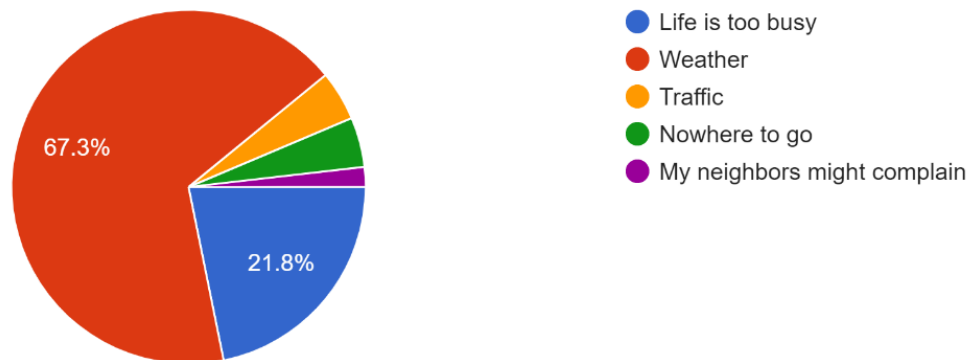
13. Where mostly do they play outside?

Answer	Count
Park / playground	66
Garden	61
Beach / seaside	31
Woods / forest	15
Football / trampoline / scooters / ball game / running	10
Fields / downs / camping / green	7
Driveway / street	6
Living room / bedroom	2
Stables	1



14. Thinking mostly about your family, what mostly stops outdoor play?

110 responses

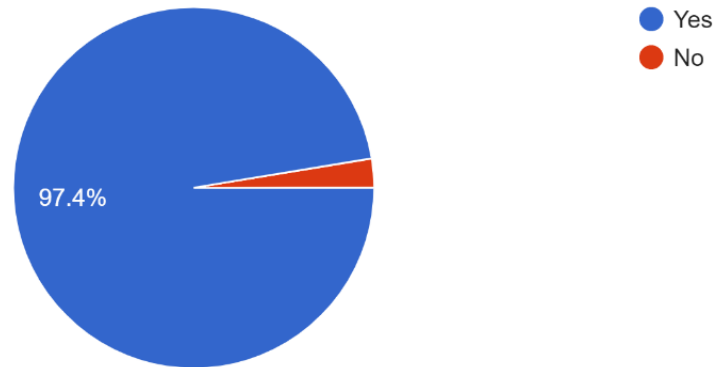


15. Does anything else stop your children playing outdoors? (please specify)

Answer	Count
No / N/A / Nothing	5
Weather / Too Cold or Wet	9
Time / Light	10
Ipad / Gaming / Technology / Online	5
Working / Busy	9
Social Skills	1
Small Garden	1
Dangers / Not Safe / Traffic / Safety / Cars / Fear	8
Sensory overload	1
Supervision	1
Lack of facilities	1
Medical / Autism	2
Too Tired	2
Cost / Expensive	1

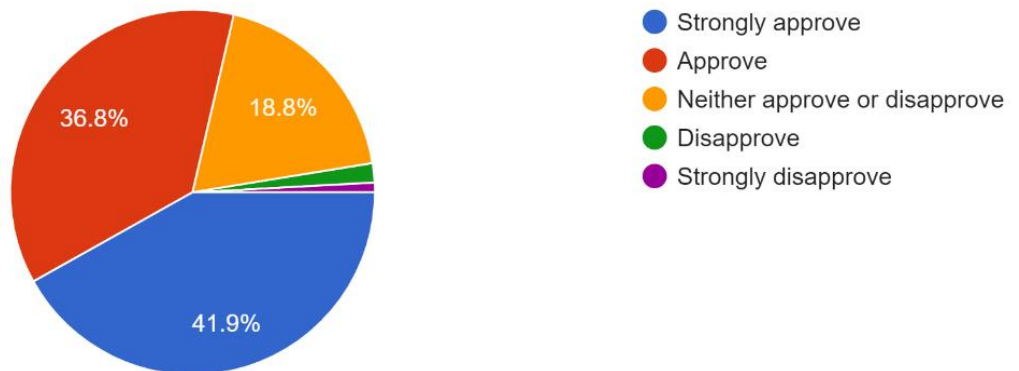
16. Do you own a raincoat?

115 responses



17. How do you feel about muddy clothes and minor accidents from playing?

117 responses



18. Any more comments?

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Count</b>
Accidents will happen / beneficial to learning	9
Kids should be outside more / outdoor play is great	8
Kids should get muddy attitude	7
Forest school should be on all year round / more forest school lessons	3
Concern over accidents	2
Concern over wearing the correct clothing (jumpsuit)	2
Concern over supervision	2
Kids shouldn't get muddy attitude	1
Mixed year groups would be good	1

19. We are looking for parents to help over the next year, for instance collecting stuff to play with, fundraising or helping to make things to play with. Would you be willing to help? If so, how? *[Note this is not a commitment, and you won't be contacted about these ideas. We will contact staff separately asking for commitments based on the collective answers to this question]*

<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>
Yes	19
No (mostly due to time)	5
Donate / collect	21
Fundraise	9