



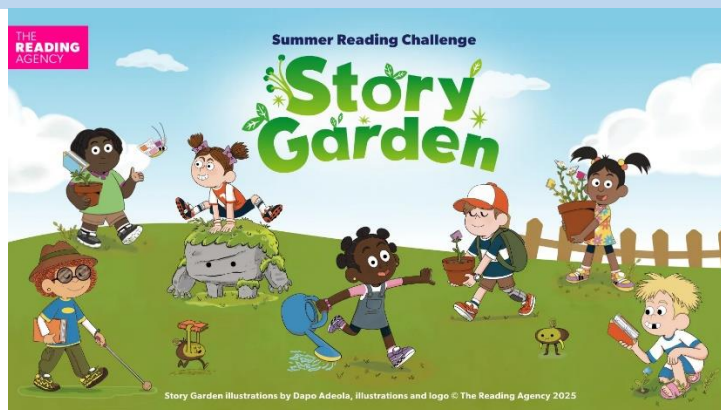
Joy Lane Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th July 2025

TRANSITION TO YEAR 3 MEETING

Year 2 parents/carers are invited to the Transition to Year 3 session on Monday 14th July at 9:00am or 5:30pm. Book a space [here](#).

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



We are facing a national crisis in children's reading. Recent research shows that only 1 in 3 children and young people now enjoy reading, a drop of 33% since 2005 (Clark, et al., 2024). We're on a mission to change this and we need your help!

You can make a huge difference by encouraging your pupils to take part in this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) at the library. It's a fun, free way for children to stay motivated to read during the summer holidays and is the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for primary school aged children. Last year in Kent Libraries, nearly 17,000 children joined the Challenge.

In Kent, the Summer Reading Challenge runs from Saturday 5 July to Saturday 6 September. It's free to sign up at the library or online, and is open to all children aged 4 to 11. This year's theme is *Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors*. This exciting new theme will inspire children explore the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

How it works:

- Children can sign up at their local library for free, where they will receive a special sticker booklet
- They work towards a summer reading goal, choosing from thousands of free books, eBooks, audiobooks and more, all free to borrow from Kent Libraries
- They receive a special sticker booklet and collect rewards for reading, all for free.
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.

Children can also take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Attendance data week ending 4th July 2025

JLPS Whole School attendance	94.5%
Number of Persistent Absentees (less than 90% attendance)	91 pupils 14.82%

Klee – 89%	Kahlo – 92.6%	Kandinsky – 91.1%
Van Gogh – 89.3%	Voysey – 94.2%	Vallotton – 94.3%
Picasso – 90.8%	Postgate – 89.7%	Potter – 95.2%
Riley – 98.6%	Rousseau – 94.8%	Ringgold – 94.5%
Hockney – 94.1%	Heron – 95%	Hepworth – 95.6%
Degas – 97.7%	Dali – 94.1%	Da Vinci – 96.2%
Bailey – 90.2%	Banksy – 95%	Boyce – 86.5%
Oysters – 94.1%		

HOUSE CAPTAIN CATCH-UP

Welcome back to this week's newsletter. This week has been difficult due to the heat; it has mostly been between 25-36 degrees, which is very hot!

As we are moving up a school year soon, we have been interviewing many different year groups. Audrey in Year 5 is overly excited because of the field trips and the teachers. Moreover, the production, the new classes, the art, PE and maths. Again, in Year 5 we have James and Freddie: Freddie is really excited about the trips and James is looking forward to meeting his new teachers and the roles that they can apply for: house captain, sports captain, reading ambassador, language ambassador, play leader and maths masters. Their favourite subjects are art and Maths, and they enjoy PE.

Now in Year 4 we have Sydnie, who is excited and nervous. She is most excited about art; however, there are many other exciting things such as PE, where she enjoys running races. Still in Year 4, we have Edward and Roman; they are looking forward to the different arrangements, the new teachers, the different topics, and PE, where they enjoy rounders. They are also nervous but very excited!

In Year 3 we have Harry and Otilie who are most intrigued by Maths, PE, DT Geography, English and History; they are looking forward to learning about the Vikings and Egyptians; Harry is looking forward to PE.

Now in Year 2 we have Arlo, Toby, Rex, Eddie and Thomas; there are some mixed emotions such as sad (because they are leaving their teachers and friends), happy (meeting new people and his brother), excited (because she gets to move to another class and gets to explore new things.) Their favourite subjects are Maths, Art, DT, English.

In Year 1 we have Lance and Betty with their favourite subjects being Science and Art. They are excited and nervous about moving up to Year 2; however, they are happy because of the new learning they will do. They could not stop smiling!

Thank you for listening to our newsletter this week.



EARLY YEARS EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE SURVEY

Early Years Education and Childcare Parent/Carer Survey



Have your say!

Kent County Council wants to hear your views on accessing early years education and childcare for your pre-school child. This will help us understand and enhance the quality of early Years education, childcare, and support services across the county. Your input is greatly valued and will help shape future improvements.

Share your views at survey.kent.gov.uk/s/EarlyYearsParents or scan the QR code with a mobile or tablet device.



Survey closes on 31 July 2025.



Click the poster to access the survey.

PARENT & CARER CHECKLIST

- Next week will be **Week 3** of the [menu](#).
- Check out our [Joy Lane Opal Play Wish List](#) – can you help?
- As part of our summer uniform for the rest of term, the children are invited to not wear a tie.
- **Extended Learning Clubs finished today.**
- **Book** a space for the Year 2-Year 3 Transition session.
- A reminder to check our [Term 6 Events](#) to see what's coming up for the rest of term.
- As we end the near of the school year, please begin to look at home for any school reading books that need to be returned.

