



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 24th 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

Any old comics/magazines for our Mole class

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



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 3rd November – Week 1 of new menu

Our new menu will be starting after half term; you can find a copy of this on our website:

[John Ray Infant School - School Meals](#)

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 – Year 1 phonics workshop

W/C 1st December – Teacher club's 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)

January 2026

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.



For the past month Alex has been collecting rubbish and recycling from the woods. Alex has been doing this every week after he attends his stage school to help look after all the animals. So kind and thoughtful, thank you Alex!

Thank you to everyone who took part in today's superhero dress up day. All donations will go to The Lily Foundation



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 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.

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 24th October 2025

Dragonflies: Hikmet, for persevering with cutting and having a great attitude to learning

Ladybirds: Luca, for always being kind and a thoughtful member of Ladybirds class

Bumblebees: Kacper, for his concentration in literacy and positive attitude to learning

Hedgehog: Oscar, for your fantastic learning behaviours this week on our trip to the toy museum. You showed lots of interest and curiosity

Squirrels: Luis, for just always being amazing. You try your best in everything you do and work super hard

Moles: Robbie, for being a superstar on our school trip

Kingfisher: Silas, for always working hard and trying his best

Kestrels: Jack, for showing outstanding learning behaviours all term

Woodpecker: Aadhav, being an amazing member of class, always working hard, contributing, has amazing artistic skills and is a super friend

Robin: Aarav, for amazing writing about Autumn. I am so proud of how hard you are working. Well done!

**NEW PLAYERS WANTED FOR
U7S FIREFOXES
GIRLS TEAM**

Training
10-11am
Braintree
Sports and
Health Club

School
years
1 & 2

Contact
Laura on
07786
868173

The taster session
will be held at the
Junior School

**School Meals Taster
Session**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Chartwells Compass Team will be holding an exciting School Meal Taster Session on the 4th of December. Food will be served in the school dining room from 3:15pm to 4pm. We would love to welcome you to sample our delicious food from our new Autumn/Winter Menu.

We will be serving a selection of dishes for you to try.
**Fresh Bread.
&
Desert of the Day.**

You will have the opportunity to ask questions to our operations managers and executive chef regarding the menu.
We welcome any feedback you may wish to pass onto us.
Look forward to seeing you there!

Chartwells
We make school food fantastic!