

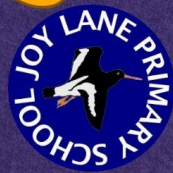


Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

READING FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

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THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

3:30–6:00PM

Harbour Books
Usborne Books
Arts and Crafts
Coconut Shy
Face Painting
Royal British Legion

Tales on Moon Lane
Live Music
Storytelling Sessions
Book Swap and Shop
Refreshments
and so much more...



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Centre of Excellence



TERM 6 EVENTS



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.*



BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!

Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised... **£1115.15**...
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

 **SCHOLASTIC**

YARN BOMBERS AT JOY LANE!

On behalf of the children and staff of Joy Lane Primary School, we would like to thank our friends, 'The Whitstable Yarn Bombers' for the beautiful decorations/creations that now adorn our performance stage on the school field. Mrs Cannon has been recently liaising with 'The Bombers' and the final decorations are now in place. Thank you, Mrs Cannon!

This has really brightened up the stage for the children to perform on as well as for the audience looking on. We have our annual Reading Festival on the 26th June where we expect a large school community turn out so the Yarn Bombers creations will be on display to many parents, grandparents and visitors so a big thank you once again from the school community.

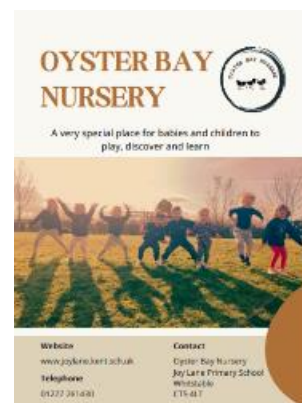


OYSTER BAY NURSERY – SPREAD THE WORD

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! These items will be integrated into OPAL Play over the next few weeks.

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

Justine H
Julia P
Z Hanson

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 9th May 2025



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

Klee – 89.7%	Kahlo – 97.6%	Kandinsky – 96.4%
Van Gogh – 96.4%	Voysey – 100%	Vallotton – 93.3%
Picasso – 97.9%	Postgate – 89.5%	Potter – 95.4%
Riley – 97.7%	Rousseau – 92.2%	Ringgold – 97.5%
Hockney – 95.1%	Heron – 93.3%	Hepworth – 97.3%
Degas – 100%	Dali – 97.2%	Da Vinci – 99%
Bailey – 96%	Banksy – 97.7%	Boyce – 97.3%
Oysters – 97.6%		



CENSUS DAY – THURSDAY 15TH MAY

Thursday 15th May is School Census Day, 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 made via Arbor in the usual way. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please note that Friday's Menu will remain the same.



CENSUS DAY
Menu

THURSDAY 15TH MAY

Main Course
HOT DOG & BUN
VEGAN HOT DOG & BUN

Sides
WEDGES
BEANS
SWEETCORN

Dessert
PANCAKES
STRAWBERRY SAUCE

*All dietary requirements will be catered for
and substitutions provided*

NETBALL SUCCESS!

Our Joy Lane netball team won 5-2 against Herne Juniors yesterday! The team has had an excellent run this season, winning every game except one. We've now got just one match remaining, and if all goes well, there's a real chance we could bring home the cup!



READING FESTIVAL LOGO COMPETITION

READING FESTIVAL
Design a Logo Competition

CAN YOU DESIGN A SIMPLE READING FESTIVAL LOGO WITH AN MAGICAL/FANTASY THEME?

Size: A5 paper
Simple design incorporating books and fantasy/magic
Black and White (no colour)

ROBINS PAPER BAG CO. IS AGAIN PROVIDING OUR READING FESTIVAL BAGS.
THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY PRINTED.
DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Next week is very nerve wracking and exciting because it is SATs week where Year 6 will be taking a series of tests. These are very important, and we have all worked hard for them. We even get to come in early each morning for breakfast, which will give us lots of energy.

Yesterday, we all dressed up in red, white and blue (which are the colours of the UK flag) for VE day. Each class had a picnic lunch outside in the Joy Lane car park. We even had children singing along to traditional wartime songs. This year was very important because it is the 80th anniversary of VE day when World War 2 ended and the troops came home to their families.

Thank you for reading our fabulous newsletter!

JOY LANE MARATHON SUCCESS!

We are delighted to announce that we have raised over £2,100 from your generous donations for our Joy Lane marathon. The money will be split between the 'Young Lives vs Cancer' charity and our school swimming pool, which will both benefit greatly from this money. If you have any further donations, please bring them into the school office by the end of term. Thank you again, and a massive well done to all the children for your amazing effort with running!

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week is **Week 1** 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.**
- Next Thursday is our special **Census Day** lunch. Friday's menu choices will remain the same.
- **Save the date: our Reading Festival is on Thursday 26th June!**
- Did you know that you can order a commemorative **VE Day** pin badge for free (postage costs apply). Click [here](#) to find out more.

