



Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School

NEWSLETTER

3rd October 2025



Heart and Hand

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our recent celebration assembly was particularly inspiring, with numerous children achieving Team Points and receiving well-deserved certificates. In a delightful musical addition, we are learning to sing along to Kool and the Gang's "Celebrate" during our assemblies. I warmly encourage families to embrace this musical moment - perhaps during a kitchen disco or car journey!

Next Friday promises two significant events of considerable educational and community importance: World Mental Health Day and our Harvest Festival collection and assembly. Do have a look at the notices in this newsletter for further details regarding these events.

Our Year 6 children are excitedly looking forward to next week's activities. Those who are attending PGL will be taking part in an exciting residential experience with lots of activities, whilst those who are not will be participating in specially curated school-based events, both of which promise engaging and developmental opportunities.

Please can I remind parents about punctuality. Children in particular are arriving late at Bridge Street, after gate closure. This means children must navigate through the village hall car park, which is not safe. Due to this, staff are having to wait at the gate which is also meaning they are late for early meetings that have been booked. Your punctuality really matters to the smooth running of the school and a smooth start to all children's learning.

Finally, I must draw your attention to two forthcoming Friends' events. First, our legendary Friends' quiz evening will take place next week - we are enthusiastically welcoming teams - the more the merrier! Additionally, the Friends AGM is scheduled, presenting a critical moment for parental involvement. Several key committee members are stepping down, and we urgently require community participation. Please do show your support and step up if you can. The Friends have historically raised an extraordinary amount of funding, supporting transformative school initiatives. Their continued support is fundamental to our ambitions, including developing our proposed art studio and providing enriching experiences that might otherwise be unavailable to our children.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Rachael Foster
Headteacher

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS 2026/2027

If any of our parents have children due to start school in September 2026, we are delighted to invite you to join us for one of our daytime tours in November and December. To book a place on one, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reception-admissions-2026-school-tours-tickets-1680027420239>

FREE SCHOOL EVENT - TALK WITH DR JODY WALSH ON DEVELOPING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN

Join us for an enlightening event with Dr. Jody Walshe, a published Educational Child Psychologist who will share valuable insights on nurturing resilience in children and emotional wellbeing. Discover practical strategies to help your child navigate challenges and build emotional strength. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an expert in the field! Please note that tickets to this event are free, but non-attendance will incur a £5 charge per ticket. Please park away from the village hall car park if possible for this event.

Please note that this event will be offered out to other schools in our Care group, so please do book early to avoid disappointment. To book, please click on the link: [Developing Resilient Children - With Dr Jody Walshe](#)

HELLO YELLOW

World Mental Health Day is on Friday, 10th October. It's a reminder of the importance of good mental health and the need to prioritise and invest in this.



Our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow to raise awareness for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. We would love every child to wear something yellow to school, to take this opportunity as a school community to come together and show all our students that they're never alone with their mental health. We want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children.

This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

- **PUPIL SAFETY.** We ask that parents do not stop on Bridge street to let children out of the cars in the mornings, please stop and walk children to the appropriate gate. This is particularly important if your child is arriving at 8:45am or later, children arriving after this time must be walked round to the back entrance by the field
- **PARKING.** Please can we ask parents to be courteous when parking around the village and avoid the village hall car park where possible. We would also ask that parents do not use the staff car park when dropping off or picking up from school or wraparound care.
- **DOGS ON SITE:** We would ask parents not to bring dogs anywhere onto the school site, or leave them tied up near to the school gate.
- **CLUBS.** If your child is registered for a club and is unable to attend one week, we would ask that you always let the school office know, either by telephoning the school or emailing clubs@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
- **SCHOOL DAY.** Please ensure that your child has a coat and water bottle in school at all times, and remember to send them in with items they need each day, to avoid parents having to make a special trip during the school day.
- **MEDICATION:** If your child requires medication in school, including Calpol or anti-histamine, please ensure that you have brought this in (named) and filled out the medication form, available from the school office or at [Administering Medication | Lady Joanna Thornhill Endowed Primary School](#)). For children with asthma, you need to have an up to date asthma plan and the inhaler must be in date and must come with a spacer. For children who require epipens, we must have 2 per child in school and they must be in date. Please note, we do not keep a store of Calpol in school, parents would need to provide this.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The results are in for our attendance awards for this week!



