



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Book Fair is here from Monday 22nd until Thursday 25th April, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Browse the digital magazine [here](#).

Look out for the bookcases, which will be based in EY/KS1 and Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. There will be opportunities for the children to visit the cases during the day, but you are welcome to browse and buy with your child at the end of the day between 3:20pm and 3:35pm. You can pay by cash or there is the facility to pay online using your debit/credit card (look out for the QR code on the side of the case). We have one card machine based in KS2, which you can also use for a speedy payment.

Every book you buy earns free books for the school! We hope to see you there!

SAFETY ON THE SCHOOL SITE

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.



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)

£5 BOOK VOUCHER COMPETITION!



Spring

By William Blake

Sound the flute!
Now it's mute.
Bird's delight
Day and night;
Nightingale,
In the dale,
Lark in sky,
Merrily,
Merrily, merrily,
to welcome in the year...



Spring Song

Author Unknown

Frogs croak
Rains soak
Chicks peep
Crickets leap
Bees hum
Robins come
Birds sing
It's spring!




April Rain Song

By Langston Hughes

Let the rain kiss you.
Let the rain beat upon your head
with silver liquid drops.
Let the rain sing you a lullaby.

The rain makes still pools on the sidewalk.
The rain makes running pools in the gutter.
The rain plays a little sleep-song
on our roof at night—

And I love the rain.



Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair is here next week. To be in with a chance of winning a £5 voucher to spend at the fair, your child is invited to choose one Spring poem (above) to read aloud with their best expression! Please send a recording of your child directly to Mrs Harkins via ClassDojo or upload the video to your child's ClassDojo Portfolio and let Mrs Harkins know! The competition will close on Monday morning, so please get your entries in over the weekend. Good luck!

OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!

We have been overwhelmed by the donations and Amazon purchases for OPAL Play, and we are seeing the impact of these resources in the children's exciting playtimes. If you are looking to donate pre-loved items from home, please can we ask that you keep to the suggested lists of items, as we are receiving toys and items that are not in line with the OPAL play approach.

We are currently asking for –

- Buggies
- Scooters
- Suitcases on Wheels
- Plastic Spades



CLASS ORGANISATION

At Joy Lane Primary School, we consider that there are many advantages for children changing classes at the end of each academic year and that any re-organisation should be a positive experience based on a professional's judgement. This term, we are beginning the process of reviewing class organisation ready for the next academic year, and next week, we will be asking the children to choose the friends that they play and learn best with, which we will use to inform our decision.

If you would like to read more about this process, please see our [Admissions Policy](#).

JLPS SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children of Joy Lane Foundation Primary School are very proud of their school uniform as this identifies them as part of our wonderful school and the Joy Lane family.



It is a school expectation that all children wear the specified and correct Joy Lane uniform; this link to our school [website](#) details our school uniform list.

Above are two examples our wonderful Joy Lane children looking smart and smiley, and we are sure you will agree this highlights the pride they have in what they wear and the school they belong to. Our school uniform expectations include our JLPS school tie, navy jumper/cardigan with school logo and black shoes/unbranded trainers. A gentle reminder that if girls are wearing leggings, then a skirt is a requirement to wear over the leggings.

Long hair should be tied up or back so it is out of the way, and as with all primary schools, children should not wear nail varnish or hooped earrings. Please could parents and carers work with the school and class teachers/adults to ensure there is consistency in what the children are expected to wear to school.



WHITSTABLE CASTLE MAY DAY FESTIVAL

Joy Lane has once again been victorious and won the May Day poster competition! Jack B's entry in Year 5 will be on the front cover of 1500 programmes that will be handed on the day at Whitstable Castle. Two winners from Joy Lane will be awarded prizes, and other notable entries from Joy Lane will be on display in the Whitstable Lions' tent. We encourage you to come along to this wonderful community event!



WHITSTABLE, HERNE BAY, CANTERBURY LIONS,
BRING YOU

MAY DAY FAMILY FUNDAY

Monday, May 6th
11 -4PM

AT WHITSTABLE CASTLE



- *STALLS *MORRIS DANCING *MUSIC
- *ENTERTAINMENT *PUNCH AND JUDY
- *ICE CREAM *CANDY FLOSS *HOT FOOD
- *FREE CHILDREN'S GAMES WITH CRAZEE HAZEE
- *COCONUT SHY *BOUNCY CASTLE

A Lions' Fundraising Event for Local People in Need



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 19th April 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	94%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	92 pupils 14.93%

Klee – 93.7%	Kahlo – 94.7%	Kandinsky – 89.8%
Van Gogh – 93.6%	Voysey – 93.5%	Vallotton – 95.3%
Picasso – 96.4%	Postgate – 92.2%	Potter – 95%
Riley – 93.7%	Rousseau – 93.5%	Ringold – 94.7%
Hockney – 95.8%	Heron – 95.2%	Hepworth – 95.4%
Degas – 94.2%	Dali – 94.5%	Da Vinci – 91%
Bailey – 94.2%	Banksy – 94.7%	Boyce – 94.2%
Oysters – 92.5%		

CHOIR AUDITIONS

If anyone wishes to apply, they will be completely supported by our Music dept to prepare for the audition.



CHOIR AUDITIONS

For boys currently in Years 2-6
with a love of singing.

No previous experience
necessary.

Apply by Sunday 5 May 2024

Auditions on Saturday 11 May 2024



Successful candidates will be invited to join the choir from
June 2024 (Years 3-6) or September 2024 (Year 2).

*Find out more and apply online at
canterbury-cathedral.org/join-the-choir*

*Informal enquiries warmly encouraged.
Please contact music@canterbury-cathedral.org*






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   @CburyCathedral



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 4** 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, buggies, spades and suitcases for **OPAL Play** – can you help?
- Visit our **Scholastic Book Fair** next week.
- Does your child want to be in with a chance of winning a **£5 book voucher** to spend at the fair? Check out the poetry competition.
- Our **Extended Learning Clubs** are starting soon. Read the letter [here](#) and club list [here](#).

