



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th April 2025



From the **Governors, staff and children**, we wish you a restful **Easter break**.
We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

TERM 5 EVENT DATES


Please note a couple of additional dates have been added. [Click the poster to download.](#)

Term 5 Dates
2024-2025

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



JOY LANE MARATHON - W/C 28TH APRIL



JOY LANE MARATHON

Can each class run a joint marathon?

26.2 miles!

Run for a Cause
Collect donations to help support Young Lives vs Cancer and our Joy Lane swimming pool.

Please donate via Arbor or cash to the school office.

YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER

28TH APRIL - 2ND MAY

The poster features a central illustration of a female runner in a pink top and green shorts, running on a red and white striped path. A long yellow ribbon trails behind her. The background is blue with white confetti. Text boxes are overlaid on the image in various colors (dark blue, yellow, black, purple).

Next term, our school will be hosting our first "Joy Lane Marathon" to raise funds for 'Young Lives vs Cancer' and the Joy Lane Swimming Pool. We will be encouraging our children to gather donations for these worthy causes, and fundraising sheets will be coming home today. Each class will complete a distance of approximately one kilometre, allowing us to collectively achieve our school fundraising goal. This event will be within children's PE slots across Week 2 and teachers will update via ClassDojo once this has been completed with pictures. Children are welcome to walk, jog, or run around the field, with every contribution going directly to support these important causes.

We are excited not only to raise money for these great initiatives but also to come together as a school community in support of healthy habits and living. More information about how the donations will work will be posted on ClassDojo School Story. Thank you.



BOOK FAIR SPRING POETRY COMPETITION



I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

To be in with a chance of winning a £5 voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair next term, all children are invited to either read and record a recital of one of the poems above (which can be sent to Mrs Harkins or the Class Teacher via ClassDojo) or write a Spring poem of their own (and handed in to Mrs Harkins). The deadline for entries is Thursday 24th April.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Attendance data week ending 4th April 2025



JLPS Whole School attendance	94.4%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	88 pupils 14.28%

Klee – 94.6%	Kahlo – 95%	Kandinsky – 94.4%
Van Gogh – 89.3%	Voysey – 97%	Vallotton – 93%
Picasso – 92.6%	Postgate – 90.7%	Potter – 96.3%
Riley – 91.5%	Rousseau – 93.6%	Ringold – 92.7%
Hockney – 95.5%	Heron – 94.8%	Hepworth – 97.6%
Degas – 92.1%	Dali – 87.2%	Da Vinci – 95.7%
Bailey – 88.6%	Banksy – 94.3%	Boyce – 98.1%
Oysters – 100%		

TEDDY BEARS NEEDED



Are you having a spring clean this Easter break? We are in need of donations of teddy bears/soft toys 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.



SCOOTER & BIKE SAFETY



With this beautiful weather looking like it will last long into the Easter Holiday, I would like to remind parents and children that the safety of all the community is paramount, especially during the entry to and exit from the Joy Lane Primary School site.

It is so lovely to see the children scooting and cycling to and from school, and we appreciate the children taking the care to push or wheel their bikes around the site when it is so busy. As a reminder, particularly to those children that access school independently, please be very careful when approaching the surrounding roads, especially the extremely busy Joy Lane Road, as recently the school has received reports of near misses involving cars with children on scooters and bikes.

Wishing all children safe scooting and cycling at all times, and wishing you all a fabulous Easter Holiday.

Mr Ashley-Jones

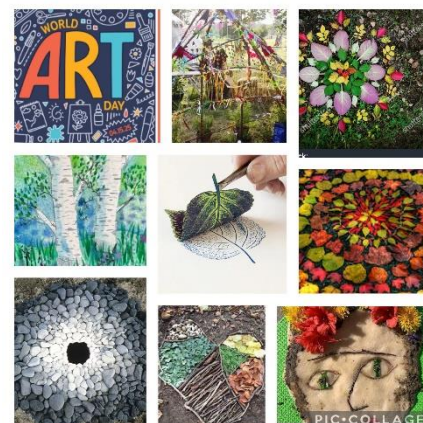
ART HOME CHALLENGE

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. This week was a very exciting because it was April Fools Day, and that was very fun where each class did a prank on the teachers; for Bailey class, we brought in lots of feathers and pom poms and balloons. In Banksy and Boyce class, they switched seats to see if their teacher would notice.

On Wednesday, a Titanic Tea Party was held in the main school hall for Year 6. There were cakes, drinks, books and card games - it was so fun, and the costumes were amazing; there were so many things to do. We even had a Captain's table where children had to earn a ticket by showing an act of kindness. Check out ClassDojo for the pictures.