Attendance

- ◆ 3rd Place - Woodpecker Class
- ◆ 2nd Place - Kingfisher Class
- ◆ 1st Place - Parrot Class

Well done to Woodpecker Class and Kingfisher Class for a great effort - and to our winners, Parrot Class, who have been awarded 15 minutes of free play time and a certificate!

We are excited to see who will win each week! Please remember, attendance for every child should be above 97%.

Mrs Read, Pastoral Support Mentor

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

BROOK RURAL MUSEUM
Harvest Festival
Saturday 4th October 2025
2.00pm - 5.00pm
Entry: £5
Children under 14 go free*
Live Music & Food and Drink
Face Painting, Crafts & Donkey Rides**
Ashford Borough Council
SHEPHERD NEAME
The Street, Brook, Ashford, TN25 5PF
brookruralmuseum.org.uk
*This uncompensated children only
**£5 per donkey ride. Weight limit 20kg

Wye St Gregory & St Martin Church
Teddy Bear Parachute Extravaganza!
Saturday 4th October 2025
11am - 1pm
Come and join in the fun, we are hosting a teddy bear parachute jump, where the bears will be thrown off the church tower. A fun day out, plus a tombola, raffle and some delicious cakes.
Entries just **£2.50** per family
Teddy Bear Categories:
Best Dressed: Costumes for creativity
Best Homemade Parachute: Celebrate unique designs
All donations welcome if you are unable to attend but would still like to be a part of the day. Please scan the QR code.

Apple Pie competition - entries must be in by 11am Saturday 4th October. Prizes to be won!

PERRY COURT FARM
ANNUAL APPLE FAYRE
* SATURDAY 4TH & SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025 *
All proceeds to the Ashford Pilgrims Hospice
* JOIN US FROM 10AM - 5PM *
APPLE PIE COMPETITION ENTRIES BY 11AM SATURDAY - WIN DINNER AT BOYS HALL!
APPLE AND PEAR DISPLAY OF OVER 200 VARIETIES OF APPLES & PEARS • LOCAL CRAFTS STALLS
• APPLE REFRIGERATORS • JUICE TASTING • GROWING WALLS • RAFFLE • FARM SHOP & TEAROOM • SHIRE HORSES • STEAM ENGINES • KENT • THES KES
SEE WWW.PERRYCOURTFARM FOR MORE DETAILS AND TIMINGS

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?

Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?
No, it's illegal...
E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

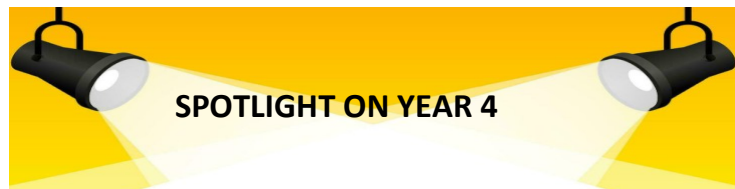
Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?
No, it's illegal...
You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?
The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.
If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.

