



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 12th 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 15th September – Week 1 Menu

15th September – teacher and sports clubs begin

16th September – Year 2 welcome meeting 9am

17th September – Dental check for Year 1

24th September – 2nd visit dental check for Year 1

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) information will be sent out shortly

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

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.

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

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 12th September 2025

Hedgehog: Jason – for having had a great start to Year 1. Well done for going above and beyond to show learning behaviours and follow the school rules

Squirrels: Rudy – For always showing respect and responsibility and being an excellent role model. You have settled into Year 1 so well

Moles: Zaxson – for an amazing start to Year 1. Super attitude to learning

Kingfisher: Luke – for a super start to Year 2 and Kingfisher class. Well done!

Kestrels: Albus – for being a cooperative caterpillar in English and impressing me with his writing skills

Woodpecker: Bleu – For having an amazing start to Year 2 – showing kindness and respect consistently. Well done. You are a pleasure in class

Robin: Oliver – for being so kind and caring towards his friends. We are so proud of you



Mr Mill's sports award goes to:

Pippa – for being an amazing role model for her class and having a super attitude. Well done Pippa.