Year 3 showcased their Spring writing in the Early Year's Hall, inviting parents to look at their incredible writing and art. What a clever year group they are!

We hope you have a wonderful break – we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22nd April.

NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS EASTER CLUB

£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!!!!
www.NHPA.uk/workshops

9am - 3pm
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FRIENDS OF JOY LANE



The JustGiving total for the stage is an amazing £739!

Thank you to everyone that donated and purchased plaques to support with the creation of the wonderful outdoor stage.

FOJL donated the additional £743 in order for the costs to be covered.

Plaques are still available to purchase, details to follow.

FOJL have been enjoying some lovely feedback from the classes after their second Small Spends Donation of £50 per class this school year. The money is for the teachers to spend on anything they think will benefit their children the most.



The feedback from the Year Group Workshops has been great too. FOJL aim to donate £500 per year group to use for a Workshop or Trip each school year.



Save the date! On 22nd May FOJL will be hosting a colour run! Make sure you save the date and follow our socials for more information to come!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

COME AND TRY

CRICKET

KWIKS SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 4

COME AND TRY KWIK (SOFTBALL) CRICKET THIS SUMMER!
@CHESTFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Tuesdays 5pm - 6pm
Come and try - your first two sessions are free.

Please email: chestfieldjuniors@gmail.com to secure your space (limited to coaching numbers)
Starting 22nd April 2025

 Chestfield Cricket Club
Grasmere Road, Chestfield.
Social clubhouse open all evening.



COME AND TRY

CRICKET

HARDBALL SCHOOL YEARS 5 - 6

COME AND TRY HARDBALL CRICKET THIS SUMMER!
@CHESTFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Tuesdays 6pm - 7:30pm
Come and try - your first two sessions are free.

Please email: chestfieldjuniors@gmail.com to secure your space (limited to coaching numbers)
Starting 22nd April 2025

 Chestfield Cricket Club
Grasmere Road, Chestfield.
Social clubhouse open all evening.



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YOI SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURY'S CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 12th April, 10:00-12:00

The Harbour Church
10 Harbour Street, Whitstable
Kent, CT5 1AQ

Come and join us for a drink
and a slice of something yummy!

We will have activities available for the
children and a chocolatey treat for
them to take away.

Everyone is welcome.



Whitstable
Community
Church

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KEY STAGE 2 PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

PHOTOGRAPHY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Date : 28th April 2025 (8 Weeks)
Location: Joy Lane School
Time : 3:15pm-4:30pm
Cost : £80

Basics of Photography

Shutter Speed
Aperture
ISO
Light
Composition

DURING THE WORKSHOP EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE:

- A CANON 1300D CAMERA TO WORK WITH
- A WORKBOOK TO COMPLETE THROUGHOUT THE TERM
- ACCESS TO A PRINTER

MIN 10 STUDENTS FOR CLUB TO RUN

AGE GROUP
SUITABLE FOR **7-16**

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YEAR 6 FOJL DISCO – SAVE THE DATE!



EXTENDED SERVICES – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please note that these are the only sessions available to book your child in for After School Club, and unfortunately, we do not have flexibility to add a 4.30-5.30 session after a sports/extra-curricular activity. Click [here](#) to view our Extended Services Policy.

After School Club;

Collection between 3:30pm & 4:30pm - £6.50

Collection between 3:30pm & 5:30pm - £9.50

Collection between 3:30pm & 6:00pm - £12.50

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- It is **Week 2** of the [menu](#) when we return in **Term 5**.
- Can you buy something from our [OPAL Wishlist](#)?
- Click [here](#) to book the **New Heights Performing Arts Easter Club**, hosted here at Joy Lane.
- Nominate the Friends of Joy Lane charity [here](#).
- Donate any pre-loved, good-quality teddies to the school office.
- Why not take part in the **World Art Day** challenge or the **Spring poetry** competition over the break to be in with a chance of winning some great prizes?
- Download the term dates for the next academic year [here](#) and the **Term 5 event dates** [here](#). The **Term 6** dates will follow in the first week of **Term 5**.
- You are welcome to join the Friends of Joy Lane for their next meeting on **Wednesday 30th April** at 7pm at **The Rose & Bloom** pub.
- **After School Club Menu** on **Tuesday 22nd April** will be **Hot Dogs**. **Oyster Bay Nursery** will remain the same (ham or cheese wrap). See the full menu [here](#).
- Can your child collect any sponsors for the **Joy Lane Marathon** in **Term 5**? Your child will be coming home with a sponsorship form or you can download one [here](#).