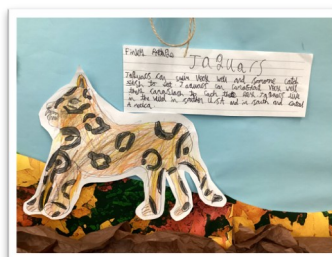
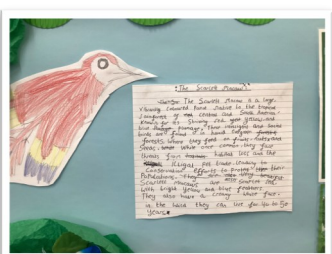
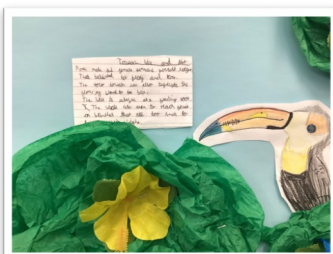
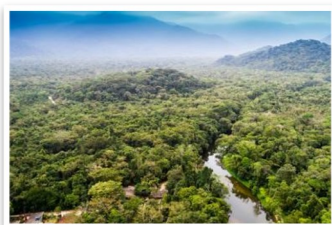
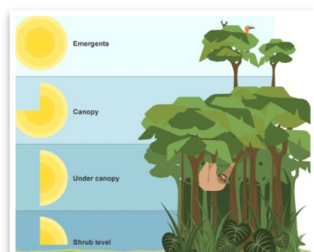
Kent Police
Think before you buy:
The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities. For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit...

ASHFORD MUSLIM ASSOCIATION
OPEN HOUSE & EXHIBITION ABOUT ISLAM
VISIT MY MOSQUE
Exhibition about Islam.
Visit the Mosque.
VR Display.
Artifacts.
Models.
Poster Display.
Free Book stall.
Listening station.
Brief interactive presentations.
Also includes an exclusive opportunity to hear the 'Call to Prayer' and observe Muslims Praying.
Free parking at Ashford International Car Park E (Designed outlet overflow Car Park E) (Vehicle registration is a must for free parking)
☎ +44 7876766232 (Messages only)
✉ education@ashfordmosque.org
For RSVP, please scan the QR code and fill in the form.

KENT COLLEGE CANTERBURY
CROSS COUNTRY
Fri 19th Sept 4:15pm
Fri 3rd Oct 4:15pm
Sat 22nd Nov 10:00am
Individual races for pre-school to year 6
Registration from 45mins before first race
Refreshments served throughout
Results available on the kcjunior Instagram
Kent College Junior School, Church Hill, Harbledown, CT2 9AQ



Year 4 have had a very busy term learning all about the Amazon Rainforest. We researched the four layers and created a display to show how different animals and plants have adapted to live in each one.



CHRISTMAS CARDS. The children will be decorating Christmas cards in school over the next week and will be bringing home their picture to show you by no later than Friday 10th October. There is an order form on the reverse of the picture for you to order cards and other items if you wish. The deadline for orders is the last day of term, Friday 17th October - all orders must be returned to the class teacher please.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Friday 10th October 2025

On Friday 10th October we will be holding a special Harvest Festival singing assembly for the children, with Mr Connolly. Reverend Holy will also be visiting to speak to the children about the importance of this day.

Children are asked to bring in donations for the Harvest festival food bank, we will be collecting before and after school. All items received will be donated to a local food bank. For information about suggested items, please look at our school website at [Food Bank & Hygiene Bank | Lady Joanna Thornhill Endowed Primary School](#)

The UK's biggest children's story-writing competition is back - inviting young storytellers to write the kind of story they would love to read. No pressure around spelling, grammar or punctuation—it's all about creativity! Plus, there are loads of prizes to be won!

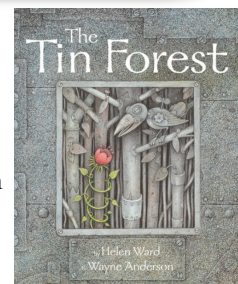


- ◆ Opens for submissions on Tuesday 23rd September at 8am
- ◆ **Entry deadline: Friday 7th November at 9pm**
- ◆ Could you be a volunteer judge? 500 Words are looking for teachers, teaching assistants, SEND staff, and library staff to help read and judge entries.

