



Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th June 2025

READING FESTIVAL FAQs

What do I need to bring?

Books to read together in a sunny spot

A blanket

(Lots of!) loose change / credit/debit card (see below)

Is the Reading Festival free?

Yes, it is free to enter and lots of activities at the fair will be free. Some activities are also available at a small cost, and there will be refreshments available to buy. Whilst we are not charging for entry to the festival, our buckets will be dotted around for any voluntary donations. All money raised will go towards enriching our reading curriculum!

How do I pay?

External book shops, face painting, some craft stalls and our refreshment stands will have credit/debit card facilities. We will hold a small cash float for the other stalls, so we suggest bringing lots of loose change.

Will there be refreshments available?

Whilst you are welcome to bring your own snacks, we will have a range of hot and cold refreshments available to buy provided by the Friends of Joy Lane and our own catering team.

What if my child is in After School Club?

Please look out for an email coming out soon to book your child to visit the festival with our staff.

What if my child is attending an Extended Learning Club on Thursday?

Extended Learning Clubs running on Thursday have been cancelled.

What are the entry arrangements after school?

At the end of the school day, we will ask you to collect your child in the usual way. Some of you may be going home and returning, and others may want to start queuing ready for the beginning of the festival. We will confirm the entry points nearer the time. Please can we ask that you do not head straight up onto the field after picking your child(ren) up but instead head to a queuing point and wait for the festival to be officially opened.

There will be no parking available on the school site for the festival, with the exception of Blue Badge holders. However, please be aware that cars will still be moving around on the school site accessing swimming and After School Club.

I have booked the Garry Parsons Illustration Workshop...

If you have booked a space via the Google Form, you will be notified if you have secured a space and your time slot on Monday via email.



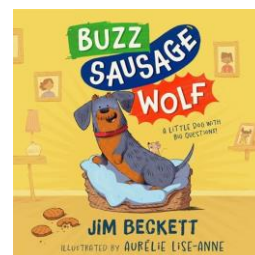
SPORTS/OUTDOOR LEARNING WEEK SUCCESS!

It's been absolutely wonderful to see so many parents and carers joining us for our sports days this past week - your support really means a lot! Even though the weather was hotter than usual, the children have had such a great time, not only enjoying the friendly competition but also making the most of Outdoor Learning/Sports Week. There's been lots of fun, fresh air, and fantastic memories made by all!

YEARS 1 – 3 AUTHOR VISIT

If you weren't able to secure a pre-ordered copy of Buzz Sausage Wolf, or your child came home 'buzzing' after Thursday's author event, we have another opportunity to order copies of the book. The order form will close on Tuesday 24th June, and then we will send the number of copies to Harbour Books who will deliver the books to the school. The publishers will also be sending signed book plates to add to the books.

Please complete the [form](#) and either pay £7.99 via card in the office, or send in cash in a named envelope.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 20th June 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	91 pupils 14.84%

Klee – 92.7%	Kahlo – 95.5%	Kandinsky – 93.9%
Van Gogh – 96.1%	Voysey – 98.3%	Vallotton – 95%
Picasso – 95.4%	Postgate – 91.3%	Potter – 96%
Riley – 95.7%	Rousseau – 93.8%	Ringgold – 98.3%
Hockney – 96.4%	Heron – 92.3%	Hepworth – 97.7%
Degas – 90.7%	Dali – 94.1%	Da Vinci – 91.2%
Bailey – 94%	Banksy – 93.2%	Boyce – 93.9%
Oysters – 98.2%		

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome back to this week's newsletter. As this week has been sports week, many people have been wearing their own sports clothes. This week was filled with lots of exciting sports activities, such as football and netball that included children vs teachers matches; they were exhilarating to watch. Well done to all the children that took part in their sports days - you all did very well! Remember to continue to bring in sun hats, sun cream and any other things that help with the blazing heat that we have recently had in Whitstable.

Year 6 have been busy with rehearsals for their end-of-year production, which will be performed at the end of the school year. Today, there was a bake sale where students and teachers can buy cakes, cookies and biscuits to help Year 2 take the children on a trip.

Thank you for reading this week's newsletter.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



FOOTBALL FUTURES SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS

AGES 5 - 13 BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

£22 PER DAY
£60 FOR 1 WEEK OR £150 FOR ALL 3 WEEKS

WEEK 1: WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY - FRIDAY 25TH JULY
WEEK 2: WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST - FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST
WEEK 3: WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST - FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

10:00AM - 15:00PM
EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE FROM 09:00

VENUE
WEEK 1 & 2: THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT • SPORTS PAVILION • CT2 7SR
WEEK 3: HERNE BAY SPORTS HUB • CT6 5DN

TO BOOK:  WWW.FOOTBALL-FUTURES.COM  CONTACT@FOOTBALL-FUTURES.COM

ROLLER HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
Team Miles

Herne Bay Sports Arena, CT6 7NS
SAT 12th - SUN 13th JULY 2025
FROM 8am

£2 Donation on entry

EVENING BAR

CLASSIC CARS SHOW
FACE PAINTING
INDOOR CRAFT MARKET
HAVE A GO' AT ROLLER HOCKEY
STREET FOOD VANS
RAFFLE & GAMES
ICE CREAM VAN
ROLLER DISCO
BOUNCY CASTLE

W14's & U20's





#TeamMiles

SUMMER WEEKEND FUN

HERNE BAY ARENA
Saturday and Sunday
12th & 13th JULY

ROLLER HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

CRAFT STALLS

CLASSIC CARS

KIDS FUN

INDOOR INFLATABLES

FACE PAINTING

Raising money for:



MOPS, BROOMS AND BRUSHES NEEDED

To support gross motor skills activities, we are looking for donations of clean or new brooms, mops and brushes. If you are able to help, please drop any donations to the school office. Thank you.

ROAD CLOSURE

We have been informed by KCC that they'll be carrying out improvement and repair works to the road in our area. From 9th July, for about four nights, Joy Lane will be closed between Colombia Avenue and the Joy Lane Primary School access road from 7:00 pm to 5:00 am. If you're parked on the school site, you can exit as usual via Vulcan Close. For more information, please visit: www.kent.gov.uk/highways

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be Week 1 of the [menu](#).
- Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?
- As the weather becomes warmer, please remember to apply suncream to your child before school and supply them with a sun hat for playtimes. Please ensure your child has a water bottle.
- Our Reading Festival is next Thursday 26th June, 3:30-6:00pm! Find out more here: [Reading Festival webpage](#)
- Check out your child's year group Curriculum Web [here](#).
- Years 1 – 3 can still buy a signed copy of Buzz Sausage Wolf [here](#).
- Extended Learning Clubs end on Friday 4th July.

