



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025

TERM DATES 2025-26

Download the term dates for the next academic year [here](#).

TERM 5 EVENT DATES

Term 5 Dates
2024-2025

Week 1	Week 2
<p>Monday 21st April Bank Holiday (School closed)</p> <p>Tuesday 22nd April First day of Term 5</p> <p><i>Week 2 of the Menu</i></p>	<p>Monday 28th April - Thursday 1st May Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p><i>Week 3 of the Menu</i></p>
Week 3	Week 4
<p>Monday 5th May Bank Holiday (School closed)</p> <p>Tuesday 6th May Extended Learning Clubs start</p> <p>Thursday 8th May VE Day Street Party</p> <p><i>Week 4 of the Menu</i></p>	<p>Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May KS2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) Year 6</p> <p>Thursday 15th May Census Day - Special Menu</p> <p><i>Week 1 of the Menu</i></p>
Week 5	
<p>Sunday 18th - Wednesday 21st May Year 6 Residential Trip</p> <p>Friday 23rd May Whole School Art Day</p> <p>Friday 23rd May Last Day of Term (usual finishing times)</p> <p><i>Week 2 of the Menu</i></p>	



COMIC RELIEF FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your generous cash and online donations for Red Nose Day. We raised £269!

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 4 th April – Last day of term	
Oysters	1:30pm
Main School	2:00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery	3:30pm
After School Club	4:00pm

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 28th March 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	92 pupils 14.95%

Klee – 94.5%	Kahlo – 96.8%	Kandinsky – 90.3%
Van Gogh – 93.8%	Voysey – 96.6%	Vallotton – 94%
Picasso – 85.8%	Postgate – 91.9%	Potter – 97%
Riley – 95.3%	Rousseau – 95.4%	Ringgold – 97.9%
Hockney – 93.4%	Heron – 97.3%	Hepworth – 97.5%
Degas – 90%	Dali – 91.9%	Da Vinci – 98.1%
Bailey – 93.6%	Banksy – 91.4%	Boyce – 94%
Oysters – 100%		

THE OYSTER CATCHER CATCH UP

The School Newsletter club is excited to publish our annual newsletter today! In our final session, we invited teachers to read our work and share a bite to eat at our publishing party.

Thank you to all the pupils and staff who contributed to the newsletter, and a big well done to the Year 5 and 6s who authored an informative, funny and polished newsletter.

We can't wait to see where your writing skills take you! Read it [here](#).

Mrs Bowler & Miss Briggs

SPORTING SUCCESS!

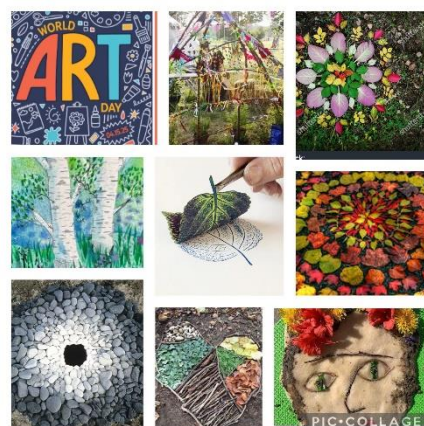
Our Netball team travelled to Hoath this week and the score was 21-1 to us! The Boys football team also won against Whitstable Juniors on Tuesday, with the score being 2-1.

Well done to our sporting superstars!



ART HOME CHALLENGE

The Art Team is excited to share that on 15th April it is **World Art Day!** Since this falls in the holidays, we are setting you an art challenge! Using inspiration from nature can you create a masterpiece? You can use whatever tools and materials you like, and it doesn't have to be a drawing or painting - you could make a sculpture, a print or even capture an inspiring photo!



Please send any pictures of artwork to your child's teacher by **Monday 28th April**. Feel free to also bring in the real thing too!

There is an art goody basket up for grabs in both areas of our school! **Winners** will be announced in a special 'Outdoor Art' assembly on 30th April.

We have attached a few ideas for projects! Have fun!
Mrs Hodge and Mrs Chaplin



HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to this week's newsletter! The French trip was so fun; we got to go to a French school, and we got to interact with the children. Then we went to lunch where there was a park and there were farm animals; some people even went in with them. It was very fun! After that, we went shopping for souvenirs in a town called Arras.

We would like to remind Year 6 that the Titanic tea party is on this Wednesday and don't forget that there are golden tickets to have the chance to sit at the captain's table.

This Wednesday, M&M studio came to perform for us - they did a version of Alice in Wonderland. It was amazing that only 4 people were in the show, but there were 10 characters. They even got some of the younger children in the audience involved with it and even some of the adults - it was so fun, and people got to sing along to the songs. One of them was even from Wicked and the costumes and setup were fantastic. The whole experience was really cool!

OPAL play is really coming together as there are numerous activities that your child can play or play with such as the cardboard and building dens and the field is now free to play on with the stage and the football pitch. We are very lucky!

Exciting news everybody - it's only 1 week until the Easter holidays! Just to remind you that next Friday we get to go home early – see the Newsletter for timings.



NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS EASTER CLUB

FLASH SALE... Book Matilda for only £20! Book [here](#).

***this discount is valid until midnight Sunday 31st March - must be paid and booked within that time frame for discount to apply.**

£35 per day



Easter Musical Theatre Workshop

7th & 11th April

Limited Spaces Left!!!



Ages 5 -10
Explore a new Musical each day with singing, dancing and acting fun!
Book Now!!!!
www.NHPA.uk/workshops

9am - 3pm
Joy Lane Primary School
CT5 4LT



£35 per day



Easter Musical Theatre Workshop

14th & 16th April

5 Spaces Left!!!



Ages 7 -16
Explore a new Musical each day with singing, dancing and acting fun!
Book Now!!!!
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FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

Movement for Good - Please Help us! The Movement for Good Awards is a programme of giving that anyone can get involved in and nominate charities and good causes to receive funds. Nominations for the second draw for 2025 are live. The draw is for a £1,000 donation. To be in with a chance of winning, we need to secure as many nominations as possible before the first draw takes place. It takes just a few minutes to nominate [here](#).




Nominations are needed before midnight on 23rd March! Our charity number is 286126. Don't miss out on an incredible opportunity to support us. Nominate and spread the love!



COASTAL SCHOOL UNIFORM COMPANY – EASTER GIVEAWAY

Easter Eggs, Easter bunny, tumblers, colouring, bunny bag, books & lots of sweet treats.
PLUS x2 School sweatshirts/cardigans!

All you have to do is.....

-  **LIKE & TAG** as many of your school parents/carers as possible
-  **SHARE** this post to your stories
-  **Follow us on Instagram & Facebook**



TEDDY BEARS NEEDED



We are in need of donations of teddy bears for an upcoming whole school project. If you have any good-quality teddies that need rehoming, please bring them into the school office FAO Mrs Harkins. Thank you in advance.

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- It is **Week 1** of the [menu](#) next week.
- Can you buy something from our [OPAL Wishlist](#)?
- Click [here](#) to book the **New Heights Performing Arts Easter Club**, hosted here at **Joy Lane**.
- Extended learning clubs end today. A new offer for Terms 5/6 will be released early Term 5.
- **Nominate the Friends of Joy Lane charity** [here](#).
- **Donate any pre-loved, good-quality teddies to the school office.**

