



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## GOODBYE TO MR ALBERS!

Mr Albers – aka 'Bill' - has worked as a caretaker on the Joy Lane school site since March 1988. He has kept the school, smart, clean and shiny and has been a tremendous help in the running and maintaining of our swimming pool. Many of our parent/carer community remember Mr Albers fondly from their time here at Joy Lane.

But unfortunately, it is now time for Mr Albers to retire and take it easy after looking after us and our school community for thirty-six years, and I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his long service and wishing him the happiest, healthiest and loveliest of retirements; our children are making memories for him so he will leave remembering us with fondness, as we will of him.

If you would like to share your thanks through a card, present or donation to a lovely gift, please leave this with our office admin team, and we will pass it on to him.

## TERM 6 2024 DATES

**2024**  
**Term 6 Events**

**Week 1**  
W/C Monday 10th June  
Y1 Phonics Screening & Y2 Retakes  
**Monday 10th June**  
First day of Term 6  
**Wednesday 12th June**  
YR Vision Screening  
**Friday 14th June**  
French School Visit (Year 5)

**Week 2**  
Sunday 16th-Wednesday 19th June  
Year 6 Residential

**Week 3**  
**Thursday 27th June - 3:30-6:00pm**  
Reading Festival  
**Friday 28th June**  
Extended Learning Clubs finish

**Week 4**  
**Monday 1st July**  
Y3 Sports Day - 9:00-10:00am  
Y4 Sports Day - 10:15-11:15am  
Y5 Sports Day 11:30-12:30pm  
Y6 Sports Day - 2:00-3:00pm  
**Tuesday 2nd July**  
Oysters Sports Day - 1:30pm  
**Wednesday 3rd July**  
Nursery Sports Day - 9:00-9:45am  
Reception Sports Day - 9:45-10:30am  
Y1/2 Sports Day - 10:30-12:00pm  
**Thursday 4th July - 9:00am & 5:30pm**  
Transition to Y1 Parent Session

**Week 5**  
**Tuesday 9th July - 9:00am and 5:30pm**  
Transition to Y3 Parent Session  
**Wednesday 10th July - 2:00-3:00pm**  
Year 2 Show  
**Thursday 11th July - 2:00-3:00pm**  
Year 2 Show  
**Friday 12th July**  
Pre-School Graduation 10:00-11:00am

**Week 6**  
**Monday 15th July - 9:00-11:00am**  
Year 6 Graduation - Sealsalter Christian Centre  
**Tuesday 16th July**  
Pre-School Graduation 10:00-11:00am  
Year 6 Show 2:00-3:00pm  
**Wednesday 17th July**  
Pre-School Graduation 10:00-11:00am  
Year 6 Show 2:00-3:00pm  
**Thursday 18th July - 2:00-4:00pm**  
Reports and Sharing Learning Afternoon  
**Friday 19th July-Tuesday 23rd July**  
Transition to New Classes

**Week 7**  
**Tuesday 23rd July**  
Last day of term

**Last Day**  
*Finishing Tunes*  
Oysters SRP 1:30pm  
Main School 2:00pm  
Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm  
After School Club 4:00pm

Please see the separate Aier for information about our new Reception starter events.





## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE – VIRTUAL SUGGESTION BOX

We're excited to announce the launch of our new virtual suggestions box! This online platform gives everyone in the community the chance to easily share their ideas and feedback in a convenient and accessible way. Whether you have thoughts on what we do, events we hold or ways to enhance communication / fundraising, the suggestion box is a forum to make your voice heard. Don't hesitate to submit your suggestions - anonymously if you prefer! We value your input and look forward to collaborating with you to make FOJL the best it can be! <https://forms.gle/TJ5PYEdDMiqmcZHe6>

## SUNNY WEATHER

With the warmer weather finally upon us, we would like to remind parents to make sure your child comes into school with a hat, water bottle & sun cream. Sun cream can be applied at home, but you may wish to pack some in case a top up is needed throughout the day!

