

JFAN Connector 28th November 2025

Principal's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the Year 8 parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evening on Thursday. It was a pleasure to see so many of you and to discuss your child's progress. This year, we introduced a new system based on feedback from our Parent Partners, and we are delighted that it has been so well received. Your positive comments are greatly appreciated, and we will review the suggestions you shared to make these evenings even better in the future. I would also like to give a gentle reminder about equipment and uniform. Please check that your child has all the necessary equipment every day to support their learning—this is an important part of taking responsibility for their success. To help, we have set up a 'mini shop' for students (details below). In addition, please ensure that students are following our uniform policy. Hoodies and non-Academy jumpers are not permitted. As outlined in the policy shared in July, students should be wearing the Academy V-neck jumper. Thank you for your support in maintaining high standards. Finally, a festive reminder! Please log on to ParentPay to book your

child's Christmas Dinner. The decorations are up, the festive feast is ordered, and now we just need tickets to be booked to make it a wonderful celebration.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us uphold our values of **Aspiration, Respect, and Responsibility**.

Kind regards

Mrs Warwick

Principal, Joyce Frankland Academy

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers



The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th December, this time with Mince Pies! Please complete a form [here](#) to confirm your attendance and submit any questions you may have.

Performing Arts Primary School workshops

Miss Aniff and our Performing Arts Ambassadors visited Debden Primary School this week to deliver another fantastic workshop to pupils.





Stationary Shop

In the spirit of our shared values of Aspiration, Respect, and Responsibility, we have opened our mini-shop in Main Reception. Students are able to come and replace missing essential items in their pencil cases. A collection tin for voluntary donations will be added in time for a charity nominated by our Student Council.





This December, our restaurant is full of festive cheer and packed with seasonal favourites!

Festive savoury snacks and sweet treats are available all through December. Please don't forget to book your child's Christmas Dinner which is taking place on Tuesday 9th December.

PE and Sports Co Curricular news



Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 rugby team travelled to St Nicholas School in Harlow for their first away game of the season. Although the boys were defeated, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance.

After a nervous start, the team grew confidently into the game and showed real determination at the breakdown. Their counter-rucking was a standout strength throughout the match, regularly disrupting St Nicholas' possession. The boys also impressed in the scrum, securing the ball well and demonstrating excellent teamwork.

As we look toward next season, tackling and defensive shape as a line has been identified as a key area for development. With continued commitment and training, the team will no doubt turn this experience into future success.

Player of the Match – Theo I

Well done to all involved for their effort, resilience, and positive attitude throughout the fixture.

District Hockey

The Year 7 A and B hockey teams represented the school brilliantly at the District Hockey Tournament this week.

The A Team finished in 4th place, showing great teamwork, determination, and strong defensive organisation throughout their matches.

The B Team secured an impressive 3rd place, displaying fantastic energy, resilience, and excellent attacking play across the competition.

A special congratulations goes to Hattie C and Florence C, who was awarded Players of the Tournament for her outstanding performance, skill level, and unwavering commitment on the pitch.

Well done to all the players involved for representing the school with pride and enthusiasm.



Attendance



Attendance Update

Please find below attendance for each year group for the week commencing 15th September. As a reminder we would be expecting each year group to be over 97% each week.

Attendance week 17-21st November

Year 7 97.21

Year 8 94.67

Year 9 91.32

Year 10 89.37

Year 11 92.65

"Thank you for being present, positive, and prepared!"

"Your attendance makes a real impact!"

Careers and Post 16

Post 16 destinations Open Evenings

Below is a list of upcoming Open Evenings that may be of interest to year 11 families.

Hockerill College 22nd November

Birchwood High School Date to be confirmed

Enrichment



At our Academy, we believe that co-curricular activities are an essential part of a well-rounded education. They offer a range of benefits that support our students in developing aspiration, showing respect, and building a strong sense of responsibility. Through participating in these activities, students are encouraged to:

- Aspire to reach their full potential by exploring new interests and talents
- Show respect by working collaboratively with peers and staff in a positive and inclusive environment

- Take responsibility for their own personal growth and learning beyond the classroom

Co-curricular involvement also helps to:

- Enhance academic performance
- Boost self-esteem and emotional well-being
- Provide meaningful social opportunities
- Develop essential life and leadership skills
- Strengthen applications for sixth form, college, or university

We are proud to offer a wide and diverse range of clubs this term, and we hope your child will take full advantage of these opportunities—to aspire confidently, act with respect, and grow with responsibility.

