



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 3rd October 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

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 6th October – Week 1 Menu

7th October – Reception class photos appearing in the Gazette

13th October – Individual and sibling photos

15th October – SEN tea and chat

20th October – Year 1 Toy Museum trip (Moles & Hedgehogs)

22nd October – Year 1 Toy Museum trip (Squirrels and Hedgehogs)

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 spots

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 10am

W/C 8th December – Sports clubs finish

9th December – Choir singing at Hawthornes Care Home 10am

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.



Henry (From our Reception class) was very excited and proud to receive a certificate at his swimming lesson this weekend! He has earned his Sea Horse Stage 1 after moving up a class earlier this year. Well done Henry!!



Well done to Zain and Kieron who had their very first game with Braintree Rugby Club under 7's. Both Zain and Kieron scored and assisted with tries. What an amazing start!!



Last year Keira potted a sunflower seed whilst in year 1. Over the summer she has watched it grow, and it is now taller than she is. Well done Keira, you have shown great dedication!!

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 3rd October 2025

Dragonflies: Jaxson – following the school rules and trying his best

Ladybirds: Adalynn – for always being kind and looking out for others

Bumblebees: Archie – for his excellent learning behaviours and concentration in phonics

Hedgehog: Pakiza – for making a great effort and trying really hard in phonics

Squirrels: Annie – for showing a great attitude to her learning and concentrating so much on the carpet

Moles: Daniyal – for super concentrating in Maths and English this week

Kingfisher: Lakshaya – for always trying her best across the curriculum

Kestrels: Adhiti – for being a great classmate in Kestrels

Woodpecker: Frank – for demonstrating excellent learning behaviours. You have a determined attitude in everything you do

Robin: Liam – for always working so hard. You are an amazing member of Robins class



Together we raised £207.83 from our Macmillan coffee afternoon and cake sales. Thank you so much for your support!!