Please make sure these items are labelled with your child's name.



## PRE-LOVED SALE – WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

Joy Lane will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 3:20pm – 4:00pm.

The stall will be set up in the car park, on the corner near the School Office. Card and cash accepted.



## HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome to the weekly House Captain Catch-Up. Well done to Year 6 for completing the SATs! Everyone is immensely proud of you guys and of how hard you all worked. It was lovely to see how many children attended the SATs breakfast each morning too.

On Wednesday, Year 6 found out their production for this year: 'Sherlock and Cinders'. It is the story of Cinderella with Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson as a detectives. Stay tuned for details on dates for the performances.



## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

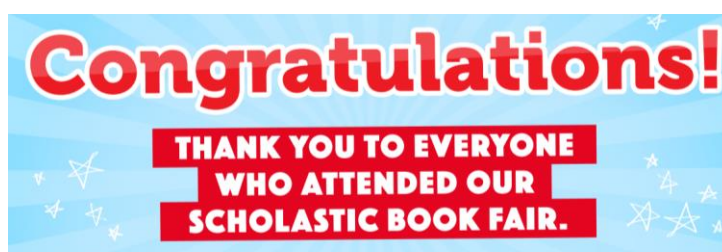


Attendance data week ending 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

JLPS Whole School attendance	94%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	85 pupils 13.84%

Klee – 94%	Kahlo – 97.3%	Kandinsky – 92.4%
Van Gogh – 94.8%	Voysey – 82.9%	Vallotton – 94.6%
Picasso – 97%	Postgate – 93.3%	Potter – 92.7%
Riley – 95.8%	Rousseau – 99.2%	Ringold – 90.7%
Hockney – 96.8%	Heron – 94.8%	Hepworth – 91.5%
Degas – 95.8%	Dali – 89.5%	Da Vinci – 93.3%
Bailey – 96.9%	Banksy – 97.8%	Boyce – 99.3%
Oysters – 91.9%	School Average – 94.2%	School Target – 97.5%

## SCHOLASTIC READING FAIR REWARDS!



Together we have raised **£489.93**  
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**



## RBL DESIGN A D-DAY MEDAL COMPETITION

This year, we will commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day (or the Normandy Landings) on Thursday 6th June.



We have been invited by the Whitstable branch of the Royal British Legion, who we are now affiliated with, to take part in a competition to design a medal for British soldiers who served on D-Day.

Templates are available from your child's class teacher to create a design.

In your design, you must include:

- the date of D-Day (6th June 1944);
- the colours of the Allies;
- a symbol to signify the war and the soldiers' sacrifice and victory;
- a reference to the different armed forces who took part (air force, army and navy);

Please hand named entries to your class teacher by Friday 14th June (Term 6). The RBL will judge entries and announce winners later in Term 6. I know they are planning some wonderful prizes...so good luck everyone!



## OPAL PLAY – NEW SANDPIT!

We are so excited to finally share with you some photos of our OPAL Play sandpit taking shape.



The sandpit will be opening to the children on Monday (20th May), so keep an eye out for updates and pictures via Dojo!

A huge thanks to Friends of Joy Lane for covering the cost of the sand. Also thanks to Mr Caffell for his support in ordering, delivering the sand from Jewson's, and giving up his Saturday morning to fill the pit. Not forgetting Kevin, who dug the pit out for us. We are very grateful to those who have supported the school in getting this ready for the children, a very well-done community effort!

If you would like to purchase something for the children to use in the sandpit, you can do so via our [Amazon Wishlist](#). Here are some of our most wanted items –



## SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

By the age of 12, 97% of children have their own mobile phone, according to Ofcom. Using mobile phones in schools can lead to online bullying, distraction and classroom disruption which, in turn, can lead to lost learning time.

Mobile phones are set to be prohibited in schools across England as part of the government's plan to minimise disruption and improve behaviour in classrooms.

