



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## LAST DAY OF TERM

Next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February is the last day of term, and we will be finishing at the usual time of 3:20pm with after school facilities running as usual (Nursery: 5:30pm, Main School: 6:00pm).

We return to school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

## TAMARA MACFARLANE AUTHOR VISIT – BUY BOOKS HERE!

Our visit from Tamara Macfarlane and Gilbert Giggles was a great success and a wonderful way to celebrate World Read Aloud Day! You can still order signed copies of Tamara Macfarlane's books via our dedicated Joy Lane [webpage](#). As a bonus, 10% of all sales go to the school to spend on books.

When ordering:

- Select the 'pick up from shop' option – this way they will be delivered to the school for free
- Add in both the name of who you would like the book dedicated to and your **child's full name and class** in the dedication box on the payment page.

## OPAL PLAY – WE NEED YOU!

If you have had a clear out/spring clean over Christmas and have any of the following toys/items you need to re-home, OPAL Play would love to take them off your hands!

- plastic cars & trucks
- animals
- large dolls
- pretend tools
- metal matchbox cars



Please drop them off at the School Office for OPAL Play.

Alternatively, you can purchase something from our [OPAL Wishlist](#) if you wish to contribute.



## CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS!

Joy Lane came 1<sup>st</sup> in the entire Yr5/6 girls' race, and we came 3<sup>rd</sup> in both the Yr5/6 boys and the Yr3/4 boys.

Yesterday our Cross Country team competed in a competition organised by The Herne Bay & East Kent Coastal School Sports Partnership. We were amazed by everyone's athleticism and enthusiasm. Not only did all the children show fantastic sportsmanship throughout, but they were also brilliant role models.

Each race had roughly 70 children taking part and a special mention goes to the children who placed in the top 10 in each year group.

- 🏆 Olivia M 2nd 🏆 (Year 3/4 girls)
- 🏆 Jessie S 2nd 🏆 (Year 5/6 girls)
- 🏆 William S 2nd 🏆 (Year 5/6 boys)
- 🏆 Esme B 3rd 🏆 (Year 5/6 girls)
- 🏆 Margo M 5th (Year 5/6 girls)
- 🏆 Oliver S 6th (Year 3/4 boys)
- 🏆 Liliana B 6th (Year 5/6 girls)
- 🏆 Duke M 10th (Year 5/6 boys)

A special thanks also goes to Mrs S who supported the competition and provided the children with fluorescent armbands, which were perfect amongst the flurry of racers. Well done team JL! Keep an eye out for team results very soon.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

### Attendance data week ending 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025



JLPS Whole School attendance	94.4%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	104 pupils 16.88%

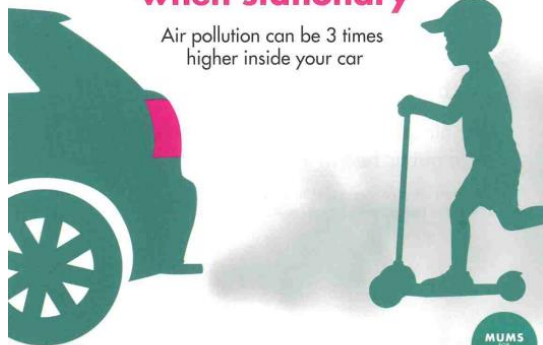
Klee – 91.4%	Kahlo – 92.3%	Kandinsky – 80.3%
Van Gogh – 96.6%	Voysey – 100%	Vallotton – 92.3%
Picasso – 96.7%	Postgate – 92.3%	Potter – 96%
Riley – 98%	Rousseau – 95.2%	Ringgold – 97.2%
Hockney – 94.3%	Heron – 97.3%	Hepworth – 97.9%
Degas – 93.7%	Dali – 88.8%	Da Vinci – 95.7%
Bailey – 100%	Banksy – 94.5%	Boyce – 89.2%
Oysters – 95.2%		



## MUMS FOR LUNGS

# VEHICLE EXHAUST IS TOXIC

Please turn off your engine when stationary



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Leaving your engine running, or 'idling' wastes fuel and money, and increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.

Every minute, an idling car produces enough toxic exhaust emissions to fill 150 balloons.