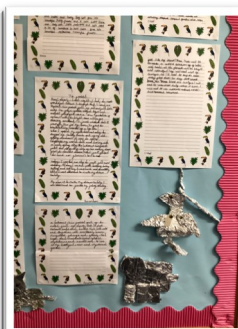
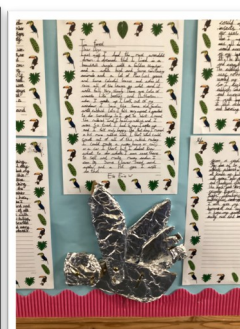
Find out more: www.bbc.co.uk/500words

The prizes include the opportunity to win books for your school, an invite to a star studded grand final hosted by Her Majesty, Queen Camilla, and much more.

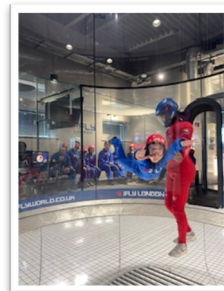
In English, we have been exploring a very different kind of forest through the book *The Tin Forest*. The children have written fantastic diary entries and setting descriptions, and even created a classroom display using card and tin foil.



We are now looking forward to writing our own play scripts based on the story and performing some short pieces in the final week of term!



Harry in Year 4 and Lillian in Year 1 had an incredible time recently, when they got to try indoor skydiving at IFly at the O2! That really looks like such a fantastic, fun way to spend a day!



THRIVE WRAPAROUND CARE

Staff car park

We politely request that parents do not use the staff car park when dropping children off or collecting them from Thrive for safeguarding purposes.

Move to ParentPay

A letter was recently sent to parents regarding the move to ParentPay. In the letter we referred to payment via childcare vouchers. This method of payment also includes payments made via tax free childcare.



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DIARY DATES

see school calendar for times and information

[Calendar](#) | [Lady Joanna Thornhill Endowed Primary School](#)



Learning for the Head, Heart and Hand

Oct-25	
Monday 6th October	Year 1 Autumn Book Share 3:15pm-3:45pm
Monday 6th October	Year R Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30PM
Tuesday 7th October	EYFS YR walk around Wye
Wednesday 8th October	Year R Parent Consultations 3:30-5:30PM
7th-10th October	Year 6 IOW PGL Residential trip
Thursday 9th October	Friends' Association AGM 2:30pm in Hub (option to join online)
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 10th October	Harvest Festival Food collection before and after school
Friday 10th October	Friends' Association - Quiz Night
Friday 10th October	Cake Sale Year 1
Friday 10th October	Christmas Card forms home to parents
Monday 13th October	EYFS Stay and Play Session 2-3pm
Tuesday 14th October	EYFS Stay and Play Session 2-3pm
Wednesday 15th October	EYFS Stay and Play Session 2-3pm
Thursday 16th October	Year 1 Autumn Book Share 2.30-3pm
Thursday 16th October	Flu Vaccinations, all years
Friday 17th October	Mindful Mud run
Friday 17th October	Completed Xmas Cards order forms returned to class teachers
Friday 17th October	End of Term 1
Monday 27th October	Staff Development Day 1
Tuesday 28th October	Staff Development Day 2
Wednesday 29th October	Staff Development Day 3
Thursday 30th October	Staff Development Day 4
Friday 31st October	Staff Development Day 5
Nov-25	
Monday 3rd November	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 5th November	National Childcare Measurement Programme YR 7 Y6
Thursday 6th November	New Entrants – 1:30pm
Saturday 8th November	Friends' event - Fireworks Night
Monday 10th-Friday 14th November	Anti Bullying Week
Wednesday 12th November	New Entrants – 9:30am
Thursday 13th November	Parent Consultations Y1-Y6 4-6:30pm
Friday 14th November	We'll Meet again workshop and WW2 day - Year 6
Friday 14th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 18th November	Parent Consultations 4-6:30pm
Wednesday 19th November	New Entrants – 9:30am
Thursday 20th November	New Entrants – 1:30pm
Friday 21st November	Fox Class Assembly
Monday 24th November	Bring in gift donations for Pick-A-Present
Wednesday 26th November	New Entrants – 9:30am
Thursday 27th November	New Entrants – 1:30pm
Friday 28th November	Swift Class Assembly
Friday 28th November	Food bank collections before and after school

