



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 13th February 2026

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 Winkers – 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

Sickness:

If your 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:

Week commencing 9th February – Week 3 menu

5th March – World book day

W/C 9th March – Parents evening **(No teacher clubs taking place this week. Sports clubs will be as normal)**

17th March – Gemma's Farm – Year 1

26th March – John Ray's got talent

27th March – SEN tea and chat

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.

Spare uniform:

We are asking for donations of jogging bottoms, all sizes, if you have any spare, please pass to the school office

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



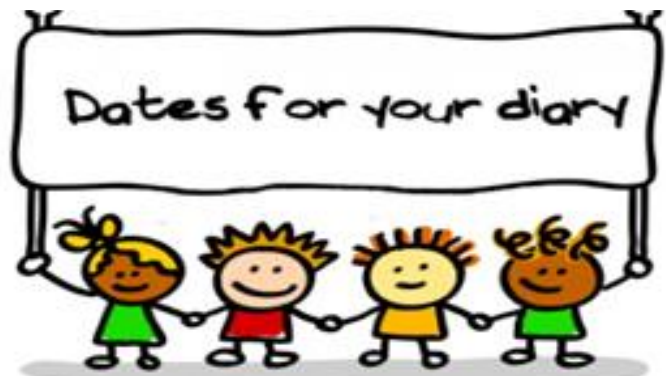
Please find below our PTA's upcoming events

5th March 2026 - Wish upon a bar sale (golden tickets)

27th March - Break the rules day

19th June 2026 - Non uniform day (donation for summer fete)

26th June 2026 - Summer fete



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.

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.

School car park:

Our school car park is for staff and parents/carers/children with a blue badge only.

Easy fund raising

We are asking our parents/carers to sign up to the below easy fund raising. When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to John Ray. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your child's school.

[The Friends of John Ray Infant and Junior School - Braintree Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

Useful links for parents/carers:

[John Ray Infant and Junior School – AbsoluteEmbroidery](#)

[John Ray Infant School - Home](#)

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

[Stay up to date with the Essex Local Offer newsletter | Essex Local Offer](#)

[POP Essex • SEN Stay & Play And Respite In Braintree, Essex](#)

PTA – Wish upon a bar

Please ensure that you complete the form correctly and the correct monies are placed in a named envelope. Children may hand their envelope to the school office no later than **Friday 27th February**.



FRIENDS OF JOHN RAY INFANTS AND JUNIORS PTA

Wish Upon A Bar £2 PER 100g BAR

THE OOMPA LOOMPAS HAVE BEEN BUSY hiding golden tickets under the wrappers of 40 wish upon a bars. Will you be lucky in finding one.

lots of prizes including in school treats, chocolate and books

40 GOLDEN TICKETS TO BE FOUND

WILL YOU FIND A GOLDEN TICKET INSIDE?

WISH UPON A BAR
WILL YOU FIND A GOLDEN TICKET
PRE-ORDER FORM

Dear Parent/Carer,
We are excited to share a special World Book Day treat with you. This year, we are offering the chance to pre-order a "Wish Upon a Bar" 100g chocolate bar for your child to enjoy at home. Hidden inside 40 of these bars are Golden Tickets. Will you be lucky enough to find one? Each Golden Ticket gives your child the chance to win a prize. These include in-school prizes, as well as books or chocolate. Each bar costs £2, and all orders must be placed by Friday 27th February. Please make sure to enclose correct monies as the office is unable to give change. Pre-ordered bars will be handed to children on World Book Day, Thursday 5th March, for them to bring home. Thank you for supporting our school and helping us make World Book Day extra magical.

Sincerely,
Friends of John Ray Infants and Juniors PTA

Please hand your slip in to the office with the correct money by Friday 27th February

Child's Name:

Child's Class:

Quantity: Total enclosed:

please enclose correct money.

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SEN Local Offer

Our SEN Local Offer is amended and published at the end of each academic year. It has the information on provision and processes across the school and the SENCo contact details: John Ray Junior School - SEND Local Offer (compassps.uk).

SEND Weekend Roadshow- Sunday 22nd March
SEND Local offer Roadshow Wednesday 11th March
SEND Local Offer Newsletter

There are lots of activities and events for children with SEND on the Essex Local Offer and from the Local Offer website – sign up here to read more: [Stay up to date with the Essex Local Offer newsletter | Essex Local Offer](#)

Parent Governor Vacancies

Each Compass school has a local school committee composed of a group of volunteers drawn from the community, each bringing a range of skills, expertise and professional experience. John Ray Infants and John Ray Juniors have a joint committee, and we currently have vacancies for parent governors. Our Governors provide essential links between the school, parents/carers and the local community and work with staff and parents in an atmosphere of co-operation to provide the best possible framework for educating our children. Formal meetings are held once a term and training will be provided. In addition, governors undertake termly monitoring alongside school leaders.

If you would like further information about becoming a governor, please contact the school office