



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 27th 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 2nd March – 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



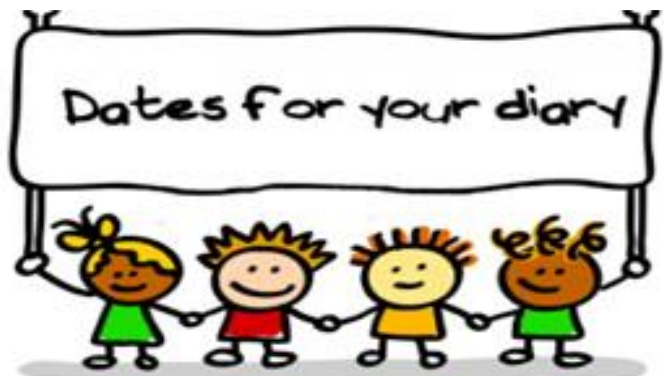
Please find below our PTA's upcoming events

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 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](#)



Golden book awards:

Reception

Dragonflies – Ralphie, great use of phonics this week and great effort with writing

Ladybirds - Elliott, great learning behaviours! Thank you for being such a kind member of Ladybirds class

Bumblebees – Lockie, for writing with growing confidence in phonics! Well done

Year 1

Hedgehog – Thaleia, for settling in so nicely to Hedgehogs. We have loved having you in our class

Squirrel – Mirha, for trying really hard with your handwriting this week. Keep going, we are really proud of you.

Otter – Nathan, for recognising his written name which is now part of our new morning registration

Mole – Amelie, for much improved handwriting and presentation

Year 2

Kingfisher– Joe, WOW! What a brilliant week of learning, learning behaviours and resilience. I'm very proud of you!

Kestrels – Flourish, for always sitting beautifully and excellent learning behaviour

Woodpecker – Imogen, great independent learning this week showing support resilience

Robin – Cody, we are all so proud of you. Your writing is amazing and you have learnt so many new words and sounds. You are a little star!

Celebrating with

