



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 19th September 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

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

Donations needed:

Tights – all ages

Knickers – all ages

Pants – all ages

Socks

Thank you for all the school uniform donations, we are currently at our maximum for storage.

Please hand any donations to the School Office.



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 22nd September – Week 2 Menu

24th September – Dental check for Year 1 (oral check-up)

25th September – McMillian coffee afternoon

15th October – SEN tea and chat

20th October – Year 1 Toy Museum trip (classes TBC)

information will be sent out shortly

22nd October – Year 1 Toy Museum trip (class TBC)

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24th October – Superhero Day

W/C 27th October – Half term

W/C 3rd November – Parents evening this week

6th November – Fluenz (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

14th November – Children in Need – wear sports

18/19th November – Year 2 Maths workshop (9am)

25th November – Reception phonics workshop

26th November – phonics workshop

W/C 1st December – Teacher clubs finish

3rd December – Choir singing at Riverdale Care Home

W/C 8th December – Sports clubs finish

12th December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner

15th December – Year 2 Christmas carols and crafts (AM)

16th December – Year 1 Christmas carols and crafts (AM)

16th December – Reception nativity (PM)

17th December – Reception Christmas crafts (AM)

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.



Congratulations to Ada who has moved up to stage 2 of swimming. We are very proud, and you have worked so hard!!

Local Community Board

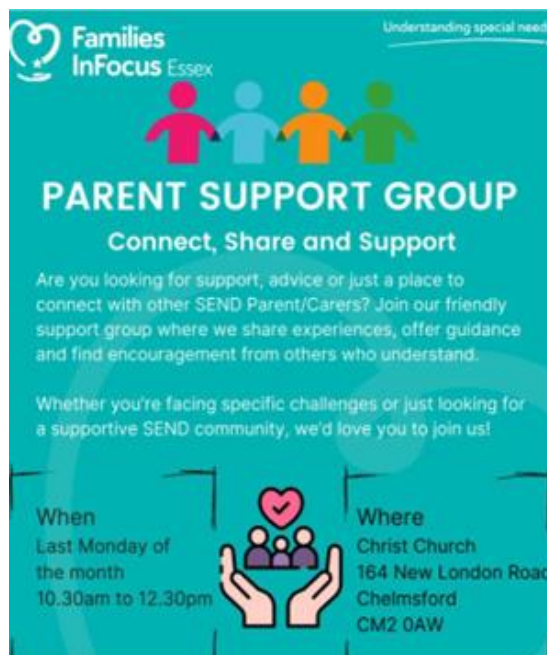


1st Braintree Valley Rainbows

We meet at the Infant School on Mon 5.30-6.45 term time. The youngest section of Girl Guiding for girls aged 5-7 years.

We run a structured programme which includes many activities. These include arts and crafts, singing, games, the opportunity to work for badges during the meetings and at home. Most of all we have FUN.

WE have immediate vacancies, for further details please contact Sue Farmer Sfarm27@hotmail.com




Families InFocus Essex Understanding special needs

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
Connect, Share and Support

Are you looking for support, advice or just a place to connect with other SEND Parent/Carers? Join our friendly support group where we share experiences, offer guidance and find encouragement from others who understand.

Whether you're facing specific challenges or just looking for a supportive SEND community, we'd love you to join us!

When Last Monday of the month 10.30am to 12.30pm		Where Christ Church 164 New London Road Chelmsford CM2 0AW
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Reminders:

Clothing:

Please ensure your children have suitable clothing now the weather has started to become cooler i.e. warm and waterproof coats. Please ensure that all clothes are labelled, including shoes, as many children have similar sizes. We have so many unclaimed clothing as they have not been labelled. 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.

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

**Golden book 19th September 2025**

Dragonflies: Jessica – for following our school rules (be safe, be kind, be responsible)

Ladybirds: Emma – for showing excellent learning behaviours – concentration and cooperation. Well done Emma, an excellent start to school

Bumblebees: Oliver – for growing in confidence each day and always trying his best in everything he does

Hedgehog: Lexi – for having a brilliant week! You have come to school with confidence and going above and beyond to demonstrate our learning behaviours

Squirrels: Mila – for always being happy and ready to learn! You set a great example to others with your behaviour and attitude to learning

Moles: Mia – for amazing learning behaviours and always joining in on the carpet

Kingfisher: Ollie – for showing super learning behaviours when writing this week, keep it up

Kestrels: Aaliyah – for being an amazing role model in Kestrels

Woodpecker: Alfie – for trying to always show great learning behaviours and follow class rules

Robin: Ethan – for amazing learning behaviours. You were our maths star this week