Dec-25	
Monday 1st-Friday 5th December	Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3rd December	New Entrants – 9:30am
Thursday 4th December	New Entrants – 1:30pm
Friday 5th December	Blackbird Class Asembly
Monday 8th December	Year 1 Trip to Wye church
Monday 8th December	Donations for Christmas hampers brought in.
Monday 8th December	EYFS Cinderella Ball
TBC	Carols By Candlelight
TBC	Year 1 visit to Wye Church
TBC	EYFS trip to Wye Cafe
Wednesday 10th December	RockSteady concert - parents will be invited
Thursday 11th December	Accelerated Reader tombola prize draw in assembly
Thursday 11th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 12th December	Accelerated Reader Workshop prize giving for winning class (dance Studio)
Friday 12th December	Woodpecker Class Assembly
Friday 12th December	Food bank collections before and after school
Saturday 13th December	Friends' Event - Santa Fun Run and Christmas Fayre
Monday 15th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal pm
Tuesday 16th December	Nativity AM
Wednesday 17th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18th December	Nativity PM
TBC	Choir Performance
Friday 19th December	Staff Panto pm
Friday 19th December	Term 2 Ends
Jan-26	
Monday 5th January	Term 3 Starts
Friday 9th January	Y3 Swimming (1 of 10 sessions)
TBC	Y3 Rocks and Fossils visit - Science topic
Friday 16th January	Kingfisher Class Assembly
Friday 16th January	Y3 Swimming (2 of 10 sessions)
Tuesday 20th January	Friends' Beauty and the Beast Children's Theatre visit
Friday 23rd January	Rabbit Class Assembly
Friday 23rd January	Y3 Swimming (3 of 10 sessions)
Friday 23rd January	Year 6 Cake Sale
Friday 30th January	Parrot Class Assembly
Friday 30th January	Y3 Swimming (4 of 10 sessions)
Friday 30th January	Food bank collections before and after school

Feb-26	
Friday 6th February	Y3 Swimming (5 of 10 sessions)
Wednesday 4th February	Mini Reports sent home via Arbor
Friday 6th February	Wagtail Class Assembly
Date TBC	Danceathon with Miss Selwood
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 6th February	Cake Sale Year 4
Monday 9th February	Y1 Parent Share 2:30pm
Friday 13th February	Y3 Swimming (6 of 10 sessions)
Friday 13th February	Term 3 Ends
Monday 23rd February	Term 4 Starts
Friday 27th February	Y3 Swimming (7 of 10 sessions)
Friday 27th February	Hedgehog Class Assembly
Friday 27th February	Food bank collections before and after school
Mar-26	
Date TBC	GBDO Dance Competition, Chatham
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - (Literacy team)
Friday 6th March	Y3 Swimming (8 of 10 sessions)
Friday 6th March	Puffin Class Assembly
7th- 16th March	STEM Week
Friday 13th March	Y3 Swimming (9 of 10 sessions)
Wednesday 18th March	RockSteady concert - parents will be invited
Friday 13th March	Squirrel Class Assembly
Friday 20th March	Y3 Swimming (10 of 10 sessions)
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24th March	Parent Consultations 4-6:30pm
Thursday 26th March	Parent Consultations 4-6:30pm
Thursday 26th March	Accelerated Reader tombola prize draw in assembly and AR workshop
Friday 27th March	Chaffinch Class Assembly
Friday 27th March	Food bank collections before and after school
Apr-26	
Thursday 2nd April	Term 4 Ends
Monday 20th April	Term 5 Starts
Friday 24th April	Food bank collections before and after school

