



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2024



EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful term the children have had, despite the consistent inclement weather!

This week the children have dressed in blue for Walk for Water and our Year 6 children have thoroughly enjoyed their 'Titanic Tea Party'; the costumes were superb, and the children have totally immersed themselves in this learning. Totally fabulous! We also held our 'Light up the Hall' event on Tuesday and Wednesday, led by our wonderful Mrs Rawlings, who strives to offer our Joy Lane community as many musical opportunities as possible, and the children did us proud. This musical extravaganza was a sight to behold - our children are so very talented and ably supported by our talented staff musicians. Honestly, this musical extravaganza would not have been out of place at The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury! We also raised funds for our music department. My special thanks to the staff who supported and enabled the event to take place.

As ever, thank you for your continued support of our Joy Lane community, and it leaves me to wish you all a very Happy Easter break, and the Joy Lane team look forward to welcoming you back Monday 15th April 2024.

With my very best of kind regards,

Ms Hines

Ms Hines - Executive Headteacher



TERM 5 EVENT DATES

Download a copy [here](#).

TERM 5 DATES



2023-2024

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Monday 15th April First Day of Term Thursday 18th April Year 3 & 4 Tennis	Monday 22nd April Earth Day Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd April Year R Hearing & Vision Screening Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th April Scholastic Book Fair
WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Monday 29th April Extended Learning Clubs Start W/C 29th April Celebration of Neurodiversity - All week	Monday 6th May Bank Holiday (School Closed) Tuesday 7th May Year R Hearing & Vision Screening
WEEK 5	WEEK 6
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May KS2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) Year 6 Sunday 19th May Joy Lane Biathlon - TBC	Friday 24th May Last Day of Term (usual finishing times)

SAFETY ON THE SCHOOL SITE

We need your help please!

As you know at drop-off and pick-up times, the Joy Lane school site is extremely busy with children, prams and parents. Moving forward into Term 5, and in order to ensure the safety of all who use our school site, we politely request that children and adults push their bikes and scooters around the school site.

I would ask that as parents and carers you encourage your children to follow this rule and explain that speeding around on scooters or other means of transport could potentially cause an accident with so many people moving around.

At school, we will continue to remind children and adults through assemblies and teaching that the Joy Lane school site is for pedestrians, and speeding around on other means of transport is strictly forbidden.

Please support us with this message and have a super safe and happy Easter break.



THE OYSTER CATCH-UP – READ IT HERE!

For the past 8 weeks, the team of Year 5 and 6 budding journalists have been working hard researching, writing and editing their columns as part of the School Newsletter extended learning club. They have been around the school interviewing, surveying and hunting down the latest scoop for you to enjoy. We would like to say a big well done to them and they should be very proud of their newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading as much as they enjoyed making it!

Read it [here!](#)

OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!



If you are having a clear out over the Easter Break and have any scooters you no longer need, we would love to take them off your hands to enhance our OPAL Play at Joy Lane! Please can we ask that the scooters are in a decent and safe condition. We can accept 2 and 3-wheeled scooters.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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

FRIENDS OF JOY LANE THANKS!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported the FOJL Wine and Wisdom evening!

From those who donated raffle prizes, to those of you who bought raffle tickets, and those of you who took part in the actual evening.

The event was an incredible success with your support raising a fantastic £1590 for the school! Just brilliant! Thank you so much!



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 28th March 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	93.9%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	97 pupils 15.69%

Klee – 94.8 %	Kahlo – 99%	Kandinsky –94.6%
Van Gogh – 95.9%	Voysey – 96.4%	Vallotton – 95.6%
Picasso – 95.2%	Postgate – 95.4%	Potter – 94.3%
Riley – 94.9%	Rousseau – 99.4%	Ringold – 91%
Hockney – 92.3%	Heron – 94.4%	Hepworth – 93.1%
Degas – 93.7%	Dali – 88.8%	Da Vinci – 93.7%
Bailey – 98.5%	Banksy – 98.4%	Boyce – 96.4%
Oysters – 83.8%		

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to the weekly House Captain Catch-up. Sadly, we have three members of staff leaving: Mr Bolt, Jo (our chef) and Mrs Abercrombie 😞 We wish you good luck in your new jobs.

Today, Year 6 have had an amazing time dressing up as someone from the Titanic like a passenger in first, second or third class. We also had captains and sailors. We had cupcakes and squash for our tea party. We also had a chance to play games that they would have played back in 1912.

This week was the last week of house points this term, so the winner will be announced after the Easter break. The winning team will be awarded a non-school uniform day!

During this week, we have all been doing easter crafts to celebrate the holiday, which we have loved to see.

We hope you all have a lovely time, and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 15th April.

JOY LANE BIATHLON



Thank you to those who took the time to respond to our survey regarding this year's Joy Lane Biathlon.

After reading through the comments and suggestions, we have decided to move the event back to a Sunday. We have provisionally booked this into the school calendar for Sunday 19th May 2024 and will confirm this at the beginning of Term 5.



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**

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ART INSPIRATION

ART WORKSHOPS FOR THE EASTER BREAK
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME • AGE 5 -16 YEARS
CREATIVE CONFIDENCE • WE DO NOT "COPY" MASTERPIECES



PAINT ON CANVAS
INSPIRED BY
DAVID HOCKNEY'S
ARRIVAL OF SPRING

WEDS 3RD APRIL
10:45AM - 12:15PM

WHITSTABLE UMBRELLA CENTRE



PAINT ON CANVAS
INSPIRED BY
CHARLIE HARPER'S
BIRDS

THURS 11TH APRIL
10:45AM - 12:15PM

WHITSTABLE UMBRELLA CENTRE

FOR BOOKING & MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.DOTKIDS.CO.UK

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

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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Cheap eats during Easter holidays

-  **Tesco** Kids eat for free if parents buy something for 60p from a Tesco Café
-  **Morrisons** Kids eat free when an adult spends £4.50 or more on a meal
-  **Asda** Kids eat for £1 all day at Asda Cafés, with no adult spend required.
-  **Sainsbury's Cafés** Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot meal. From 11.30am every day.



COASTAL UNIFORM

The Coastal Uniform Company is holding an Easter Competition. Details about how to enter are can be found on their social media pages.



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- We are looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 15th April.
- The first week of term will be Week 3 of the [menu](#).
- Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?
- Download a copy of our 2024/25 term dates [here](#).
- Download a copy of our Term 5 Event Dates [here](#).
- We are in need of scooters for OPAL Play – can you help?

