



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## TERM 3 2025 EVENTS

# Term 3 Dates

2024-25

*Week 1*  
Tuesday 7th January  
New Reception 2025 Open Morning  
9:00-11:00am

*Week 2*  
Thursday 16th January  
Friends of Joy Lane Winter Discos  
1-2pm Reception  
2-3pm Year 1  
3-4pm Year 2  
4-5pm Year 3  
Friday 17th January  
Children's Hospital Pyjamas Appeal

*Week 3*  
W/C 20th January  
Extended Learning Clubs Commence  
W/C 20th January  
KIC Theatre Drama Workshops  
Thursday 23rd January  
Census Day (Special Menu)

*Week 4*  
Thursday 30th January  
Friends of Joy Lane Winter Discos  
2-2:30pm Oysters  
2:30-3pm - Nursery  
3-4pm Year 4  
4-5pm Year 5  
5-6pm Year 6

*Week 5*  
W/C 3rd February  
National Storytelling Week  
Place 2Be Children's Mental Health Week  
Monday 3rd February  
Young Voices @ London O2  
Wednesday 5th February 3:30-7:00pm  
EY/KS1 Virtual Parent Partnership Meeting  
KS2 Face-to-Face Parent Partnership Meeting  
Thursday 6th February 3:30-7:00pm  
KS2 Virtual Parent Partnership Meeting  
EY/KS1 Face-to-Face Parent Partnership Meeting  
Friday 7th February  
Dress to Express Day

*Week 6*  
Tuesday 11th February  
Safer Internet Day  
Year 6 Trip to Shakespeare on Screen

Welcome Back to Term 4  
Monday 24th February



## LAST DAY OF TERM 2 FINISHING TIMES

*Last day of term finishing times...*

Friday 20th December  
Oysters SRP 1:30pm  
Main School 2:00pm  
Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm  
After School Club 4:00pm

## READING BOOKS

As we head towards the end of term, please can we ask that you check at home for any Joy Lane reading books you may have at home, in particular, Little Wandle Collins Big Cat texts.

Please note that children in Reception and Key Stage 1, will not be bringing home a reading book from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Children in Key Stage 2 will continue to bring home their usual reading material, unless they are reading Little Wandle books, where they will access our Bridging Books as an alternative.

Thank you for your support with this as we attempt to organise our book stock in preparation for the New Year.

## LAST DAY OF TERM CHRISTMAS 'BOOK FLOOD'



Inspired by Iceland's Christmas tradition, *Jolabokaflo*d, where families give books as a gift on Christmas Eve and spend the evening reading with a blanket and hot chocolate, we will be giving away some of our pre-loved book stock as a gift to families for the Christmas break.

Tables will be dotted around the school site at the end of the day on the last day of term, and you are welcome to take home a book to enjoy over the Christmas break (no swapping or payment required).





## WEDNESDAY CLEAR UP!

Next Wednesday, we will be having a big clear up across the school ahead of the new year! Please can we ask that you send your child in with a plastic bag so that they can bring home their wellies and OPAL Play clothes for a wash/replacement, as well as any other kit and resources.

## LUNCH CHANGES NEXT WEEK

- Wednesday - Beef pasta Bolognese, Soya mince bolognese, Garlic bread, Green beans, Sliced Melon.
- Thursday - Christmas dinner
- Friday, as the menu, but various puddings available (not as advertised)

## HAVEN PROJECT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Haven Project supports the homeless and vulnerable in the Whitstable area to provide essential items for those living homeless in our area. Find out more about this amazing project and other ways you can support [here](#).

They are collecting the following items, which are especially needed at this cold time of year:

Vests/t-shirts  
Thermal/thick socks  
Blankets  
Sleeping bags  
Thermos flasks

Donations can be taken to St John's Methodist Church Wesley Hall, Argyle Road, or brought to the school office, marked 'For the attention of Haven Project'.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### Attendance Data week ending 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



<b>JLPS Whole School attendance</b>	<b>94.6%</b>
<b>Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)</b>	<b>100 pupils 16.2%</b>

<b>Klee – 83.5%</b>	<b>Kahlo – 90%</b>	<b>Kandinsky – 95.1%</b>
<b>Van Gogh – 91.7%</b>	<b>Voysey – 94.8%</b>	<b>Vallotton – 95.7%</b>
<b>Picasso – 92.4%</b>	<b>Postgate – 91.4%</b>	<b>Potter – 91.6%</b>
<b>Riley – 95.3%</b>	<b>Rousseau – 92.3%</b>	<b>Ringgold – 97.9%</b>
<b>Hockney – 88.1%</b>	<b>Heron – 94.7%</b>	<b>Hepworth – 96.7%</b>
<b>Degas – 93.3%</b>	<b>Dali – 91.1%</b>	<b>Da Vinci – 97.7%</b>
<b>Bailey – 96.7%</b>	<b>Banksy – 94.1%</b>	<b>Boyce – 87.5%</b>
<b>Oysters – 97.3%</b>		



## PYJAMA DAY – POSTER COMPETITION



# CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMAS APPEAL

Last year, the charity collected over 122,000 pairs of pyjamas and donated them to over 238 establishments. This year, they will be supporting QEQM Margate, Kent and Canterbury Hospital and Demelza Hospice.

