



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 13th 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

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 16th March 2026 – Week 2 menu

16th March – Last week for clubs

16th March – Gemma's Farm – Year 1

18th March – Chocolate fayre

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

20th March – Red nose day – Non-uniform day, £1 donation

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

25th March – Otters bowling trip

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

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.



Congratulations to Oliver who had his first ever grading in Karate.
You were amazing and now a yellow stripe. Well done

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.

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 to the role. 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 Mrs Ryan, cryan2@compassps.uk



Golden book awards:

Reception

Dragonflies – Jokel, for showing great curiosity about learning during science week

Ladybirds – Nathaniel, for excellent enthusiasm our singing session

Bumblebees – Seth, for his amazing predictions and curious questions throughout Science week

Year 1

Hedgehog – Ada, for always being a superstar learner, always trying your best and showing your love for learning all the time

Squirrel – Silvija, for trying really hard with your writing this week. Well done and keep going!

Otter – Mirac, for having an amazing week, he has communicated using some singing, tried some new foods, listened to some instructions.

Mole – Isla, you have completed tasks independently this week with good focus

Year 2

Kingfisher – Ernie, for trying hard in Maths and English. He has been working his socks off in his English book. Well done

Kestrels – Jack, for writing excellent facts in English

Woodpecker – Harry, for his amazing resilience and determination

Robin – River, for being very curious during Science week. You loved learning with your friends and asking lots of questions. Well done River

Sports award – Ema, for doing amazing jumping and landing off the next highest bar

A message from Miss Greenway, our attendance officer

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over recent weeks, I have been working closely with the school to help improve overall attendance. We are pleased to share that we have already seen a significant improvement, which is very encouraging.

However, we know there is still more work to do to ensure that every child attends school regularly and benefits fully from their learning opportunities.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for their continued support. Your commitment to communicating effectively with the school and your dedication to your child's education makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting our pupils.

Kind regards,

Miss Greenway



Our chocolate fayre will be taking place on Wednesday 18th March in our School Hall. Profits will go towards our Year 2 leavers t-shirts. We hope to see you there. Please ensure you bring change with you as we do not have the ability to change notes.

BREAK the RULES DAY

Rules to be broken include:

- School uniform only!
- Neat and tidy hair!
- School shoes only!
- No crazy hair colours!
- No nail varnish!
- No temporary tattoos!
- No make up!

Here's how it works:

When
Friday
27th
March

Suggested donation
£1
minimum

Parentkind
Member Association

On Friday 20th March 2026 we are taking part in Comic Relief.

We are asking our children to come in non-school uniform and include a red t-shirt/red jumper or with some red accessories etc.

COMIC RELIEF
RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1.

St. Michael's Church presents...

SMASH holiday club 2026

MELODY MAKERS

3 mornings of fun, games, songs, Bible stories and much more!

For children of primary school age

Monday 30th March –
Wednesday 1st April
9.30am – 12.30pm

To book scan the QR code