



# Joy Lane Primary School

*A Love of Learning, for Life, for All*

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms DJ Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Class Organisation 2025 -2026

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to share some important updates regarding the class structure for the year ahead.

This year, most classes will be moving up together with their current classmates, continuing as a class group into their new year. We believe this continuity supports strong relationships and a confident transition. However, there is one year group where a different structure has been put in place to best support the children's learning and development. If your child is part of this group, they have been spoken to individually and reassured about the change.

Today, all children have been told who their new class teacher(s) will be for the next academic year. After school, you will receive an envelope containing details of your child's new class and an 'All About Me' sheet, which provides helpful information for their new teacher(s) to get to know them better. All children will move to their new classrooms next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July; as ever, you will be most welcome to have a peek in your child's new classroom as you drop them off to school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say fond farewells and share some staff news:

- **Mrs Pout** has been a valued part of our school community since June 2015. She is leaving us to take up the role of Deputy Headteacher at Eastchurch CE Primary School on the Isle of Sheppey. Her exceptional dedication, warmth, and professionalism have left a lasting impact on both children and colleagues, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter.
- **Mrs Luckhurst** is also moving on after ten fantastic years at Joy Lane. Starting as a Teaching Assistant and training with us to become a teacher, she has made invaluable contributions throughout her time here. Her impact on the children, and staff has created a legacy that will be felt long after she has left. We wish her continued success and happiness in her new role at Wingham Primary School in Canterbury.
- **Mrs Helen Dodd**, who has been a welcome addition to our team this year, will also be moving on to teach at *Eastchurch CE Primary School* on the Isle of Sheppey. Though her time with us has been short, her contribution has been greatly appreciated, and we wish her the very best of luck and happiness in her new role.
- **Mrs Smith** is retiring after an incredible career, having worked tirelessly on the Joy Lane School site since December 2002. She has supported generations of children — including the children of children she once taught, something we both share in common. Her kindness, wisdom, and dedication have shaped countless lives, and she will be hugely missed by all. We wish her the very best of everything in her well-earned retirement as she makes time for herself and her family.

- **Mr Pamplin**, known fondly to all as **Kevin**, is also leaving us to explore pastures new after five wonderful years at Joy Lane. Kevin has played a key role in keeping our school grounds looking smart and beautiful — always with a cheery smile and a willingness to help. A huge thank you goes to Kevin for all he has done, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing him every success and happiness in the future.
- **Miss Gilhooly**, our wonderful Nursery Nurse, and **Miss Thackeray** will both be away for a while during their maternity leave. We are delighted for them and look forward to hearing their exciting news and meeting the new additions to their families in due course.

Please see below our Teaching structure for the next academic year 2025 – 2026.

Oyster Bay Nursery		
Mrs L Cooper: Nursery Lead Teacher		
Monet Babies	Matisse Toddlers	Mondrian Preschool
<b>Reception</b>		
<b>Klee</b> Miss B Salter	<b>Kandinsky</b> Mrs A Bowles & Mrs C Chaplin	<b>Kahlo</b> Miss C Stokes
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Vallotton</b> Mr S Dyer	<b>Van Gogh</b> Miss C Fuller	<b>Voysey</b> Miss G Sidders
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Potter</b> Mrs K Hodge	<b>Postgate</b> Mrs R Finch & Mrs R Hollingsworth	<b>Picasso</b> Mrs N Dodd
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>Ringgold</b> Mr W Lowry	<b>Riley</b> Miss C Wilson & Mrs J Pearce	<b>Rousseau</b> Mrs M Sharp
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>Hepworth</b> Miss H Byrne	<b>Heron</b> Mrs L Moorfield & Miss H Robinson	<b>Hockney</b> Mrs S Kyle
<b>Year 5</b>		
<b>Dali</b> Miss L Briggs	<b>Degas</b> Mrs J Bottle	<b>Da Vinci</b> Miss S Plowman
<b>Year 6</b>		
<b>Boyce</b> Miss B Crowe	<b>Bailey</b> Mr R Rogers	<b>Bansky</b> Dr V Heald & Mr T Hampshire
<b>Oysters SRP (x30 EHCP's)</b>		
<b>Wyburn</b> Mrs J Watson	<b>Warhol</b> Mrs G Coveney	<b>Wiltshire</b> Mrs L Crocombe & Mrs L Rawlings

With kind regards,

*D J Hines*

Ms D J Hines, Executive Headteacher