



# John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 6<sup>th</sup> March 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](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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Week 1 menu

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

9<sup>th</sup> March – Science week

10<sup>th</sup> March – Taster menu 3.30pm – 4.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> March – Taster menu – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> March – Braintree Sings at Braintree Institute

16<sup>th</sup> March – Last week for clubs

16<sup>th</sup> March – Chocolate fayre

16<sup>th</sup> March – Gemma's Farm – Year 1

19<sup>th</sup>/20 March – Book fair taking place after school

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March – Book fair taking place after school

25<sup>th</sup> March – Otters bowling trip

26<sup>th</sup> March – John Ray's got talent

27<sup>th</sup> 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

27<sup>th</sup> March - Break the rules day

19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Non uniform day (donation for summer fete)

26<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Summer fete



## **We love to celebrate any achievements the children have awarded outside of school.**

Please feel free to email [johnrrayinfant@compassps.uk](mailto:johnrrayinfant@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.



### **Golden book awards:**

#### **Reception**

**Dragonflies** – Freddie, great attitude to learning – well done! Loved your explanations for your learning

**Ladybirds** – Ayliz, for always using the checklist when writing to make sure you have capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Well done

**Bumblebees** – Nell, for being a fantastic all-rounder. You consistently showing excellent core routines and learning behaviours

#### **Year 1**

**Hedgehog** – Donovan, for showing fantastic concentration and effort in your learning this week. You have been working hard with your handwriting in English

**Squirrel** – Scarlett, for showing a great attitude to her learning and a much better focus. Keep it up!

**Otter** – Robbie, for independently and accurately singing some songs linked to his learning

**Mole** – Spencer, for super concentration when working with participation in lessons

