



# John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 5<sup>th</sup> December 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

### Sickness:

If you child is poorly, please call the school office prior to 9am. Our office phone lines open at 8.30am but, you are able to leave a voicemail prior to this time. Please ensure you explain the symptoms and not just say your child is unwell.

Please note that any child with sickness or diarrhoea must be clear for 48 hours before returning to school.

Thank you for your co-operation



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 8<sup>th</sup> December – Week 3

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

- 9<sup>th</sup> December – Choir singing at Hawthornes Care Home
- 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December – Santa's grotto (ensure to book tickets)
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Choir singing at Braintree nursing home
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery stay and play – Christmas theme
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery stay and play – Christmas theme
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Christmas carols and crafts 9am
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Christmas carols and crafts 9am
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Reception nativity 2.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas crafts 9am
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 theatre trip (Jack & The Beanstalk)
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas performance 9am

### 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.



## 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.



Tyler won the squirrel of the week at his 1<sup>st</sup> Black Notley Squirrel club for 'working really hard even though he is cheeky'. Tyler gets to have Sammy the squirrel for the whole week. Well done Tyler, keep it up!



### Golden book 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

**Dragonflies:** Cora, for making great choices to support her own learning – well done

**Ladybirds:** Finley, for your enthusiasm for reading and trying so hard! Well done

**Bumblebees:** Leo, for your positive attitude to learning all week

**Hedgehog:** Ali, you have been a fantastic learner this week. Well done on showing all your learning behaviours

**Squirrels:** Gracie, for always trying her best with her learning and showing respect to others

**Otters:** Mirac, for having amazing lunchtimes all week and eating all of his lunch every day

**Moles:** Onur, for always taking such care over his work and presenting it beautifully

**Kingfisher:** Archie, for super learning behaviours this week

**Kestrels:** Ava, for trying her hardest this week

**Woodpecker:** Angelina, for working incredibly hard in English and creating some great independent verses for our song

**Robin:** Elsie, for being such a kind and caring member of Robin class. You also wrote an amazing Christmas song in English this week. What a star!

### **Reminders:**

#### **Clothing:**

Please ensure your children have suitable clothing now the cold weather has arrived. **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**



### **EYFS Giving tree**

Thank you so much for all our giving tree donations so far. There is still time to collect a tag from the tree, located in the school office reception area. Gifts can be handed into the school office or to your child's class teacher.

We appreciate all your support.