



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

### Vulcan Close Update

Subsequent to the pedestrian closure of Vulcan Close, I have met with local Councillors, Aspire builders and had contact with Kent and Canterbury Councils, and the outcome of discussions is that the pedestrian gate is to remain closed. All parties were in agreement with this decision.

One part of the road in Vulcan Close is an adopted road, (entrance to Vulcan from Borstal Hill up until about number 5 Vulcan Close), and it then becomes the unadopted road, which leads up to our school vehicle egress. The adopted part of the road is maintained by the council and highways; the unadopted road is maintained by homeowners, which is currently owned by Aspire Builders.

Our school has the right to vehicle egress from our school site across Vulcan Close, and we are now having to check the legalities of pedestrian access/egress with Kent and Canterbury City Council and will update you once we have further information to share.

I was also able to share with Councillor Smith and Councillor Cornell our concerns about the current state of pathways/roads surrounding our school site, in particular along Joy Lane and Valkyrie area, and our discussion led to the following proposals/actions, of which I will need your support. The first action school is going to take is to lobby for a 20-mph zone surrounding the Joy Lane school entrance; the second is to lobby the council to repair the pathway (CW59 - Valkyrie to Joy Lane); thirdly, look into the School Streets programme, which restricts vehicle access in certain streets, and finally, see if we can ascertain part-funding for a road crossing patrol in a safe place along Joy Lane. In all the proposed actions, I will contact you to ask for help in making the proposals a reality.

You may have also noticed that our premises site team put out road traffic warning notices to deter our parent community from parking on the zigzags and yellow lines leading to our Joy Lane school entrance. You will also have noticed that road traffic officers are attending Joy Lane and now the Valkyrie area more often and issuing traffic notices/fines.

We are trying to do our best to keep the school community as safe as possible, and I will share further information on this matter subsequent to our Governing Body meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping us all as safe as possible.

All good wishes,

Ms D Hines



## YOGA WORKSHOPS – TUES 12<sup>TH</sup> & WED 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

We are delighted to welcome ‘A Lo Flow Yoga’ into school next week for yoga sessions with our children. Each class will have its own individual yoga session, and all pupils will participate in a yoga class over the two days.

| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March   |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Kahlo                            | Klee     |
| Kandinsky                        | Voysey   |
| Vallotton                        | Van Gogh |
| Potter                           | Postgate |
| Picasso                          | Ringgold |
| Oysters                          |          |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March |          |
| Riley                            | Rousseau |
| Heron                            | Hepworth |
| Hockney                          | Dali     |
| Degas                            | Da Vinci |
| Bailey                           | Banksy   |
| Boyce                            |          |

Please ensure your child has their PE kit on the day of their class workshop and all jewellery should be removed.

Please pay your contribution of £2 per pupil via Arbor under the ‘trips’ tab. We are only able to offer these opportunities if we can cover our costs. Thank you for your continued support.

## COMIC RELIEF – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Red Nose Day is all about coming together, spreading joy, and having the best day ever in school. This year, we are asking each year group to ‘do something funny for money’ in their classes, so look out on Dojo to see what they are up to!

Next Friday, the children are invited to wear non-uniform, or they may like to go red from head to toe, dig out their brightest socks, wear their favourite outfit or wear funny fancy dress or accessories! Wear something that makes you and your school smile!

Voluntary donations will be collected on the day or you can pay online via our [Just Giving Page](#).



## WORLD BOOK DAY TOKEN

Look out for your £1 World Book Day voucher, which should have come home yesterday! You can take your voucher to a bookshop or supermarket and exchange it for a brand-new book that has been written especially for World Book Day.



## 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 Wish List](#)

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

Lara D  
June R E  
T L Smith  
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## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### Attendance data week ending 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024



|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| <b>JLPS Whole School attendance</b>                              | <b>93.9%</b>                 |
| <b>Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)</b> | <b>100 pupils<br/>16.15%</b> |

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Klee – 93.6 %</b>    | <b>Kahlo – 94.2%</b>    | <b>Kandinsky – 89.5%</b> |
| <b>Van Gogh – 93.5%</b> | <b>Voysey – 93.2%</b>   | <b>Vallotton – 94.7%</b> |
| <b>Picasso – 96%</b>    | <b>Postgate – 92.5%</b> | <b>Potter – 95%</b>      |
| <b>Riley – 93.5%</b>    | <b>Rousseau – 93.3%</b> | <b>Ringold – 94.8%</b>   |
| <b>Hockney – 96.2%</b>  | <b>Heron – 95.3%</b>    | <b>Hepworth – 95.4%</b>  |
| <b>Degas – 94.1%</b>    | <b>Dali – 94.6%</b>     | <b>Da Vinci – 91.6%</b>  |
| <b>Bailey – 93.9%</b>   | <b>Banksy – 94.5%</b>   | <b>Boyce – 94%</b>       |
| <b>Oysters – 93.1%</b>  |                         |                          |

## HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to the weekly House Captain Catch Up. Yesterday, it was World Book Day, and you all used your creative imaginations to make something spectacular. Well done everyone! It was the best book day Joy Lane has had. Every class has been focusing on a 'Little People, Big Dreams' book, like Rosa Parks or Wilma Rudolph. In Year 6, we had three books: Ru Paul, Anne Frank and Mahatma Gandhi. We have been making bookmarks and little people big dreams books about ourselves, thinking about how we want to inspire others.



