



# John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

## Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Winklers – Mrs Wiltshire **(Please note we are full)**

Contact email:

[johnrayinfant@compassps.uk](mailto: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](mailto:lchristian@compassps.uk)

### Dates for your diary:

#### W/C 24<sup>th</sup> November – Week 1

#### John Ray Infant School - School Meals

25<sup>th</sup> November – Reception phonics workshop 9am

26<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 phonics workshop 9am

#### W/C 1<sup>st</sup> December – Teacher club's finish

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Choir singing at Riverdale Care Home 10am

#### W/C 8<sup>th</sup> December – Sports clubs finish

9<sup>th</sup> December – Choir singing at Hawthornes Care Home 10am

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December – Santa's grotto

12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner

15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Christmas carols and crafts (AM)

16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Christmas carols and crafts (AM)

16<sup>th</sup> December – Reception nativity (PM)

17<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas crafts (AM)

#### January 2026

5<sup>th</sup> January – Non pupil day

6<sup>th</sup> January – Return to school

15<sup>th</sup> January – Movie and munch (information to follow)

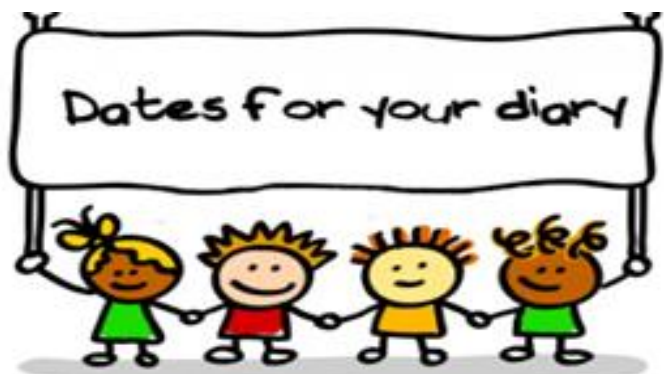
These dates may be subject to change, but we will give advance notice where possible. Timings for all the above events will be sent out nearer the time.



Thank you for all your Children in Need donations, together we raised £196.60



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



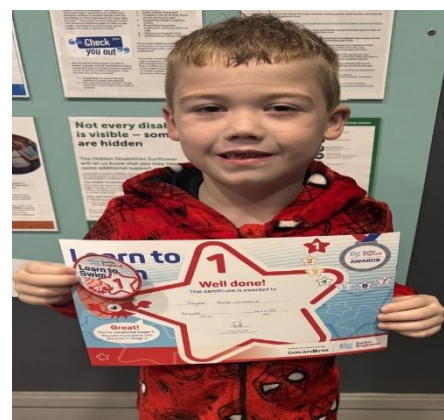
## We love to celebrate any achievements the children have awarded outside of school.

Please feel free to email [johnrayinfant@compassps.uk](mailto: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 Ollie who has received his level 5 swimming badge. You have mastered swimming on your back. Keep it up!

Congratulations to Taylor who passed his stage 1 of swimming!!  
Amazing, well done!!



Jack won Player of the Match for the Braintree U7's for standing in on Goal and doing some mega saves.  
Wow, what an achievement

Well done to Scarlett for achieving her level 3 at swimming lessons!  
We have watched all over your progress and been so proud of you. You now have your green hat to show for all your hard work





### **Golden book 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**

**Dragonflies:** Dolcie, for having a positive attitude to learning – great learning behaviours

**Ladybirds:** Ava, for super descriptions of squares, rectangles, circles and triangles.  
Great use of mathematical language

**Bumblebees:** Esmae, persevering in maths and confidently applying her knowledge to new challenges

**Hedgehog:** Arham, for always following our classroom and school rules, and demonstrating learning behaviours at all times

**Squirrels:** Annabelle, for trying really hard with her learning this week, especially maths.  
Well done!

**Otters:** Ava, for amazing communication through singing

**Moles:** Sophie, for much improved handwriting and neatness in presentation

**Kingfisher:** Ella, for her effort in English and Maths this week. Great sentences and addition

**Kestrels:** Hope, for her brilliant enthusiasm in lessons

**Woodpecker:** Finley, for showing amazing perseverance in his writing about being proud

**Robin:** Renee, I am so proud of you. You have blown away all the adults in Robin Class.  
What a star!



### **Mr Mill's Sports Award:**

Jude, for being super resilient at athletics

## 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**

## **School council notices**

Our School Council had their first official outing to help set up the Christmas display at St Michales Church. The Church will be open Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 3pm - 5pm for visitors to go and see the Christmas displays.