The full timetable is available on our website [here](#).

House Points

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Weekly house points

106 Banstead

92 Caius

46 Frankland

66 Morden

88 Saxie

82 Thompson

68 Trappes

Dates for the diary coming up...



Tuesday 9th December Whole School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 11th December Parent Partnership Group

Thursday 18th December Christmas Concert 5.00 pm

Friday 19th December - End of Autumn Term school closes at 12.30

JOYCE FRANKLAND
ACADEMY, NEWPORT
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**



18TH DECEMBER 2025
5PM

SCHOOL HALL

(PLEASE PARK IN THE TOP CAR PARK)

ENTRY IS FREE, BUT WE WILL BE COLLECTING
DONATIONS TOWARD THE PERFORMING ARTS
FACULTY

JFAN PTA



The Role and Importance of the PTA

State schools are currently facing considerable budget constraints due to ongoing government funding shortfalls. These financial pressures have unfortunately resulted in consequences such as staff reductions, a narrower range of subject choices, and significant cuts to extracurricular activities. While there have been some funding increases in recent years, many schools continue to experience real-terms cuts since 2010, with the most deprived areas and secondary schools being particularly affected. Against this challenging backdrop, it is important to recognise how rare it is for a high school to have a thriving Parent Teacher Association (PTA). JFAN is truly

privileged to have maintained an active PTA for over a decade, benefiting students, staff, and the wider school community, raising between £5-10K per year.

How the PTA Has Supported JFAN

Over the past two years, the PTA has made a tangible difference to school life through a variety of projects and initiatives, including:

- Refurbishment of the school library
- Refurbishment of the Medical Room
- Provision of music equipment
- Upgrading the dance studio with new flooring and mirrors
- Funding for counselling and therapy sessions
- Piano tuning
- Arranging transport for careers events
- Donations towards each school prom

Join the PTA: Volunteer Opportunities

In order to continue this vital work, we need to recruit new members. We are keen to welcome enthusiastic parents and carers to join our expanding team, with opportunities available in the following areas:

- PTA Secretary (job share)
- Social Media & Marketing Support
- Fundraising & Grants Support

If these roles do not appeal, there are also opportunities to take on one-off projects, including:

- Winter Ball 2026 – for parents, carers, and the teaching community (with much of the groundwork already completed)
- Uniform pop-up shops – at JFAN and the Farmers Market (held monthly)
- Fundraiser Golf Day – Spring 2026
- Christmas Market 2026 (Young Enterprise) – December 2026
- Year 7 School Disco

You can also lend a helping hand at our regular events, such as school BBQs, Quiz Nights, and serving refreshments at the annual Drama production.

Business and Community Support

We are always on the lookout for parents with businesses who would like to support the work of the PTA and connect with the parent community. If you or someone you know can offer services such as marketing, advertising, printing, trades (e.g., landscaping, painting & decorating), or social media expertise, we would love to hear from you.

Save the Dates

- Next School Fundraiser for students, BBQ day – Friday 12th December at JFAN, 09:00–15:00

A full calendar of PTA events will be shared in due course.

Contact Information

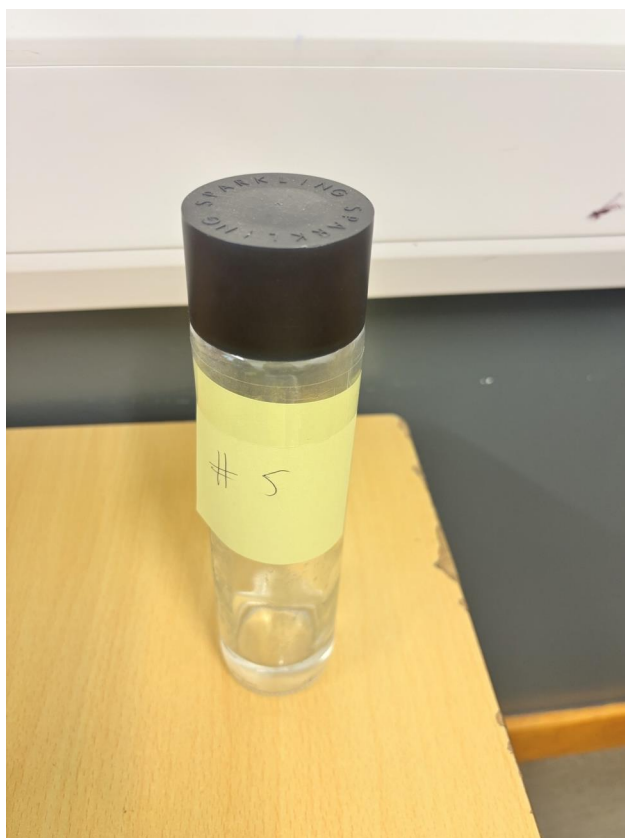
If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kerinda or Kaymarie via the school email: jfaadmin@joycefrankland.org

