



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd May 2025

TERM 6 EVENT DATES



2025

Term 6 Events

Week 1

Monday 9th June
First day of Term 6

W/C Monday 9th June
Y1 Phonics Screening & Y2 Retakes

Thursday 12th June
Year 6 KIC Theatre Workshop

Friday 13th June
French School Visit (Year 5)
Week 3 of the Menu

Week 2

W/C Monday 16th June
Sports & Outdoor Learning Week

Monday 16th June
Y3 Sports Day - 9:00-10:00am
Y4 Sports Day - 10:15-11:15am
Y5 Sports Day 11:30-12:30pm
Y6 Sports Day - 2:00-3:00pm

Wednesday 18th June
Reception Sports Day - 9:00-10:00am
Y1/2 Sports Day - 10:30-12:00pm

Thursday 19th June
Nursery Sports Day - 9:00-10:00am
Oysters Sports Day - 1:30-2:30pm
Week 4 of the Menu

Week 3

Thursday 26th June
Reading Festival - 3:30-6:00pm
Week 1 of the Menu

Week 4

Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th July
Year 6 Transition to Year 7
(check separate schools for dates)

Thursday 3rd July - 9am & 5:30pm
Transition to Year 1 Parent/Carer Session
Week 2 of the Menu

Week 5

Tuesday 8th July
Pre-School Graduation - 10-11am

Wednesday 9th July
Pre-School Graduation - 10-11am
Year 2 Show - 2-3pm

Thursday 10th July
Year 2 Show - 2-3pm

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th July
Year R Vision Screening
Week 3 of the Menu

Week 6

Monday 14th July
Transition to Year 3 Parent/Carer Session -
9am & 5:30pm
Year 6 Show - 2-3pm

Tuesday 15th July
Year 6 Show - 2-3pm

Wednesday 16th July - 2-4pm
Reports and Sharing Learning Afternoon

Friday 18th - Tuesday 22nd July
Transition to New Classes
Week 4 of the Menu

Week 7

Monday 21st July
Year 6 Graduation - Seasalter Christian
Centre - 9:00-11:00am

Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of term
Oysters SRP 1:30pm
Main School 2:00pm
Oyster Bay Nursery 3:30pm
After School Club 4:00pm
Week 1 of the Menu

Please see the separate flier for
information about our new
Reception starter events.



IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE

We are writing to ask for your cooperation in an important matter concerning the health of one of our pupils at the school, who is currently receiving medical treatment. The treatment means that their immune system is low, which puts their health at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles or chicken pox. This is so that we can inform the pupil's family straightaway in order for the child to receive medication quickly.

It is also important that you let us know if someone in your household has shingles. Shingles is the same virus as chicken pox but only affects older adults. However, you can still catch chickenpox from someone with shingles, so it may be possible for your child to be infectious without realising while at school.

There is no risk at all for your own child in this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupil undergoing treatment is at risk, so I hope you can help us with your kind cooperation and commitment in making sure that we are told as soon as possible.

VE DAY STREET PARTY – THURSDAY 8TH MAY



We are looking forward to our VE Day street party on Thursday 8th May. On this day, we will be providing a traditional party packed lunch, including the following:

Juice Box
Ham or Cheese sandwich (or dietary requirement substitute)
Crisps
Raisins
VE day biscuit (Dairy free - GF option available)

Please complete this [Google Form](#) if you would like your child to have a school packed lunch on this day, even if they receive Universal School Meals in EY/KS1 or Free School Meals.

The children are invited to wear red, white and blue to celebrate the occasion!

