



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

STAFF CHANGES

The lovely Jo, our Oyster Bay Catering Manager, is leaving us at the end of term to provide her wonderful food and service to a residential home for adults with dementia; we are very sad that she is leaving but I am sure you will join us in wishing her the very best of good luck and give thanks for providing our community with top quality food for the past four years.

We have been joined by Nicola Crocombe, who will take over the role as our new catering manager; Nicola has been working alongside Jo, and serving our lovely children for the past few weeks to enable an effective handover and she is very excited to be working with us. Please do contact Nicola via kitchen@joyalen.kent.sch.uk should you have any questions relating to our menu, or allergy concerns.

All good wishes,
Ms D J Hines

HEALTHY BREAKTIME SNACKS

Joy Lane Primary School strives to be as healthy a school as possible; therefore, we encourage our children to have a healthy diet, as well as drinking plenty of water.

With this in mind, we are asking parents and carers to support the school and continue supplying children with healthy breaktime snacks rather than crisps, chocolate or other snacks, which could be classed as treats.

Yes: fruit, vegetable sticks, plain unsalted rice cakes, bread sticks, plain crackers.

No: chocolate bars, cheese strings, Peperami, cakes, bags of crisps.

We would also like to also remind parents and carers that drink bottles should contain only water (no juice please). We will be reminding the children of this in school as well.

A final important reminder regarding food in school: Joy Lane is a nut free school as we have children with severe NUT allergies. Please do not put any nuts or nut-based products in your child's lunchbox or snack.

Please visit the [link](#) for a reminder of what we deem as healthy.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE – LAST DAY OF TERM!

On Thursday 28th March, the last day of term, we will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale at the end of the school day outside the school office. We will be accepting cash and card payments. This is the perfect time to stock up on new uniform ahead of the summer terms!



LAST DAY OF TERM – FINISHING TIMES

Oysters SRP 1:30pm
Main School 2:00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm
After School Club 4:00pm

2024-25 TERM DATES

You can also view/download a copy via the Joy Lane [website](#)

Professional Development Day	Monday 2 nd September (School Closed)
Term 1 Start: Finish:	Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Friday 25th October 2024
Mid-term Break	October 28 th 2024 – 1 st November 2024
Term 2 Start: Finish:	Monday 4th November 2024 Friday 20th December 2024 Last day finishing times: Oysters SRP 1:30pm Main School 2:00pm Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm After School Club 4:00pm
Christmas Break	December 23 rd 2024 – January 3 rd 2025
Term 3 Start: Finish:	Monday 6th January 2025 Friday 14th February 2025
Mid-term Break	February 17 th 2025 – February 21 st 2025
Term 4 Start: Finish:	Monday 24th February 2025 Friday 4th April 2025 Last day finishing times: Oysters SRP 1:30pm Main School 2:00pm Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm After School Club 4:00pm
Easter Break	April 7 th 2025 – April 21 st 2025
Term 5 Start: Finish:	Tuesday 22nd April 2025 Friday 23rd May 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025 (School Closed)
Mid-term Break	May 26 th 2025 – June 6 th 2025
Term 6 Start: Finish:	Monday 9th June 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025 Last day finishing times: Oysters SRP 1:30pm Main School 2:00pm Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm After School Club 4:00pm



OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!

We are in the process of preparing our school site for our OPAL Play sand pit. We are asking for donations of the following items to enable us to be set up and ready to go!

Sandpit ready –

- Sand buckets of various sizes and shapes
- Spades of various sizes for sand
- Sand sieves
- Water/sand spinners (like a water mill)

Other things we need for OPAL -

- Buggies/push chairs

Things we don't currently need -

- No wellies
- No books



RED NOSE DAY – THANK YOU

THANK YOU
for supporting Red Nose Day

A BIG thank you for your donations supporting Red Nose Day at Joy Lane. We raised a huge £428.84 from a combination of cash and online donations. Thank you again for all your support.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 22nd March 2024



JLPS Whole School attendance	93.9%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	103 pupils 16.66%

Klee – 97 %	Kahlo – 97.3%	Kandinsky – 90.3%
Van Gogh – 91.4%	Voysey – 91.4%	Vallotton – 95.4%
Picasso – 93%	Postgate – 88.1%	Potter – 94.3%
Riley – 93.9%	Rousseau – 98.4%	Ringold – 94%
Hockney – 92.1%	Heron – 97.5%	Hepworth – 95.6%
Degas – 95.2%	Dali – 94.8%	Da Vinci – 89.6%
Bailey – 96.6%	Banksy – 94.4%	Boyce – 96.8%
Oysters – 89%		



LIGHT UP THE HALL MUSIC EVENT!