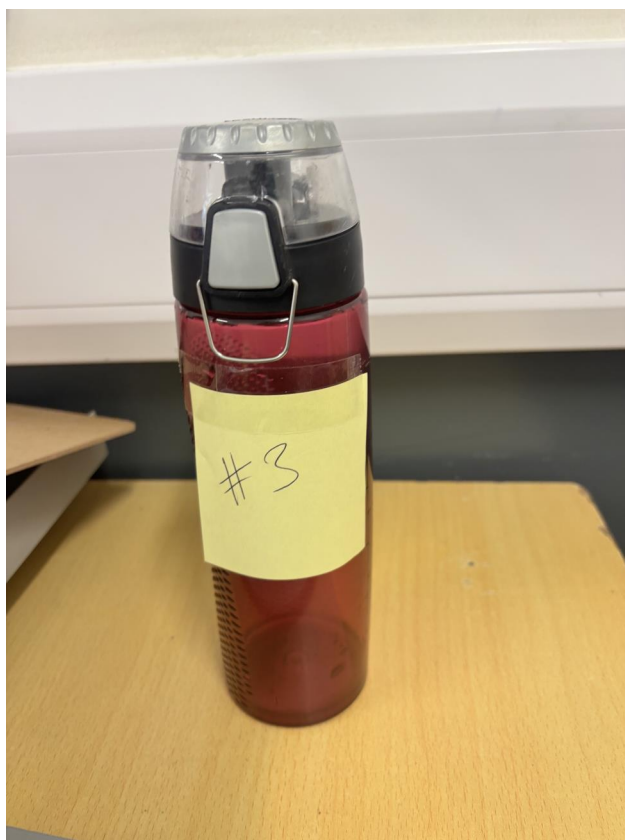
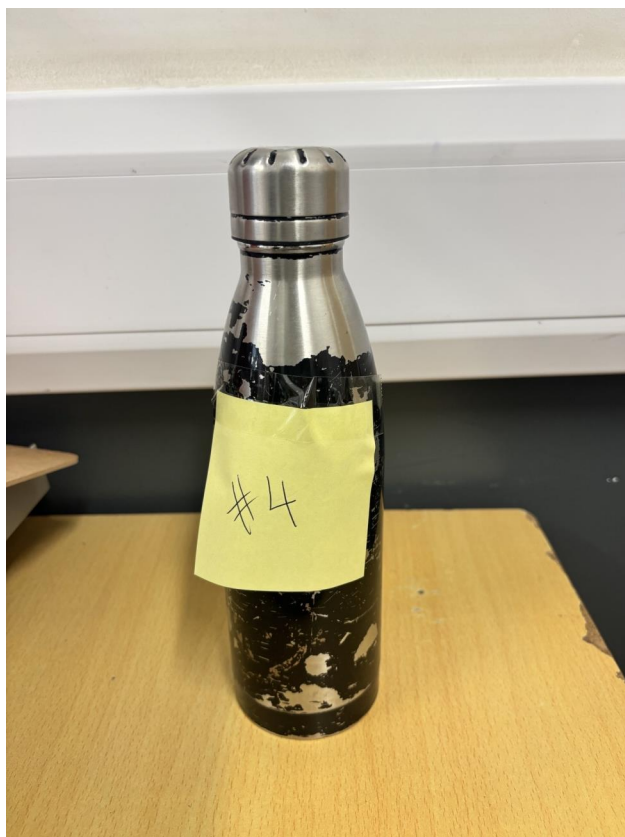
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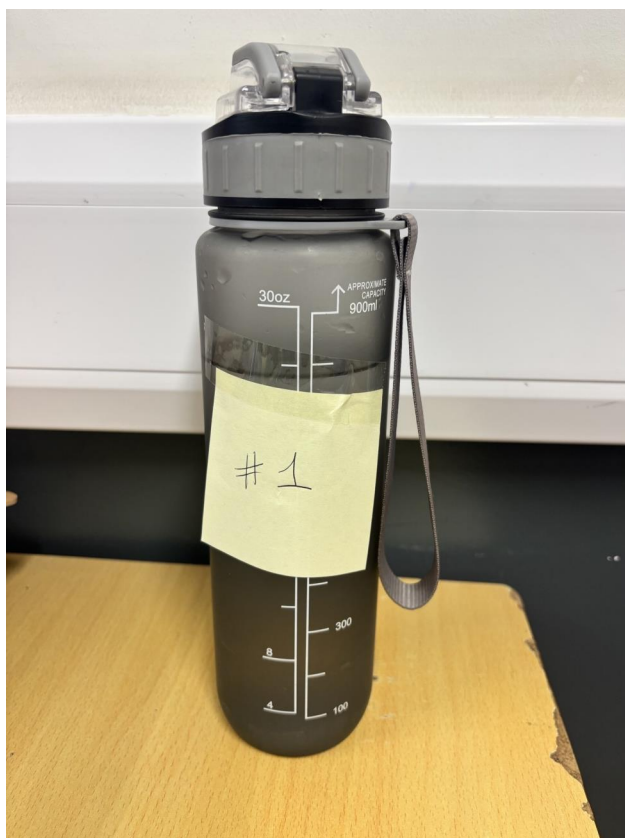
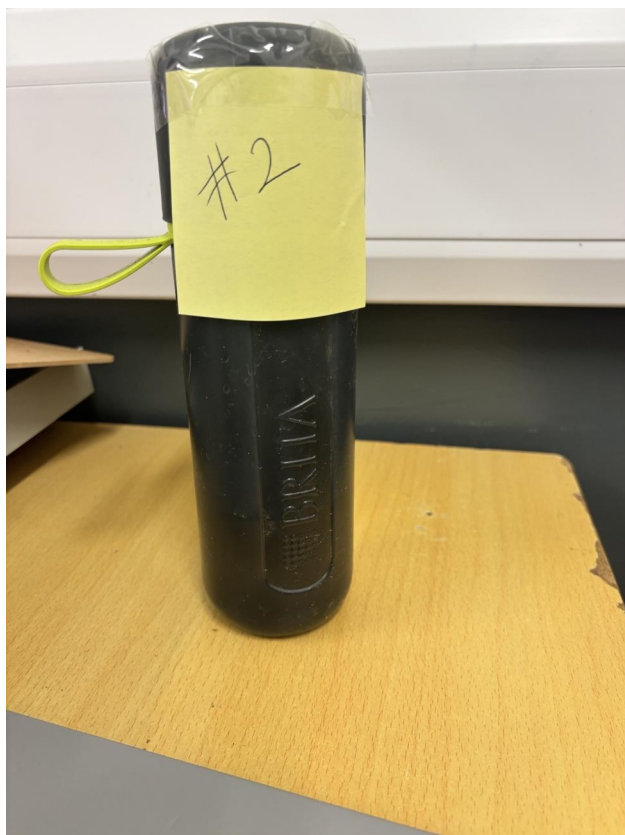
If your child/ren have lost any property, items of uniform or equipment please check the photographs to see if you recognise anything. Items will be stored in student reception ready for collection.