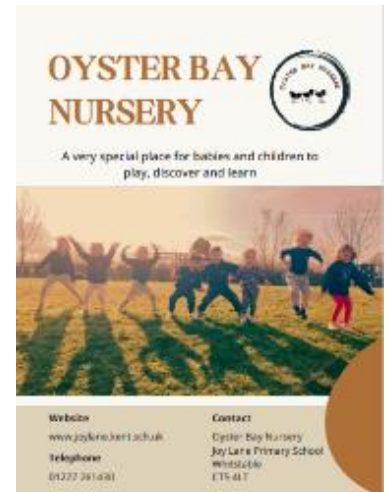


OYSTER BAY NURSERY – SPREAD THE WORD

We invite you to explore our new prospectus, which is available on our website. We currently have a few preschool places available for September, and we would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word! Additionally, don't forget to follow our Facebook page for updates!

Click [here](#) to read out prospectus.

Click [here](#) to visit our website.



OPAL PLAY THANKS



Thank you for all the wonderful items we have recently received via our Amazon Wish List! (All included in the picture above!) These items will be integrated into OPAL Play over the next few weeks.

Thank you to the following parent/carers for your Amazon purchases:

Helena S
Laura B
Faye R-R
Anna E S
Louise D
Julia P
Danielle

If you would like to contribute to OPAL at Joy Lane Primary School, you can do so by donating any of the following items (just drop them into the school office!), or purchase something from our [Amazon Wish List](#).

- Buggies
- Cushions
- Large plastic toys (for small world set ups)
- Suitcases on wheels



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 2nd May 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	85 pupils 13.79%

Klee – 92.4%	Kahlo – 97.1%	Kandinsky – 94.3%
Van Gogh – 93.7%	Voysey – 97.9%	Vallotton – 92%
Picasso – 92.9%	Postgate – 91.3%	Potter – 91.3%
Riley – 95.5%	Rousseau – 96.9%	Ringgold – 94.8%
Hockney – 97.1%	Heron – 95.3%	Hepworth – 98.6%
Degas – 96%	Dali – 100%	Da Vinci – 98.1%
Bailey – 90.4%	Banksy – 92.7%	Boyce – 92.3%
Oysters – 98.5%		

CHANGES TO NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Please note the changes to next week's menu:

Monday – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday – Monday's choices: Cheese & Tomato Pizza and Frozen Strawberry Mousse

Wednesday – Roast Chicken & Gravy and Fruit Salad

Thursday – VE Day special packed lunch

Friday – Chicken Nuggets & Chips and Gingerbread Biscuit

SPRING SUMMER MENU 24-25

WEEK 4

	Option 1	Option 2 <small>- Vegetarian Option -</small>	Option 3	Sides	Desserts	NEW
Monday		Cheese (d) & Tomato Pizza (wh,e) <small>vg 9/1</small>	Pasta (wh) Tomato Sauce & Cheese (d) <small>vg 9/1</small>	Potato Puffs, Seasonal Salad and Baked Beans	Frozen Strawberry Mousse (d) <small>vg</small> Yoghurt (d) & Fresh Fruit	<p>Daily Salad Bar Children will be invited to serve themselves.</p> <p>Available Daily: Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts & Veggie Sticks.</p> <p>Dietary Information:</p> <p>Free From Available: <small>vg</small> Vegan <small>g/f</small> Gluten Free <small>d/f</small> Dairy Free</p> <p>Contains: (d) Dairy (wh) Wheat (e) Egg (f) Fish (s) Soya</p>
Tuesday	Pork Stroganoff (d)	Mushroom & Vegetable Stroganoff (d) <small>vg</small>	Jacket Potato Cheese (d), Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo (e,f) <small>vg</small>	Rice, Whole Green Beans & Cauliflower	Blueberry Crumble Cake (wh,d,e,s) & Custard (d) <small>vg 9/1</small> Yoghurt (d) & Fresh Fruit	
Wednesday	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Cauliflower Steaks	Pasta (wh) Tomato Sauce & Cheese (d) <small>vg 1/1</small>	Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Broccoli	Fruit Salad Yoghurt (d) & Fresh Fruit	
Thursday	Mince Beef Sliders (wh,d) <small>4/19/1</small>	Soya Sliders (v,d) <small>vg 9/1</small>	Jacket Potato Cheese (d), Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo (e,f) <small>vg</small>	Wedges, Sweetcorn & Coleslaw (e) <small>vg</small>	Banoffee Mousse (d) <small>vg 9/1</small> Yoghurt (d) & Fresh Fruit	
Friday	Chicken Nuggets (wh) <small>g/f</small>	Vegetable Nuggets (wh) <small>vg</small>	Pasta (wh) Tomato Sauce & Cheese (d) <small>vg 9/1</small>	Chips, Baked Beans & Peas	Ginger Bread Biscuit (wh) <small>vg 9/1</small> Yoghurt (d) & Fresh Fruit	