Friday 17th  
January 2025

Donate £1 or a pair of children's pyjamas

[www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk](http://www.childrenshospitalpyjamas.co.uk)

## COMPETITION TIME! DESIGN A POSTER TO ADVERTISE OUR HOSPITAL PYJAMA APPEAL

### Your poster should be:

- Eye-catching, neat, colourful
- Persuasive

### Information to include:

- Friday 17th January 2025
- Wear Pyjamas for the day!
- Donate a pair of brand-new pyjamas (newborn to 18 years old) or donate £1
- Charity name
- Who we are helping

WIN A  
BOOK  
VOUCHER!

**DEADLINE: FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER**



## WHITSTABLE CASTLE CHRISTMAS TRAIL



## 'HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP'

Welcome back to the Newsletter and week 6 of Term 2. We hope you are all excited for Christmas and the joy that it brings is one of the best things of the year! We raised over £400 at the Wine Gums and Wisdom Night, and we are all incredibly happy about this because this will allow the Year 6 children go on the trip to the BFI in London where we are studying the history of Shakespeare.

Next week is the last week of term, which is exciting! On Thursday, Year 6 went to Barton Court to learn about how to mentor other children, which they will bring back at Joy Lane to help some of the younger children as they move to the next year of school.

This year's Christingle took place on Thursday at the Seasalter Christian Centre with lots of children taking part as musicians or readers. They were amazing as always! Thank you to all the children that came along to help.

And lastly, unfortunately, Mrs. Rawlings was not here last week but luckily this week she is back into musical action, so stay tuned for pictures on Dojo!



# FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

## Letters to Santa

Santa's little helpers have been busy delivering letters this week. We would absolutely love for you to share your photos / videos of your loved ones receiving the most important letter of the year! Thank you to everyone that made an order - we raised a fantastic £240!

## Christmas shopping = Free donations!

With Christmas round the corner, along with Black Friday, over 8,000 online retailers give away free funding when you shop with them through [EasyFundraising](#). To get started and claim funding for FOJL, download the app, create an account and chose to support Joy Lane Primary School parent, teachers, friends association. Shopping this way means anything you purchase retailers donate to FOJL.

## Winter Discos

The FojL Winter Discos are happening in January, as follows -

### Thursday 16th January

1:00 – 2:00pm – Reception

2:00 – 3:00pm – Year 1

3:00 – 4:00pm – Year 2

4:00 – 5:00pm – Year 3

### Thursday 30th January

2:00 – 2:30pm – Oysters

2:30 – 3:00pm – Nursery

3:00 – 4:00pm – Year 4

4:00 – 5:00pm – Year 5

5:00 – 6:00pm – Year 6

Please follow our socials to find out more information regarding tickets sales, coming very soon!

## Key Stage 2 Christingle Event

FojL supported this year's Christingle event - such a lovely event, and a great way to begin the festivities! We are pleased to say that through your generous donations for refreshments we raised £238! Thank you!





# LOCAL EVENTS AND INFORMATION

**BARRACUDAS**  
ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

HIGHLY RATED School Holiday Camps!!!

SCAN ME!

AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU IN **2025!**  
EARLY BOOKING OFFER!

LOWEST RATES GUARANTEED BOOK BY 31ST JANUARY SAVE UP TO £100!

- 4½ to 14 year olds!
- 80+ Activities!
- Choice each session!
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- Flexible bookings!

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## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the menu. Please read the Newsletter for menu changes next week.
- The big **School Lottery super draw** is upcoming on **21st December!** Buy your tickets here.
- Plaques remain available to purchase for a minimum donation of **£5**. Remember to state what you would like written on the plaque in the comment box when you make your donation on **Just Giving**.
- It's **Christmas Jumper Day** today! There is still time to donate to our Just Giving Page. We will share how much we have raised next week!
- We are collecting donations for the **Haven Project**. Please see information above.
- Send your child in with a plastic bag on **Wednesday** to bring waterproofs and wellies home.
- Our **Children's Hospital Pyjama Appeal** is in January. Encourage your child to take part in the poster competition!
- Download a copy of the **Term 3 dates** here.