New mobile phones in schools guidance issued on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 backs headteachers in prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school day, including at break times. This guidance will ensure there is a consistent approach across all schools. Read more [here](#).

Read about the current parental movement called [Smartphone Free Childhood](#), which is encouraging parents, along with the support of schools, to consider the age in which children are given smartphones.



# ONLINE PARENT WORKSHOPS

As part of our partnership with The Emotional Wellbeing Team, we are excited to share this upcoming Parent Workshop; 'Supporting your child with worries and fears'. Please see below for further details:

**Online Parent Workshops**

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

**Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears**

Thursday 23rd May 5.30-7.30pm

\*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 353 811 213 765 Passcode: JuMBJE

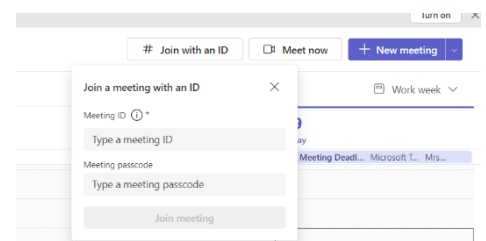
Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools.

We look forward to meeting you.

[www.nelft.nhs.uk](http://www.nelft.nhs.uk)

Join the workshop using the Meeting ID and Password through the calendar on Teams.

Please note that these workshops are not run by school therefore any queries regarding these should be directed to [EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk)



# HALF-TERM EVENTS




**FLYIN AT THE MUSEUM**  
in association with  
**LAA KENT STRUT FLYIN**  
WEATHER PERMITTING




**HUNDREDS OF AIRCRAFT LANDING AT MANSTON**

**FRIDAY 24TH - SUNDAY 26TH MAY**  
10am-4pm Daily NO NEED TO BOOK

Light aircraft on the Museum's Taxi-way  
Meet the Pilots **Charity Stalls**  
**Plane Spotting!**  
*Younger Activity Sheet\**  
Sit in Light Aircraft! **Vehicles on Display**

**\*Normal museum fees apply**

**24TH - 26TH MAY**  
Doors Open: 6.30pm  
Talk Starts: 7.00pm  
Tickets: £5pp

A tribute and talk about  
**THE LIFE AND DEATH OF**  
**AMY JOHNSON**

**Booking Essential**  
Payment on the day  
An evening dedicated to the  
captivating story of legendary  
Aviator Amy Johnson

For any queries please contact [events@rafmanston.co.uk](mailto:events@rafmanston.co.uk)



**Escorted Tours from the Museum  
to the Airport viewing area**

Allowing access to view hundreds of planes  
and to have a chat with the pilots

**£5pp**

Proceeds to Charities - The Martha Trust, Brain  
Tumour Research + The RAF MHM



Whitstable Library  
**ELMER DAY**  
**Craft Event**  
Saturday 25 May



Between  
10:30am and  
11:15am

**FREE to attend**



Kent Libraries

**FAR SKATEBOARDING LESSONS**  
SATURDAYS | 10AM & 11AM

£10 1 HOUR SESSION

BOOK ONLINE @ [FARSKATE.CO.UK](http://FARSKATE.CO.UK)

UNIT 77, JOHN WILSON BUSINESS PARK, CT5 3QT  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, E-MAIL [NICK@FARSKATE.CO.UK](mailto:NICK@FARSKATE.CO.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?
- Download a copy of our **2024/25 term dates** [here](#).
- Pick up a printed copy of the **Newsletter** from the school office foyer.
- Calling all budding artists to take part in the **Reading Festival logo competition!** **Deadline: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.
- Download a copy of our **Term 6 dates** [here](#) or pick up a paper copy in the foyer.
- Download a copy of our **Reception transition events (for new starters)** [here](#).
- As the weather gets warmer, please remember to apply suncream to your child before school and supply them with a sun hat for playtimes. Please ensure the children have a water bottle.
- Save the Date for the **Reading Festival – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 3:30-6:00pm!**
- Visit our **Pre-loved Uniform sale on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3:20pm.**