May-26	
Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 11th May	KS2 SATS
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 SATS
Wednesday 13th May	KS2 SATS
Thursday 14th May	KS2 SATS
Friday 15th May	Year 2 Cake Sale
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd May	Y6 Intensive swimming catch up sessions (all week)
Date TBC	Y5 Parent Meeting - Secondary Transfer (PESE) 6:30pm
Tuesday 19th May	Sports Day
Friday 22nd May	Food bank collections before and after school
Friday 22nd May	Term 5 Ends
Jun-26	
Monday 1st June	Term 6 Start
Date TBC	Y4 Greek Day, Rainbow Theatre visit.
Monday 1st-Friday 5th June	Multiplication tables Checks
Monday 8th June	School class photos
Monday 8th - Friday 12th June	Phonics Screener
Saturday 13th June	School Summer Fayre
Monday 15th-Friday 19th June	Y5 Bikeability (will not be on Sports Day reserve date if this is required)
Tuesday 16th June	Sports Day reserve date
Friday 19th June	Friends' Event for Father's Day
Friday 26th June	Food bank collections before and after school
Jul-26	
Monday 29th June -Friday 3rd July	Secondary School Transition Week
Wednesday 1st July	RockSteady concert - parents will be invited
Friday 3rd July	School Disco
Tuesday 7th July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 Production 9:30am and 7pm
Friday 10th July	Year 6 Production 9:30am and 7pm
Friday 10th July	Year 1 Cake Sale
Tuesday 14th July	Class Transition Afternoon
Thursday 16th July	Open Evening 6-7:30pm (Thrive ending 5:15pm)
Friday 17th July	Y6 BBQ
Friday 17th July	Food bank collections before and after school
Monday 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 21st July	Term 6 Ends



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SCHOOL DAY INFORMATION



Learning for the Head,

Heart and Hand

Attendance & Punctuality - how do you measure up?

If you have any concerns or would like to know your child's current attendance, please email Mrs Cox at office@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Children are required by law to attend school for 190 days or 38 weeks per school year. The Government states that every pupil's absence should be at least 95%

Attendance during one school year	Equals - days absent from required 190 days per school year	Equals - sessions absent from required 190 days per school year	Approximate number of weeks missed per school year
95%	9.5 days	19 sessions	2 weeks
90%	19 days	38 sessions	4 weeks
85%	28.5 days	57 sessions	6 weeks
80%	38 days	76 sessions	7.5 weeks
75%	47.5 days	95 sessions	9.5 weeks
70%	57 days	114 sessions	11.5 weeks
65%	66.5 days	133 sessions	13 weeks
60%	76 days	152 sessions	15 weeks
55%	85.5 days	171 sessions	17 weeks
50%	95 days	190 sessions	19 weeks

PUNCTUALITY It is really important to ensure your child is arriving on time to school each day. Arriving late causes disruption to the whole class and can be stressful for your child, and may mean that your child misses out on vital learning sessions, including phonics.

The school gates open at 8:35 each morning and children are expected to be at their desks, ready to learn by no later than 8:45am. Children arriving after 8:45am will have their minutes late recorded and will be marked as late on the register. Children arriving after 9am when the registers have closed will have their minutes recorded and will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

TIME / APPROXIMATE DAYS MISSED OVER SCHOOL YEAR (190 DAYS/38 WEEKS)					
No. Minutes Late	1 x per week	2 x per week	3 x per week	4 x per week	5 x per week
5	190 minutes 3 hours 10 minutes half a school day	380 minutes 6 hours 20 minutes 1 school day	570 minutes 9 hours 30 minutes 1.5 school days	760 minutes 12 hours 40 minutes 2 school days	950 minutes 15 hours 50 minutes 2.5 school days
10	380 minutes 6 hours 20 minutes 1 school day	760 minutes 12 hours 40 minutes 2 school days	1,140 minutes 19 hours 3 school days	1,520 minutes 25 hours 20 minutes 4 school days	1,900 minutes 31 hours 40 minutes 5 school days
15	570 minutes 9 hours 30 minutes 1.5 school days	1,140 minutes 19 hours 3 school days	1,710 minutes 28 hours 30 minutes 4.5 school days	2,280 minutes 38 hours 6 school days	2,850 minutes 47 hours 30 minutes 7.5 school days
20	760 minutes 12 hours 40 minutes 2 school days	1,520 minutes 25 hours 20 minutes 4 school days	2,280 minutes 38 hours 6 school days	3,040 minutes 50 hours 40 minutes 8 school days	3,800 minutes 63 hours 20 minutes 10 school days
25	950 minutes 15 hours 50 minutes 2.5 school days	1,900 minutes 31 hours 40 minutes 5 school days	2,850 minutes 47 hours 30 minutes 7.5 school days	3,800 minutes 63 hours 20 minutes 10 school days	4,750 minutes 79 hours 10 minutes 12.5 school days
30	1,140 minutes 19 hours 3 school days	2,280 minutes 38 hours 6 school days	3,420 minutes 57 hours 9 school days	4,560 minutes 76 hours 12 school days	5,700 minutes 95 hours 15 school days