Yesterday, your child went home with a book token, which you can use to buy a World Book Day book or use as £1 towards a new book. We appreciate the magnificent effort to make the world a better place and encourage others to follow in their footsteps.

Just a reminder, Walk for Water is coming up in a couple of weeks so be prepared to dress up in blue and participate in all the fun activities! Next, week is Red Nose Day, so we will be dressing in a different colour – red!

Congratulations to Year 6 for receiving the news about your secondary schools; we hope you were accepted into your chosen school! 😊 Also, Year 6 have the choice to buy a leavers' hoodie in their chosen colour. Letters went out yesterday and will need to be returned by the first week in Term 5. Which colour will you choose?

## TEAMTHEME EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

Joy Lane Primary School are delighted to be working with TeamTheme over the Easter Half Term. The Easter Camp will run from the 9th to the 12th of April.

The HAF programme has been created for pupils who qualify for free school meals. Those who qualify will automatically receive their voucher code via email from KCC (if you haven't already). TeamTheme also offer paid spaces for half-term clubs. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

You can register [here](#), using your Evoucher.

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DAILY HOT LUNCH PROVIDED

# FREE Holiday Camp

With heaps of fun-based activities to try, outdoor Forest School skills to learn, scientific wonders to discover, artistic creations to craft, friendships to make & delicious food to enjoy - our camps really do have something for everyone!

This holiday, you can find us at:  
JOY LANE PRIMARY, Whitstable

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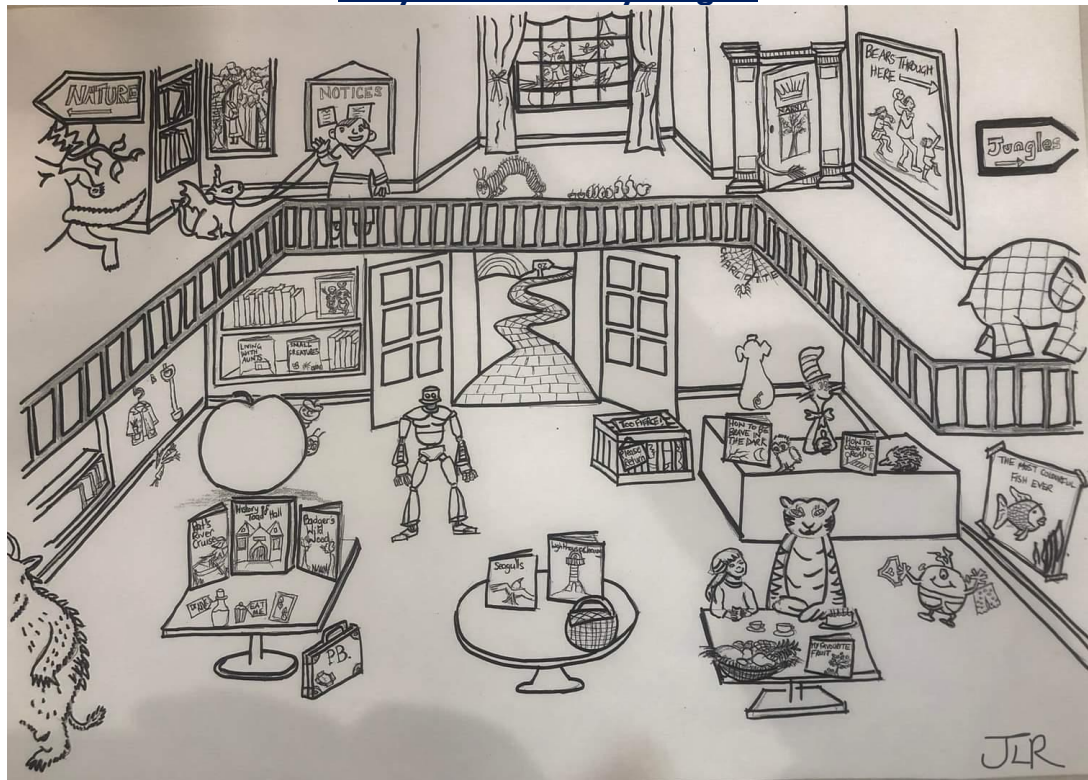




# WORLD BOOK DAY HOME CHALLENGE

Why not have a go at our World Book Day Challenge over the weekend by naming as many book titles in the picture as possible!? Hand your entry in FAO: Mrs Harkins and winners will be chosen at random next week.

## Early Years and Key Stage 1



## Key Stage 2



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

# WINE & WISDOM



GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

15 March | 7pm

Joy Lane Primary School

Tickets available now via  
PTA Events



Buy your tickets here: [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane)

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



## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** of the [menu](#).
- Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?
- Buy your **Wine and Wisdom** tickets here: [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane)
- Please click the [link](#) to show your interest in the **Biathlon** event.
- It's **Comic Relief** next Friday **15<sup>th</sup> March** and the children are invited to dress up in their own clothes, which may include a splash of red or a funny accessory, like a hat!
- **Extended Learning Clubs** finish on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**.
- **Wear Blue for Walk for Water** is on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

