



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# 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  
Thursday 16th January  
Census Day (Special Menu)  
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

*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'  
(London)

Welcome Back to Term 4  
Monday 24th February



## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

We kindly remind all parents and carers that if you need to collect your child before the end of the school day for an appointment, it is essential to contact the school in advance to make clear arrangements, and please show evidence of your appointment when collecting your child. This ensures we can prepare appropriately and minimise any disruption to the school day.

If you are using the school car park, please adhere to our protocols:

- **Blue Badge Holders:** If you park in our disabled access bays, please display your Blue Badge as you would in any car park. We reserve the right to refuse parking if the appropriate badge is not displayed.
- **Conduct:** We expect all visitors to treat our staff with respect. Abusive or threatening behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated and may result in refusal of entry to the car park/school site.

Additionally, if you visit the school during school hours, please do not be offended if a member of staff approaches you. This is part of our safeguarding procedures, which are in place to ensure the safety and security of all our children and staff, which is paramount. Your understanding and cooperation in following these guidelines are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe and organised.

Kind regards,

Ms D J Hines  
Executive Headteacher

## JANUARY WINTER FOJL DISCOS!

Winter Disco tickets are available to purchase! Just Bounce will be in action making the discos amazing fun and not to be missed!

Times and dates for year groups are:

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Reception 1:00-2:00pm	Oysters 2:00 – 2:30pm
Year 1 2:00-3:00pm	Nursery 2:30 – 3:00pm
Year 2 3:00-4:00pm	Year 4 3:00 – 4:00pm
Year 3 4:00-5:00pm	Year 5 4:00 – 5:00pm
	Year 6 5:00 – 6:00pm



Tickets are available via [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjoylane) and will cost £2 per person for Nursery, Reception & Oysters, and £3 for the rest of the year groups.

If you are struggling to find funds and would still like to attend, please use our 'Pay It Forward' scheme by emailing [office@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@joylane.kent.sch.uk).



## KIC THEATRE – MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

We are delighted to welcome KIC Theatre back for the children's educational drama workshops. During the workshops the children bring their classroom learning to life through theatre and their understanding of the topic is enhanced in an interactive and engaging way.

Each class will have their own individual workshop, with all pupils taking part during the week commencing Monday 20th January 2025.

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Macbeth</b>
	<b>Degas &amp; DaVinci</b>	<b>Harry Potter</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Neil Armstrong &amp; Space</b>
	<b>Dali</b>	<b>Harry Potter</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Romans</b>
	<b>Oysters - Wyburn</b>	<b>Winter &amp; Hibernation</b>
	<b>Oysters – Warhol &amp; Wiltshire</b>	<b>Based around 'Wildwood' &amp; hibernating animals</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Queen Elizabeth II</b>
	<b>Kandinsky &amp; Klee</b>	<b>Winter &amp; Hibernation</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Mayans</b>
	<b>Kahlo</b>	<b>Winter &amp; Hibernation</b>

Please pay your contribution of £2 per pupil through Arbor (via 'Trips'); we are only able to offer these opportunities if we can cover our costs. Thank you for your continued support.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### Attendance data week ending 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



<b>JLPS Whole School attendance</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
<b>Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)</b>	<b>92 pupils 14.86%</b>

<b>Klee – 93.8%</b>	<b>Kahlo – 100%</b>	<b>Kandinsky – 94.7%</b>
<b>Van Gogh – 99.0%</b>	<b>Voysey – 94.1%</b>	<b>Vallotton – 93.3%</b>
<b>Picasso – 97.5%</b>	<b>Postgate – 95.5%</b>	<b>Potter – 96.8%</b>
<b>Riley – 97.7%</b>	<b>Rousseau – 97.1%</b>	<b>Ringgold – 99.0%</b>
<b>Hockney – 94.5%</b>	<b>Heron – 91.0%</b>	<b>Hepworth – 97.4%</b>
<b>Degas – 97.0%</b>	<b>Dali – 92.3%</b>	<b>Da Vinci – 96.9%</b>
<b>Bailey – 94.6%</b>	<b>Banksy – 97.3%</b>	<b>Boyce – 91.8%</b>
<b>Oysters – 98.0%</b>		



## CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PYJAMA DAY APPEAL



We are looking forward to our first event of Term 3 - Children's Hospital Pyjamas Appeal on Friday 17th January!

The children are invited to wear their pyjamas, or other comfy loungewear, for the day, and with the crisp, cold weather setting in, this is perfect excuse to layer up and wrap up warm! Think oodles, onesies, blankets, dressing gowns, slippers (for the classroom), and you can layer your PJs over leggings and t-shirt, if needed.

We have already been overwhelmed by the early donations via Just Giving and our Amazon Wishlist. Anything you are able to donate will go towards supporting children in QEQM Margate, Kent and Canterbury Hospital and Demelza Hospice.