Walking home permission - (Year 5 & Year 6)

If you are happy for your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk themselves home from school, you will first need to let us know by completing the online form at <https://forms.office.com/e/rGpbWZtywP> or by scanning the QR code. We would ask that all parents in these year groups complete the form so that we have your preference recorded correctly. A new form must be completed each school year.

Please note that if your Y5 or Y6 child has a mobile phone for their walk to school, they must hand this in to the teacher each morning and collect at the end of the school day.

CLUBS. If your child attends a club after school and is unable to attend one week, you must ensure that you have let the school office know either by telephoning the office or emailing clubs@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

SCHOOL LUNCHES Could we remind parents that school lunches must be ordered first thing in the morning. If your child is coming into school late because of an appointment, you need to let us know first thing if they need a school meal. The Kitchen work to small margins and may not have spare meals available if you have not booked them in, especially for specific requirements such as gluten free or vegetarian. Please also note that we try to be nut free as we have several children who are allergic. Please check labels for packed lunches and snacks.

***Please also check your ParentPay accounts and make sure that these are in credit at the start of each week. The caterer has a no debt policy.**

LATE ARRIVALS

If your child will be late to school (after 8:45am) please ensure you have advised the school office. Upon arrival your child must sign in at the school reception so that their lunch option can be recorded and they are added to the fire register.

DROPPING OFF / PICKING UP

We ask that parents let the office know if you will be late dropping off to school or collecting your child from school or Wraparound care.

We would also ask that parents refrain from dropping off on Bridge Street, park considerably in and around the village and village hall car park and do not block driveways or other cars. Disabled bays should only be used by people who have authorisation to do so and the staff car park should not be used by parents dropping off or picking up at any time, including for Thrive Wraparound Care. Please remember that there are children walking around these areas and drive slowly. The Village Hall Committee have requested that parents parking in the Village Hall Car park leave quickly and that the car park is clear by 9am

To avoid congestion in the car park, you may wish to park further away and walk to school. There is a free car park near the train station and next to Co-op, and plenty of road side parking around the village. Tom at the Tickled Trout has also said that he is happy for parents to use the pub car park for drop offs and pick ups (and he's also on hand if you need a coffee).

APPOINTMENTS/VISITS

We would ask that parents book all appointments for pupils outside of school hours, including routine GP, Optician or dental checks. There are 13 weeks of holiday per year and evenings and weekends, so please do utilise these times for routine appointments. We do understand that it can be difficult to re-arrange hospital appointments, but if it is possible to make these outside of school hours, this would be helpful.

For all unavoidable appointments, and for any Y5 & Y6 School/transition visits, you must complete an 'appointment absence form' which is available from the school website at www.ladyj.kent.sch.uk/attendance-punctuality or from the school office.

All appointment requests must be submitted to the school office, to avoid absences being recorded as unauthorised, and as much notice as possible should be given. **Please note that copies of appointment letters should be submitted with absence requests.

