



# Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

## READING FESTIVAL – THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

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THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
3:30–6:00PM

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

[WWW.JOYLANE.KENT.SCH.UK](http://WWW.JOYLANE.KENT.SCH.UK)



## TERM 6 EVENTS

A reminder to download Term 6's [Events poster](#) as we have a jam-packed term coming up!

## FRIENDS OF JOY LANE

**Reading Festival** - FOJL will be supporting this year's Joy Lane Reading Festival, offering a variety of refreshments. It's a great event - we can't wait to see you all there! If anybody has any spare time, we would love some support on the day. Please reach out to [friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk](mailto:friends@joylane.kent.sch.uk)

**Reception 'Creepy Claws' Workshop** - FOJL are thrilled to have funded a brilliant workshop for the reception year group. A few photos show a snippet from the visit!



## OPAL PLAY THANKS

A huge thank you to our parents and carers who have this week purchased items from our OPAL amazon Wishlist, or donated items from the list below. These items will be integrated into OPAL Play over the next few weeks.

**Stacey**  
**Sue M (New Governor)**  
**Lucy**  
**Laura B**  
**Z Hanson**  
**Hayley B**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	88 pupils 14.3%

Klee – 87.9%	Kahlo – 96.1%	Kandinsky – 84.6%
Van Gogh – 90.7%	Voysey – 93.8%	Vallotton – 94.7%
Picasso – 96.7%	Postgate – 91.6%	Potter – 97%
Riley – 95.8%	Rousseau – 93.1%	Ringgold – 92.4%
Hockney – 94.3%	Heron – 92.7%	Hepworth – 92.5%
Degas – 96.3%	Dali – 95.2%	Da Vinci – 90%
Bailey – 89.6%	Banksy – 94.4%	Boyce – 96.1%
Oysters – 96.8%		

## HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH UP

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Today, the whole school had an art day where we all enjoyed and made many creations around Henri Rousseau (a famous artist who passed away in 1910), whose art was only appreciated after his death. In his lifetime he got so much criticism from art critics, but he didn't give up! In his spare time, he still made fabulous creations and recently his artwork was sold for nearly 50 million pounds! We have all been working on a famous artwork called "Surprised!" where in the painting it has a tiger hunting for its prey with a huge jungle in the background. Thank you for reading our fabulous newsletter and we hope you have a lovely break.

## FOOD BANK RECIPE CARD ART CONTEST

Canterbury Food Bank are launching six recipe cards designed by Head chef Stephen Harris from the Sportsman in Seasalter. As part of the launch, they would like to invite the children of local schools to draw some creative pictures of various foods and have the opportunity to have their work be part of the design. The categories are 5-years and under and 6-11 years.

Please return entries to the school office by **Friday 13th June 2025**. Please ensure they put their first name and initial and age on the back of the drawing.

**Recipe Card Art Contest** 

**Calling all artists!**

Canterbury Food Bank is searching for some cool and exciting recipe card designs

So grab some pencils pens or paint and get creative!




5 and under  
6-11 years

The winners will have their designs featured on our recipe cards

Ask in school for details

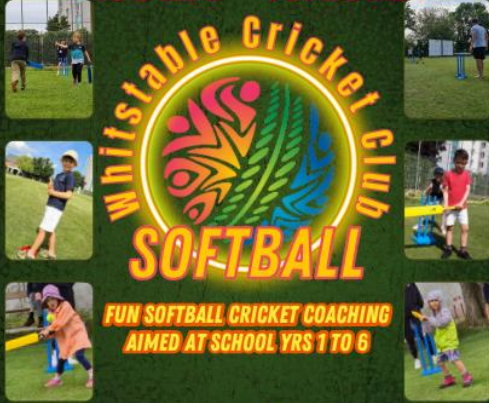
**Closing date 13th June**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## SATURDAY MORNING

AT THE BELMONT 2025

31ST MAY - 26TH JULY  
9.30 AM - 10.45 AM



FUN SOFTBALL CRICKET COACHING  
AIMED AT SCHOOL YRS 1 TO 6

ALL WELCOME, PAY AND PLAY. STILL ONLY £3.00 PER SESSION  
WHICH INCLUDES A DRINK FOR EACH CHILD



COFFEE, TEA AND OUR LEGENDARY BACON ROLLS AVAILABLE



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
JUNIORS.WHITSTABLECC@GMAIL.COM