There are so many ways you can get involved:

- Donate £1 on the day - look out for the orange buckets!
- Donate via our [Just Giving Page](#)
- Donate a pair of brand-new PJs (ages 0 - 18)
- Buy a pair of PJs from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and these will be sent directly to the school
- Buy a raffle ticket to win a cosy reading hamper (more information will be shared in Monday's celebration assembly and via Dojo)

Thank you in advance for your support of our first ever PJ day!

## ENTERING THE SCHOOL SITE BY CAR

For safeguarding purposes, please can any car entering the school site press the call button for access to the school site, even if the gate is already open. Each car must call individually and must not tailgate into the school site. This does not apply when the gates are left open for After School Club.



## CENSUS DAY MENU – THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 is School Census Day (please note an error in the term dates which has now been rectified), which is the day when the government take a count of all the children that we have in our school to calculate our funding for the year ahead.

The number of children choosing a school dinner on that day decides a large element of the funding, and as a result, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to opt-in for a school dinner on this day.

We have an exciting, alternative menu for Census Day, and we hope to see lots of children enjoying this meal.

Your child simply needs to ask for a school meal at registration and payment is taken via Arbor in the usual way. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Please note that Friday's menu will be Beef Lasagne / Roasted Vegetable Lasagne / Garlic Bread / Mixed Salad with Chocolate Mousse & Mandarins for pudding.



## HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

We welcome you to 2025! We hope you had a fabulous Christmas and will have a great new year filled with new achievements and amazing pieces of work that your children will create at Joy Lane. We wish you a Happy New Year from the House Captains, and we all hope you enjoy 2025.

We hope that the children have enjoyed their first week back. We are sure that this will be the best term yet! There are many upcoming events including an extremely exciting trip for the Year 6 children to watch a Shakespeare show in London, which is only an opportunity because all of you have raised a large amount of money, which in return will allow us to go on a school trip! This term, each year group will also have the opportunity to attend the Joy Lane Winter Discos, which are always full of fun and laughter.

Well done to Victory for winning last term with the most House Points. Due to this, the red team will be wearing non-school uniform today, which is definitely a bonus for a Friday. Thank you for reading our newsletter, and we hope you will have a good weekend.

## TERM 3 CURRICULUM WEBS

We are excited to share our learning with you for Term 3 through our year group Curriculum Webs. Here, you will find a snapshot of learning across the curriculum and see how we immerse the children in their learning through a range of hooks and books!

Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.

## MFL AMBASSADOR UPDATE

*Bonne année!*

We are the Year 6 Language Ambassadors of Joy Lane and would like to introduce ourselves: George, Summer, Bethany, Nevaeh, Jude, Paige, Rosalie, Sienna, Teddy and Barney. We all love exploring new languages, and we believe that anyone can learn any languages possible, if you put your mind to it! George is learning Japanese, Jude is learning Arabic, Teddy is learning Finnish, as well as all of us learning a variety of European languages! Lots of us have been using Duolingo to help our learning; Nevaeh even has over a 390-day streak! Languages are very important for improving communication, helping people to feel welcome and exploring the world! As language ambassadors, we are accompanying the Y5s to support their journey to France, as well as visiting the year groups to deliver and inspire lessons to our younger friends.

We look forward to seeing you around school! Remember to ask us any of your language questions. *Merci et au revoir!*



# LOOKING FOR CAUSE AND EFFECT TOYS

If you are having a new year declutter, please can we ask that you see if you have any 'cause and effect' toys (examples pictured below). Please drop any donations into the school office. Thank you!



## CAUSE & EFFECT TOYS



# CANTERBURY FAMILY HUBS TIMETABLE & INFO



## Canterbury Family Hubs Timetable

13th January to 14th February 2025

### Coastal Family Hubs:

**Herne Bay**  
03000 422889  
Parklife, Memorial Park, Kings Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5RG  
CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

**Whitstable**  
03000 421554  
Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT5 2BJ  
CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

**Briary**  
03000 420897  
Greenhill Road (West), Herne Bay, CT6 7RS  
CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.  
**Please Note:** Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Whitstable</b> Baby Group 10:00am - 11:30am				
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Whitstable</b> Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am First Tuesday of the month	<b>Herne Bay</b> Stay and Play 10:00am - 11:30am	<b>Herne Bay</b> Ready for Baby 12:00am - 1:30pm First Tuesday of the month	<b>Herne Bay</b> Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 1:30pm - 3:30pm	<b>Whitstable</b> Zone Out (SNAAP) 5:00pm - 7:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Herne Bay</b> Talking Walk-in 9:30am - 11:30am Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month	<b>Briary</b> Baby Group 1:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>Herne Bay</b> Baby Massage 1:00pm - 2:00pm	<b>Whitstable</b> Family Space 4:00pm - 6:00pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Herne Bay</b> SEND and Parenting Support Drop In 9:30am - 11:00am First Thursday of the month	<b>Whitstable</b> Communication Tree 10:00am - 11:00am	<b>Herne Bay</b> Young Parents 12:30pm - 2:00pm	<b>Herne Bay</b> Wellbeing Group 4:00pm - 5:30pm	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Whitstable</b> Child Health Clinic and Breastfeeding Support Group 9:30am - 11:30am	<b>Whitstable</b> SEND and Parenting Support Drop In 9:30am - 11:00am Second Friday of the month	<b>Herne Bay</b> Baby Group 10:00am - 11:30am		

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## Information

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### Please Note:

For Health and Safety reasons there are room capacity limits in place.

