



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 28th November 2025



Main Office Information

Opening hours:

Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 4pm

Friday – 8.30am – 3.30pm

Attendance – Mrs Louise Price

Admissions – Mrs Louise Price

Clubs, lettings, and trips – Mrs Louise Price

Nursery & Finance – Mrs Clare Ryan

Tiddly Winkers – Mrs Wiltshire **(Please note we are full)**

Contact email:

johnrayinfant@compassps.uk

Open Door Policy

Please remember we are here if you would like to chat to us. Mrs Christian will stand at either the front or back gate. You can also speak with your child's teacher after school once all children have been seen out.

Contact email:

lchristian@compassps.uk

Sickness:

If your child is poorly, please call the school office prior to 9am. Our office phone lines open at 8.30am but you are able to leave a voicemail prior to this time. Please ensure you explain the symptoms and not just say your child is unwell.

Please note that any child with sickness or diarrhoea must be clear for 48 hours before returning to school.

Thank you for your co-operation



Please can I remind our parents/carers that we are a nut free school. This includes Nutella bars and pesto

Dates for your diary:

W/C 1st December – Week 2

W/C 1st December – Teacher club's finish

3rd December – Choir singing at Riverdale Care Home 10am

3rd December – Christmas gift shop

W/C 8th December – Sports clubs finish

9th December – Choir singing at Hawthornes Care Home

9th/10th December – Santa's grotto (ensure to book tickets)

10th December – Choir singing at Braintree nursing home

10th December – Nursery stay and play – Christmas theme

11th December – Nursery stay and play – Christmas theme

12th December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner

15th December – Year 2 Christmas carols and crafts 9am

16th December – Year 1 Christmas carols and crafts 9am

16th December – Reception nativity 2.30pm

17th December – Reception Christmas crafts 9am

17th December – Year 1 theatre trip (Jack & The Beanstalk)

18th December – Nursery Christmas performance 9am

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5th January – Non pupil day

6th January – Return to school

15th January – Movie and munch (information to follow)

These dates may be subject to change, but we will give advance notice where possible. Timings for all the above events will be sent out nearer the time.



We love to celebrate any achievements the children have awarded outside of school.

Please feel free to email johnrayinfant@compassps.uk with a description of what they have done. It could be that they learnt to ride a bike with or without stabilisers, swimming achievements, karate, litter picking etc.



Well done to Cody who has received his 5 metres swimming achievement. We are so proud of you. Keep up the hard work!



Golden book 28th November 2025

Dragonflies: Mia always calm and kind, great attitude to learning, fab phonics and writing.

Ladybirds: Annabelle excellent learning behaviours.

Bumblebees: Kevin his recall of information on hibernation and enjoyment to learning.

Hedgehog: Boris – showing brilliant learning behaviours this week, well done on being resilient reflective and concentrating.

Squirrels: James for trying really hard with his learning this week, especially in Phonics and Maths

Otters: Max for exploring the classroom and increase in self regulation skills.

Moles: Grayson – Super listening on the carpet and sharing his ideas

Kingfisher: Ingrid- Working hard on her independence this week.

Kestrels: Leo for showing positive learning behaviours!

Woodpecker: Bella-Rose – Excellent attitude to learning
Chimoma – For being kind to others

Robin: Splendor - for writing an amazing letter to the author who write The Proudest Blue. It was amazing!



Mr Mill's Sports Award: Illias Kyriacou

Reminders:

Clothing:

Please ensure your children have suitable clothing now the cold weather has started. **Please ensure that all clothes are labelled, including hats, gloves, shoes, as many children have similar sizes and are from the same shop.** We have so many unclaimed clothing items as they have not been named. Please check with your class teacher if you are missing any items.

Jewellery:

Please note that children cannot wear any jewellery for P.E sessions. Please can jewellery be removed before coming into school.

Late collections

A reminder to all parents/carers School finishes at 3.15pm. Please ensure you collect your child/children on time. A late fee of £5 will be added to your MYCAS account for late collections



Thank you! **John Ray Infant School**

For your incredible fundraising efforts in support of Braintree Area Foodbank.

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