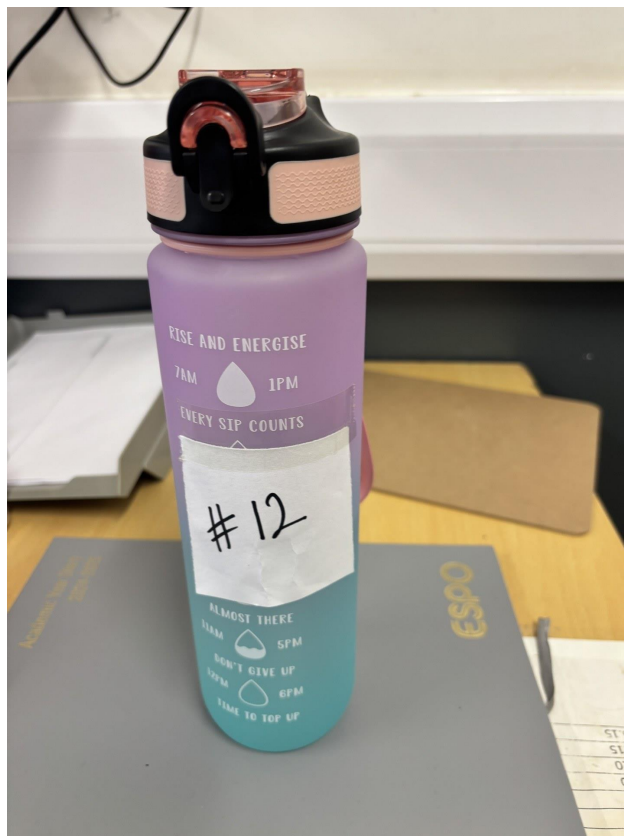


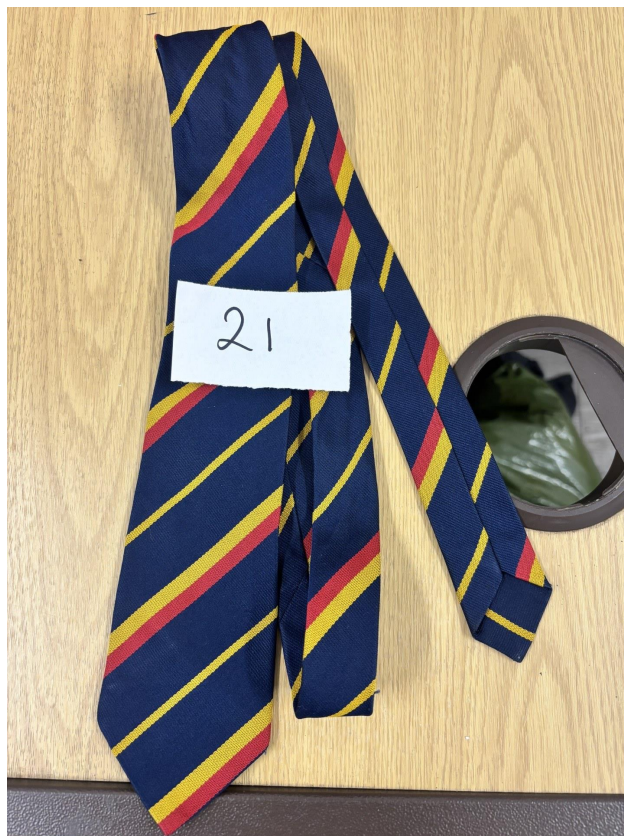

















Safeguarding Team



Role:	Name and contact details:
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Lee Gamble lgamble@joycefrankland.org
Deputy DSL(s)	Dan Langley dlangley@joycefrankland.org Emma Brockwell ebrockwell@joycefrankland.org
Named safeguarding governor	Margaret Sherwin
Chair of Governors	Nigel Poad
Trust Safeguarding Lead	Camilla Saunders
School Online Safety Lead	Lee Gamble
School Prevent Lead	Dan Langley
Designated teacher for Children in Care and children previously in care (CiC)	Lee Gamble
Senior Mental Health Lead	Emma Brockwell and Dan Langley

 **JFA Whisper Report**
AnonymousReportingForm

Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport

PROBLEM? Whisper

If you have a problem or concern in school or at home, you can report it to a member of staff anonymously.





When To Report...

- You or a friend are being bullied —
- You are concerned for a student's welfare —
- A student, member of staff, or parent has behaved inappropriately —
- You need to talk to someone about a problem —
- Suggestion for changes or improvements in school —

Report via SMS or visit:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/jfa21/>

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Whisper is our online reporting tool which supports our existing safeguarding practices and allows us to take effective action quickly. Students can report concerns for welfare, bullying or if they just need someone to talk to about a problem in school or at home and can be made anonymously if they wish.

The link is here [Whisper](https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/jfa21/)

Donations

Can you help?

At times we are developing areas of the academy or are working on small projects that would benefit from particular items but can't always afford these from our schools budget. When these items are identified we will be putting in small notice in the JFAN Connector just in case any of our families may be getting rid of these items from home or would like to donate. Thank you for your consideration.

Reading Books - please keep donating any books that are suitable for our students and are in good condition; we can never have too many books! We would really like some more Guinness book of Records books.

IKEA Cube Storage Units (Kallax - the ones with the square sections you can put boxes in, any size or colour) - we are developing a few areas at the academy where these would be really useful.

Vacancies



Details for all the current Academy and Anglian Learning vacancies can be found on our website [here](#)

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