Gluten Free option available for Pasta, Pizza, Sausages, Fish, Biscuits. Dairy Free option available for Pizza, Cheese, Ice Cream, Custard & Jelly.



MAY DAY AT WHITSTABLE CASTLE – MONDAY 5TH MAY

Every year on May Bank Holiday, Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions Club hold a Fun Day at Whitstable Castle, attended by large crowds. Expect morris dancing, music, Punch and Judy, 40 different stalls run by charities and local traders, coconut shy, bouncy castle, candy floss and other attractions. Entry is free but they welcome any donations to help the good causes they support.

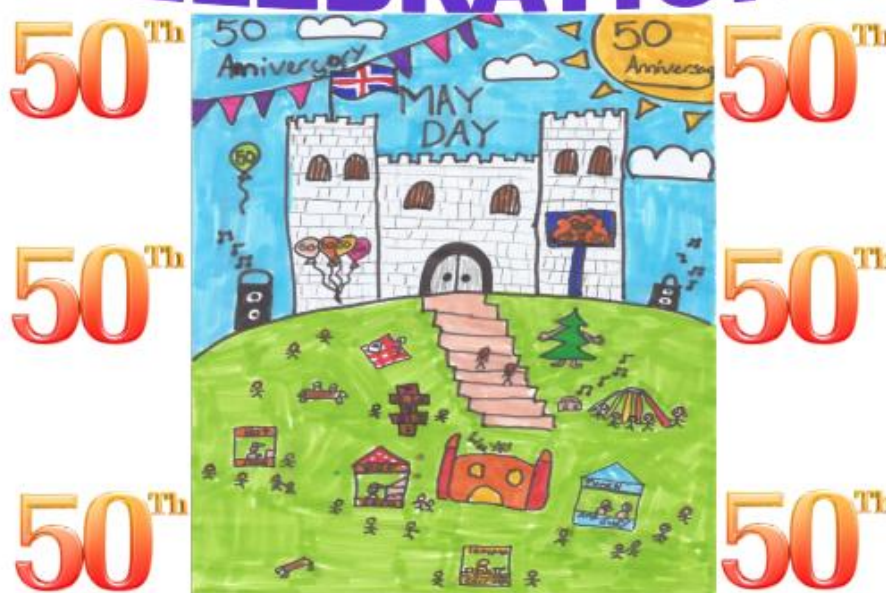
Check out Bowie's (Year 5) winning design on the front cover of the leaflet! The posters of all the children who entered have been laminated and will be displayed around the castle grounds. The posters of the main winners and runners-up can be found in the Lions' information tent – they would be delighted to say hello to any Joy Laners!

Gates open at 11am for all stalls, and the entertainment continues through to the afternoon until 4pm, including the arrival of the Morris dancers at 2:00pm. We hope you are able to attend and show your support!



WHITSTABLE HERNE BAY CANTERBURY
LIONS CLUB (CIO)

WHITSTABLE 50th MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS



PICTURE BY BOWIE BRADFORD—JOY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 5th MAY 2025

FROM 11.00AM IN THE CASTLE GARDENS

"JACK IN THE GREEN"

PROCESSION FROM HARBOUR STREET 12.30PM

Morris Dancing, Games, Street Festival, Crafts, Punch & Judy

Charity No. 1186630



JOY LANE MARATHON SUCCESS!