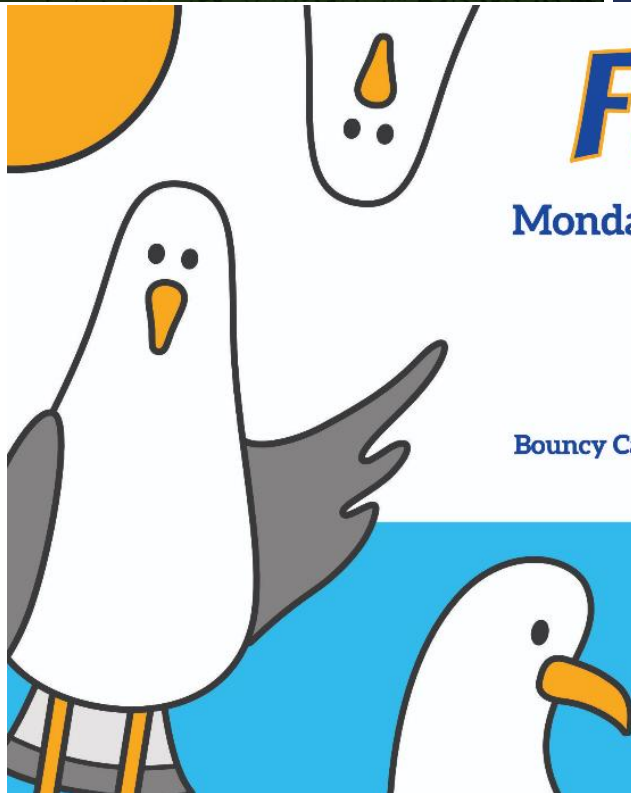
## OLD SCHOOL PIZZA WEST BEACH

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SCHOOL PIZZA WILL  
BE SERVING OUR  
DELICIOUS  
NEAPOLITAN PIZZA  
BETWEEN 4PM AND  
8PM. GRAB A PIZZA  
AND ENJOY IT ON THE  
BEACH!



@oldschoolpizza25



## FUN DAY!

Monday 26th May, 2pm - 4pm  
*(approx.)*

All welcome!

Silly Seagull Treasure Hunt:  
Find our silly seagulls & win a prize!

Bouncy Castle, Table Tennis, Rock Painting, etc.

Tea, coffee, cakes & soft drinks.

## ALL FREE!

Hamilton Road Evangelical Church,  
Whitstable, CT5 1JX  
(Between Jewsons & Stream Walk)  
[www.hamiltonroad.org.uk](http://www.hamiltonroad.org.uk)



## YEAR 6 END-OF-YEAR PARTY

Calling all Year 6 pupils! Come and make memories, celebrating with friends before starting your onward adventures to secondary school.

Ticket Includes:

- DJ
- Photobooth
- Unlimited squash
- Light Snack

Tickets available [here](#). 'Pay it Forward' tickets are available for use; please use this ticket option.

**No Dress code - whatever works for you!**

For safeguarding reasons, electronic devices are not permissible at this event - leave mobile phones at home please!

**No child will be able to leave the event unsupervised; all children must be collected by an adult.**

Please be sure to include an emergency contact number and note any allergy or medical conditions on the booking screen.



## MEADOW GRANGE GARDENING WEEK COMPETITION

**WIN GARDENING TOOLS FOR YOUR SCHOOL!**

National Children's Gardening Week is from 24th May – 1st June. This year, we have two amazing bundles of children's gardening equipment to give away to two lucky schools. Each bundle includes a child sized fork and spade, hand fork, trowel, watering can and gloves – perfect for little green fingers! 🧤

To be in with a chance of winning a bundle for your school, we want to see your children getting creative and show us how you can use recycled objects in your garden, either at home or school. This could be recycling a pair of old wellies to plant some petunias, an old canoe turned into a vegetable patch, or even a bug hotel out of recycled cans! We have included some inspiration pictures for you - don't forget to share this post or tag anyone who you think would like to get involved.

After National Children's Gardening Week has ended, we will post all the entries on our socials and our followers across Facebook and Instagram will have the deciding vote on their favourite. The two creations with the most likes across both platforms will win!

**TO ENTER** – parents or teachers – via Instagram, share a picture of your child or children's recycled creation in your garden or at school, tagging us @meadowgrangenursery and pop us a DM with your child's name, what they have created and which school you are entering on behalf of.

Alternatively, you can enter via email by sending your photo and information to [ali@meadowgrangenursery.co.uk](mailto:ali@meadowgrangenursery.co.uk) (by doing this you are consenting for us to share your image on our socials)

All photos must be submitted by 1st June.



## PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- We return on **Week 3** of the [menu](#).
- Can you buy something from our [OPAL Wishlist](#)?
- Are you have a spring clean over the half-term break? Donate any pre-loved, good-quality teddies to the school office on our return. Also check out our [OPAL Play wish list](#)!
- Download **Term 6** event dates [here](#).
- Save the date: our **Reading Festival** is on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June!**
- A reminder that cars are unable to enter the school site after 3pm. Traffic will begin moving again at 3:30pm.
- We look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**.