These toxic emissions, which include particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide, are linked to:

- asthma
- lung disease
- cancer
- dementia
- stroke
- mental health problems
- miscarriage
- low birth weight

'Poor air quality is the biggest environmental risk to public health in the UK.' Public Health England

For more information please search for: Public Health England Health Matters: Air Pollution

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## NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS – FREE TRIAL

Free trial sessions for Saturday morning musical theatre with New Heights Performing Arts, hosted here at Joy Lane. To book your free trial head to <https://www.nhpa.uk/home> Our New Heights Performing Arts sessions this week have been a massive success – check out the Dojo videos to see the children dancing and smiling!

**Book NOW!**

**NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS**

**NHPA**

**Saturday Morning Musical Theatre**

**09:00am - Midday**

**7 -16 year olds**

**Where:**  
Lower School Hall  
Joy Lane Primary School  
Whitstable  
CT5 4LT

\*Learn New Skills \*Make New Friends \*Grow Confidence  
\*Express yourself \*Perform in Shows \*All abilities welcome  
\*Parking available \*Payable monthly \* No joining fees  
\*SEN/disability inclusive


Book at: [WWW.NHPA.UK](http://WWW.NHPA.UK)

Scan me to book!



## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

**Winter Discos 2025** - The event fundraising total was just over £1000, which is brilliant - thank you to everyone involved! We look forward to sharing what the money raised will support.




In preparation for the FOJL Wine and Wisdom evening we are looking for donations to hold a raffle at this event.

Do you work for or run your own business that may be able to help?

Your donation could be anything from meal vouchers, spa / beauty treatments, local shop products/ services, something that little bit special that someone would really want to win!

If you are able or know of someone that would be generous enough to support us by donating a raffle prize we would love to hear from you!



**Save the date!** This year's Wine & Wisdom is scheduled to take place Friday 14th March! Make sure the date is saved in your diary and follow our socials for more information.

**February Super Draw is now live** - one lucky supporter will win a huge Year of Adventures - or of course, a £1,000 cash alternative! You will receive one entry into this draw for each weekly ticket that you have. The more [tickets you buy](#) the more entries into the draw you will get!

**More plaques** have been added to our stage and more donations have come in over the last week! Despite the cold, winter weather, the children access this daily for dancing with Miss Daly. You can still purchase a plaque to sponsor our stage [here](#).



## MATCH FUNDING – CAN YOU HELP?

You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work our FoJL do to raise funds for our school. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the match funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for them.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTA and help us raise money for school events and resources.

If you are able to help us this way, please email [friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk) know and they can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you for your support.

## CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL OF BOOKS – BOOK NOW!

Tamara Macfarlane, who visited us this week, is running the Children's Festival of Books event in Whitstable this March. Check out the amazing author and illustrator workshops as part of the Children's Festival of Books on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Book now to secure your space with some inspiring authors – including Anthony Browne!



## HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome back to this week's Newsletter. This Monday some very lucky children in Key Stage 2 went to the O2 arena for the Young Voices event. They were very excited about going to the arena but also a little nervous about singing in front of thousands of people; however, once they got started, it was so much fun and a memorable moment. They saw a lot of people, some of which you many know like MC grammar, people from Britain's Got Talent and many more amazing performers. But once they turned off the lights, it was one of the most incredible sights and a night they will never forget. It was a late night and luckily the children were allowed to come into school a little later the next day.

This week is also Children's Mental Health week, so all children across the school did a dance workshop, and it was hosted by the New Heights Performing Arts school. It was so much fun! In addition, this week is also National Storytelling Week. We were very lucky to have local author, Tamara Macfarlane, and entertainer, Gilbert Giggles, read and perform at our school. You can currently buy her books in her shop or through our school page on Dojo. Have a great weekend!

## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 1 of the [menu](#)**.
- Be part of the **[School Lottery Super Draw!](#)**
- Buy signed copies of our visiting author's books [here](#).
- Saucepans and frying pans with handles (lids optional) are urgently needed to replenish the Outdoor play kitchens and the Junk Orchestra.
- A gentle reminder to contribute to swimming payments. This [video](#) on Arbor shows you how to navigate the app.
- Next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February is the last day of term, with our usual finishing times.
- Can you buy something from our [OPAL Wishlist](#) or re-home your toys for OPAL play?
- Find out about TeamTheme's February Half Term Camp from Monday 17th Feb - Friday 21st Feb [here](#).
- Save the Date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day, and we will be dressing up as our favourite book characters. You may want to begin preparing over the half-term break.