We are very excited to be announcing the return of our Light Up The Hall concerts. Some of our brilliant Years 4, 5 and 6 musicians will be performing classic 70s rock songs alongside modern classics too. It is set to be an event to remember!

Unfortunately, due to restrictions on numbers, the tickets are only on sale for participants' parents/carers to purchase, but we will be showing some of our songs in Music Assemblies for KSI and 2 children to enjoy after Easter.

Break a leg everyone!

JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

BACK TO LIGHT UP THE HALL III

20 th Century Boy T. Rex	Dancing Queen ABBA	Dance Monkey Tones and I	Crazy Gnarls Barkley
BACK TO THE SEVENTIES		BACK TO THE FUTURE	
Crocodile Rock Elton John	Bohemian Rhapsody Queen	Believer Imagine Dragons	Seven Nation Army The White Stripes

26TH + 27TH MARCH

TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES OF PARTICIPANTS.
ALL CHILDREN WILL ENJOY EXCERPTS PERFORMED TO THEM IN ASSEMBLIES



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!

Laura B
Chris G
Gemma
Susana F



HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to the weekly House Captain catch-up. On Monday, the Year 5s left to go on their adventurous residential where there were many activities available: 3G swing, climbing wall, fire lighting and tomahawk throwing! They returned on Wednesday full of smiles. We are glad you had a brilliant time.

Unfortunately, the Boys' football team lost to Swalecliffe A team 6-0 in the final of the league cup. What a great effort by everyone!

This week, we had photography sessions where you had the chance to take some photos with professional cameras and thank you to Nick for being the leader and bringing in all the cameras. Each class had the chance to experiment with this, and it was a wonderful opportunity for all.

Just a reminder that Monday next week it is Walk for Water, and all your children are encouraged to come in in non-school uniform, ideally blue. Also, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1. Walk for Water is a chance to raise money for children that don't have enough clean water. The charity raises hundreds of thousands of pounds for over 200 countries worldwide. We have already had an assembly at school about Walk for Water and how we can help, and we will be doing water relays on the day.

Next week, there is Light Up the Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:45-8:45pm. It is a performance instructed by Mrs Rawlings, and lots of children take part to showcase their talents for music.

Finally, In Year Six, on the last day of term there is going to be a Titanic tea party where you dress up in the clothes they would have worn back in 1912. What an exciting opportunity!



COMMUNITY EASTER EVENTS

Recycled Materials ARTS & CRAFTS

 Kent Libraries



THURSDAY 11 APRIL

No booking required

**10:30AM
TO
11:15AM** **AT
WHITSTABLE
LIBRARY** **FREE TO
ATTEND**

 Kent Libraries



**EASTER
Arts & Crafts**
at Whitstable Library
Wednesday 27 March
Between 3:30pm and 4:15pm



Free to attend

UNCOVER THE EASTER MYSTERY

7 Stops, 1 Amazing Story - An interactive and immersive 'walk through' event for all ages followed by refreshments.

Monday 1st April

11am - 4pm

**At Seasalter
Christian Centre**

Booking is essential
to be a part of this
epic exploration!



Book in via QR code ↗

 St Alphege, Seasalter





EASTER HOLIDAYS

TOTAL SPORTS COACHING

THIS HALF-TERM ACROSS EAST KENT

MULTI-SPORT CAMPS
A fun and engaging way to keep your little ones playing sports in the holidays

HAF CAMPS
Bookable via the E-Voucher sent out by your school, for a fun packed day and food.

SOCCER SCHOOLS
A fantastic way to learn new skills and have fun playing football in the holidays

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PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 2** of the [menu](#).
- Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?
- Wear blue on **Monday 25th March** for **Walk for Water**.
- Come to the **pre-loved uniform sale** at 2pm on the last day of term.
- Next Thursday will be **fish and chip day!**
- Check our **early finishing times** on Thursday.
- Download a copy of our **2024/25 term dates** [here](#).