This week, we have hosted our first "Joy Lane Marathon" to raise funds for 'Young Lives vs Cancer' and the Joy Lane Swimming Pool. The children have 'run in the sun' this week - we hope you have enjoyed seeing the photos on ClassDojo!

Sponsorship donations are still coming in, and we are overwhelmed by your generosity. We will share the outcome next week!

WHITSTABLE SEA CADETS & HERNE BAY SEA CADETS

Whitstable Sea Cadets & Herne Bay Sea Cadets are recruiting young people aged 10-17.

What We Do

Sea Cadets provides young people with a vast array of activities inspired by today's modern Royal Navy. From STEM, first aid, and navigation to exciting water activities like sailing, kayaking, and powerboating, we have it all. Over 14,000 young people in 400+ units across the UK are already reaping the benefits of our programs, supported by 9,000 dedicated volunteers.

Our Impact

As a national youth charity, we offer young people life-changing nautical and land-based adventures, a range of qualifications and training, from BTEC to RYA accredited courses, helping them build skills for life and developing new skills.

Sea Cadets helps young people find balance, build confidence, resilience, and boost mental health. Our programmes align with nationally recognised awards and schemes, preparing them for work and life. Our cadets report improvements in confidence, leadership, teamwork, motivation, positive habits and more.

For more information about Sea Cadets, visit [About -](#)

[About - Learn About What We Do, Our History, Our Stories and More - Sea Cadets](#)

SCIENCE MUSEUM MISSION PATCH DESIGN

It is National Space Day today and the Science Museum and Magdrive, a UK space company, are running a competition for children to design the mission patch for Magdrive's first in-orbit test mission of its prototype thruster.

The winning patch design will be used for this Going Rogue mission and displayed alongside the prototype thruster in the new Space gallery at the Science Museum, opening this autumn. The mission patch will be added to the Science Museum Group Collection, joining an extensive space technology collection which includes Tim Peake's spacecraft, several rocket engines, historic spacesuits and mission patches from significant NASA missions. The winner and their family will also get to tour Magdrive's laboratory to see where the prototype thruster is built and will be invited to visit the Science Museum to see their patch on display.

The deadline for entries via email is Tuesday 6th May. Find out more [here](#).



FRIENDS OF JOY LANE – JOIN TODAY!



Would you like a child-free evening at the pub? Friends of Joy Lane meet termly and do exactly that! We would love for you to join us! We are a small group of friendly faces that meet to discuss what we can do to support the school - with a tipple in hand and laughter to aid! The perfect excuse for you to miss the bedtime routine and enjoy some time out while helping the school!

Our next meeting is in September...but JOIN TODAY by emailing friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk

Our most recent donations have paid for Yr 4 Egyptian Day, Yr 3 Anglo Saxon Day & Match Funding the Stage. Our next fundraising events will be supporting the Reading Festival, Sharing Learning Afternoon & Yr 2 & 6 Shows with refreshments. We're currently discussing arranging a Colour Run Event in the new school year, along with Discos & Boogie Bingo. If you can offer any support big or small please email friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week is **Week 4 of the [menu](#)**.
- Can you buy something from our **[OPAL Wishlist](#)**?
- **Donate any pre-loved, good-quality teddies to the school office.**
- **Download Term 6 event dates [here](#).**
- **If you have collected any sponsorship money for the Joy Lane Marathon, please hand it in to the school office. Thank you.**
- **Please click [here](#) to be directed to your child's Curriculum Web.**
- **The children are invited to wear red, white and blue to celebrate VE Day on Thursday 8th May. Book your child's packed lunch [here](#).**
- **A reminder that we return to school next week on Tuesday 6th May.**
- **Why not attend the May Day celebrations at Whitstable Castle on Bank Holiday Monday, 11am-4pm, and look for your child's poster?!**