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

Absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and may result in a fine and we cannot authorise time off for term-time holidays. Should an absence be unavoidable, please fill in the Absence form, giving as much notice and detail as possible, and attach a copy of any hospital letters confirming appointment. Forms are available from the school office or via www.ladyj.kent.sch.uk/attendance-punctuality and should be either sent in with your child or emailed to the absence email at absence@ladyj.kent.sch.uk.

ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

If your child is going to be absent from school due to sickness, you do need to let us know by no later than 9am on **each** day your child is going to be absent.

If your child is unwell, or if there is a reason why your child cannot attend school, please either telephone on 01233 812781 or email the school at absence@ladyj.kent.sch.uk, otherwise an unauthorised absence may be recorded.

We have, following requests from parents and from NHS and Gov.uk, updated our guidelines regarding absences due to vomiting and/or diarrhoea. If you child has either of these symptoms they must remain at home until they have had 48 hours clear of symptoms.

SCHOOL CROSSING. To ensure safety for all of our pupils, we would ask that all children cross Bridge Street with Mr Nettleship at the designated school crossing opposite the school.



Lady Joanna Thornhill (Endowed) Primary School

CONTACTS & TERM DATES 25/26



Learning for the Head,

Heart and Hand

TEACHER CONTACT DETAILS

You may contact your child's teacher(s) by emailing at the below addresses

Reception

Mrs Banner	Bumblebee Class	n.banner@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Oliver	Butterfly Class	p.oliver@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Hollingworth	Butterfly Class	r.hollingworth@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Year 1

Mrs Irle	Hedgehog Class	m.irle@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Miss Bodle	Fox Class	a.bodle@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Year 2

Mrs Ward	Rabbit Class	s.ward@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Miss Lewis	Rabbit Class	l.lewis@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Miss Teesdale	Squirrel Class	m.teesdale@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Year 3

Mrs Williams	Chaffinch Class	k.law-williams@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Whitewood	Chaffinch Class	l.whitewood@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mr Phillips	Blackbird Class	l.phillips@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Year 4

Mrs Boden	Kingfisher Class	r.boden@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Kwouk	Parrot Class	b.kwouk@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Year 5

Mr Godden	Puffin Class	j.godden@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Lloyd	Swift Class	r.lloyd@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Coxall	Swift Class	h.coxall@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

Year 6

Mrs Kemp	Wagtail Class	dm.kemp@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Mrs Parker	Woodpecker Class	j.parker@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Ms Burrell	Woodpecker Class	e.burrell@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

School Office Telephone: 01233 812781

Office Manager/ Admissions/ Attendance:	Mrs Cox	office@ladyj.kent.sch.uk Admissions@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
School Business Manager	Mrs Stephens	sbm@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
PA to SLT	Mrs Swan	s.swan@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Inclusion Lead	Mrs Weiss	k.weiss@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
SENCo	Mrs Weiss	k.weiss@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Pastoral Support Mentor	Mrs Read	j.read@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Absences- appointments/ illness:	Office Team	absence@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Clubs/ Reception:	Mrs Baron	clubs@ladyj.kent.sch.uk
Thrive	Mrs Godden	thrive@ladyj.kent.sch.uk

TERM DATES

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TERM DATES

2025 - 2026

START OF TERM 1	Monday 1 st September 2025
END OF TERM 1	Friday 17 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 1	Monday 27 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 2	Tuesday 28 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 3	Wednesday 29 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 4	Thursday 30 th October 2025
Staff Development Day 5	Friday 31 st October 2025
START OF TERM 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025
END OF TERM 2	Friday 19 th December 2025
START OF TERM 3	Monday 5 th January 2026
END OF TERM 3	Friday 13 th February 2026
START OF TERM 4	Monday 23 rd February 2026
END OF TERM 4	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
START OF TERM 5	Monday 20 th April 2026
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 4 th May 2026
END OF TERM 5	Friday 22 nd May 2026
START OF TERM 6	Monday 1 st June 2026
END OF TERM 6	Tuesday 21 st July 2026