



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025

READING FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

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3:30–6:00PM

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| Harbour Books | Tales on Moon Lane |
| Usborne Books | Live Music |
| Arts and Crafts | Storytelling Sessions |
| Coconut Shy | Book Swap and Shop |
| Face Painting | Refreshments |
| Royal British Legion | <i>and so much more...</i> |



FREE ENTRY
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Reading
IS WHEN
The Magic
HAPPENS



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END-OF-TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of Term 5 is Friday 23rd May. Our finishing times remain the same for the end of the school day and After School Club.

PARKING AND DRIVING REMINDER

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sorry to say that this week it has been reported to us at school that there have been incidences of poor parking and dangerous driving in and around the school site.

Local residents continue to call us regarding illegal parking on double yellow lines, blocking driveways and children escaping potential near misses with traffic.

Additionally, for the safety of all our children, do not leave the Joy Lane site until the site team give permission for traffic movement to take place. Please note that vehicles cannot enter the school site after 3pm. It has also been reported that drivers continue to do 3-point turns that mount the pavement, endanger pedestrians and ignore our safety signs that are placed outside the school gates.

Please note that we also have 'Clean Air' signs around the school site as we ask motorists to turn off their car engines to reduce emissions whilst on the school site.

Thank you to everyone who continues to observe safe and considerate parking in and around Joy Lane Primary School and conducts themselves respectfully to local residents for the benefit of all our children.

Mark Ashley Jones
Head of School

BIKE AND SCOOTER SAFETY

We 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 care the majority of children take in pushing or wheeling their bikes and scooters around the site when it is so busy. Please support us in reminding your children to dismount their scooter/bike on the school site, particularly at busy times.

As a reminder, please be very careful when approaching the surrounding roads, especially the extremely busy Joy Lane Road, as recently school have received reports of near misses involving cars with children on scooters and bikes.



Please dismount your bike
or scooter when entering
the school grounds



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:

Lucy
Laura B
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 16th May 2025



JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	87 pupils 14.14%

Klee – 75.9%	Kahlo – 96.1%	Kandinsky – 93.2%
Van Gogh – 95.7%	Voysey – 97.1%	Vallotton – 93.7%
Picasso – 90.3%	Postgate – 91.6%	Potter – 91.9%
Riley – 95.8%	Rousseau – 98.5%	Ringgold – 95.2%
Hockney – 96.4%	Heron – 93%	Hepworth – 95.7%
Degas – 95.3%	Dali – 96.7%	Da Vinci – 95.4%
Bailey – 97.6%	Banksy – 96.8%	Boyce – 99.1%
Oysters – 97.4%		

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This week, something very exciting happened: the Year 6 children finished all their SATs papers, and they all did brilliantly! However, sadly it is the end to the Year 6 SATs breakfast, which has been so much fun. I'm sure if your child is in Year 6 then they are probably quite relieved to get the SATs over and done with; we can now look forward to the Year 6 production and our WW2 unit. Next week, the Year 5 children are doing the CATs tests, which is a version of The Kent Test.

The sun seems to be coming out to play so make sure your child has sun cream on next week!



FREE DIGITAL SUPPORT SESSION



**DIGITAL
KENT**
HARDWARE ACCESS SCHEME

FREE DIGITAL SUPPORT SESSION AVAILABLE

Kent Family Hub In partnership with Digital Kent and the NHS

**Do more
with the
NHS App!**



Would you like help setting up the NHS App?*

Using the App enables you to:

- Request prescriptions
- Check for available GP/ nurse appointments
- Contact your GP about a health problem
- Check test results and imaging
- See your GP health record
- Review upcoming and past appointments
- Contact the surgery or a document or update
- Check if you need urgent medical help using 111 online

DATE: Thursday 22nd May
TIME: 1pm - 2:30pm
VENUE: Whitstable Family Hub ,
Tower Parade , Whitstable , CT5 2BJ
TO BOOK ON: Email
canterburyfh@kent.gov.uk or call
03000 413422

***Your GP surgery must be signed up to using the NHS App in order to register, please confirm this with your GP prior to booking. You must bring a form of Photo ID to be able to sign up to the app, ask your local Family Hub which forms of ID are acceptable. Children are welcome to attend with you.**

Visit your local Family Hub today
www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub



FATHER'S DAY WORKSHOPS

kāta creative workshops

coming up @ Chatterbox



kāta

Monday 26th May
Father's Day Mug Make

Sessions running between 3.30 & 6.30pm

Find out more [here](#).

NEW HEIGHTS PERFORMING ARTS CROWDFUNDER

New Heights Performing Arts is a newly established, inclusive community performing arts school offering affordable training in musical theatre, street dance, and lyrical. We are proud to be SEN-inclusive, creating a relaxed, nurturing environment where every child can grow in confidence, creativity, and connection.

Founded by Tasha, who lives with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, NHPA is built on personal experience of resilience and adaptation. This has shaped our approach—one that prioritises kindness, flexibility, and celebrating every young performer's unique voice.

We're raising funds to support our debut community show and prize-giving event. Your donations will go toward venue hire, costumes, medals, and essential running costs. Importantly, your support will also help us offer scholarships, so children from all backgrounds can access the joy and growth that performing arts bring.

Performing arts change lives—building confidence, friendships, and a sense of belonging. NHPA exists to make that accessible to everyone.

🙏 Please [pledge](#) what you can to help us build a space where every child can take centre stage, regardless of ability or circumstance. Let's raise the curtain on something truly special—together. Thank you.



DRUM KIT FOR SALE

For any budding drummers out there, please contact the school office if you are interested in buying a Yamaha electric drum kit and accessories for £200.



PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week is **Week 2** 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](#).**
- **Save the date: our Reading Festival is on Thursday 26th June!**
- **The last day of Term 5 is Friday 23rd May. There is no early finish time.**
- **A reminder to children to dismount their scooters and bikes on the school grounds.**
- **A reminder that cars are unable to enter the school site after 3pm. Traffic will begin moving again at 3:30pm.**