### Useful Contact Numbers:

Health Visitor  
0300 7900 156  
Midwife  
01227 206737

For more information about opening times give your local centre a call



<p><b>0 - 5 Years Old</b></p> <h3>Stay and Play</h3> <p>A play session with a wide range of fun activities for parents/carers and their children to enjoy together. The chance to meet other families, make new friends, and learn through play. Our activities this term will be focussed on communication, language, and literacy.</p>	<p><b>Baby Group</b></p> <p>A friendly welcoming group to socialise with others, join in activities with your baby, and gain information, support and advice. The group includes messy play, safer sleeping, born to move, tummy time tips, parenting advice, baby development and more...</p>	<p><b>Ready for Baby</b></p> <p><b>First Tuesday of the month</b></p> <p>Ready for Baby is a session for parents to be. It supports you with information and guidance to help you develop a strong bond with your baby. This including information and advice about how to feed your baby responsibly and how to know when feeding is going well. <b>To book, please email: <a href="mailto:kentchft.readyforbabyproject@nhs.net">kentchft.readyforbabyproject@nhs.net</a></b></p>	<p><b>Young Parents</b></p> <p>A support group for parents and parents-to-be up to the age of 20 years. Creative and fun sessions with information, advice and an opportunity to make new friends.</p>
<p><b>8 Weeks to 6 Months</b></p> <h3>Baby Massage</h3> <p><b>3 Week Course</b></p> <p>Baby Massage enables you to learn about and respond to your baby's body language. It is also a wonderful way to make your baby feel safe and secure.</p> <p><b>Booking Required: Starts 22nd January</b></p>	<p><b>2+ Years Old</b></p> <h3>Communication Tree</h3> <p><b>6 Week Course</b></p> <p>This course will look at the different ways children communicate, and teach them techniques to develop their communication skills. We look at how children communicate during play, their attention and listening, and social communication. It will look at activities and strategies that you can do at home.</p> <p><b>Booking Required: Starts 9th January</b></p>	<p><b>Talking Walk-in</b></p> <p>Play-based drop-in sessions for anyone concerned about their pre-school child's speech, language or communication skills led by the Speech and Language Team.</p>	<p><b>8 - 11 Years Old</b></p> <h3>Wellbeing Group</h3> <p>A drop in group for young people aged 8-11 who are looking for a fun, safe, and engaging space to explore interests and make new friends.</p> <p><b>Booking Required</b></p>
<p><b>SEND and Parenting Drop In</b></p> <p><b>Herne Bay - First Thursday of the month</b> <b>Whitstable - Second Friday of the month</b></p> <p>We can help you with understanding your child's needs, and offer tips and strategies to help at home, signposting to local SEND Support Services and getting the best from your child's education.</p>	<p><b>Child Health Clinic &amp; Infant Feeding Support Group</b></p> <p>A drop in clinic for you to come along, have your baby weighed and speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team. Breastfeeding information, advice and support is also available. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes before the end of the clinic.</p>	<p><b>8+ Years Old</b></p> <h3>Family Space</h3> <p>A relaxed informal session for you to get advice and support on your child's additional needs, from the staff on hand. For parents/carers and children (8 years+) to connect, and join in activities together – such as cooking, art and crafts, pool etc...</p> <p><b>Booking Required</b></p>	<p><b>11 - 25 Years Old</b></p> <h3>Zone Out (SNAAP)</h3> <p>A safe caring place for young people with disabilities to make friends, chill and have fun. We also help develop key skills to help them become more independent and confident to make their own decisions as they grow into young adults. This is a SNAAP delivered session, supported by the Family Hub team.</p> <p><b>Starts 14th January</b></p>

### Healthy Start Vitamins

Are you eligible for Healthy Start Vitamins?

If so, complete this form to order Healthy Start Vitamins to your door.



### Free for 2

Some 2 year olds can get up to 15 hours of free childcare per week!

For more information and how to apply:



### Useful Contact Numbers:

Health Visitor  
0300 7900 156  
Midwife  
01227 206737

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## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be Week 1 of the [menu](#). We have a special menu on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January for Census Day.
- If you are having a clear out of children's plastic toys, we are looking for 'cause and effect' toys.
- Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.
- Buy your tickets for the Winter Discos [here](#).
- KIC Theatre workshops commence on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. £2 towards the session can be paid via Arbor.
- It is Pyjama Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January in support of Children's Hospital Pyjamas. You can donate via our [Just Giving Page](#) or buy a pair of PJs from our [Amazon Wishlist](#)
- Download your own copy of Term 3's dates [here](#).

