



# John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 20<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

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 – Week 3 menu

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 – All Reception Easter bonnets to be in

27<sup>th</sup> March – SEN tea and chat, 9.30am

27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter bonnets to be displayed in assembly

W/C 30<sup>th</sup> March – Easter holidays begin

13<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school

16<sup>th</sup> April – Eco-council to Riverdale

W/C 20<sup>th</sup> April – Clubs begin

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](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.



Over the weekend Oliver and his big brother, who are part of our Eco-Council, collected litter from the surrounding area. Between them they managed to fill a whole bag. Well done both of you, and thank you for your hard work



### 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](mailto:cryan2@compassps.uk)

## Golden book awards:

### Reception

**Dragonflies** – Sophia, for a brilliant performance to the class for John Ray has talent – well done

**Ladybirds** – Tilly, for amazing confidence when performing in the final of John Ray's Got Talent!

**Bumblebees** – Ollie, for his amazing phonics and blending skills this week. Well done!

### Year 1

**Hedgehog** – Esther, for always putting in your best effort in anything you do! You are a superstar

**Squirrel** – Rose, for being so enthusiastic in her learning

**Otter** – Nimi, for using his voice during our morning routine to recognise the weather and day of the week

**Mole** – Lila, for super learning behaviours, working sensibly with a partner and following instructions

### Year 2

**Kingfisher** – Junior, well done for your amazing diary! Your neat writing and concentration impressed us

**Kestrels** – Michael, for using brilliant ideas to make your diary interesting

**Woodpecker** – Nylah, for her hard work and concentration this week

**Robin** – Harper, for an amazing diary entry. You have enjoyed learning about Florence Nightingale so much. What a star

**Sports award** – Deborah, for persevering with her tennis skills



### John Ray's Got Talent

What an amazing talent show this year - all the acts were amazing and performed brilliantly. Our winner was Trinity from Woodpeckers with some truly fantastic gymnastics - definitely an Olympian in the making!

Thank you to all who entered and again to our finalists - well done!

Mrs Turner

### Is my child too ill for school?

The NHS has produced useful information to support parents when deciding if their child is too ill to attend school. Information can be found on the NHS website.

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

### **Golden ticket winners**

Here are our 3 prize winners who got to enjoy their lunch with Mrs Christian on Tuesday.



### **Chocolate Fayre 2026**

Thank you so much for all of the donations to our chocolate fayre. We were overwhelmed by your generosity.

It was lovely to see so many families come together to enjoy this event.

We are excited to announce that the total made was £874.33.

This money will pay for our year 2 leavers t-shirts.

Thank you once again for making the chocolate fayre such an enjoyable and successful event.





1<sup>st</sup> Brain Valley Rainbows

We meet at the Infant School on Mon 5.30-6.45 term time. The youngest section of Girl Guiding for girls aged 4-7 years.

We run a structured programme which includes activities such as arts and crafts, singing, games, plus the opportunity to work for badges during the meetings and at home.

Here are some comments from our current girls:

“We enjoy playing games with our friends.” “We do lots of different craft work.” “We have different visitors and we go out to visit places.” “There is a lot of fun and laughter.” “Our leaders are very friendly, helpful and kind”.

“We enjoy doing badges.

WE have immediate vacancies, for further details please contact Sue Farmer

[Sfarm27@hotmail.com](mailto:Sfarm27@hotmail.com).

St. Michael's Church presents...

## SMASH holiday club 2026

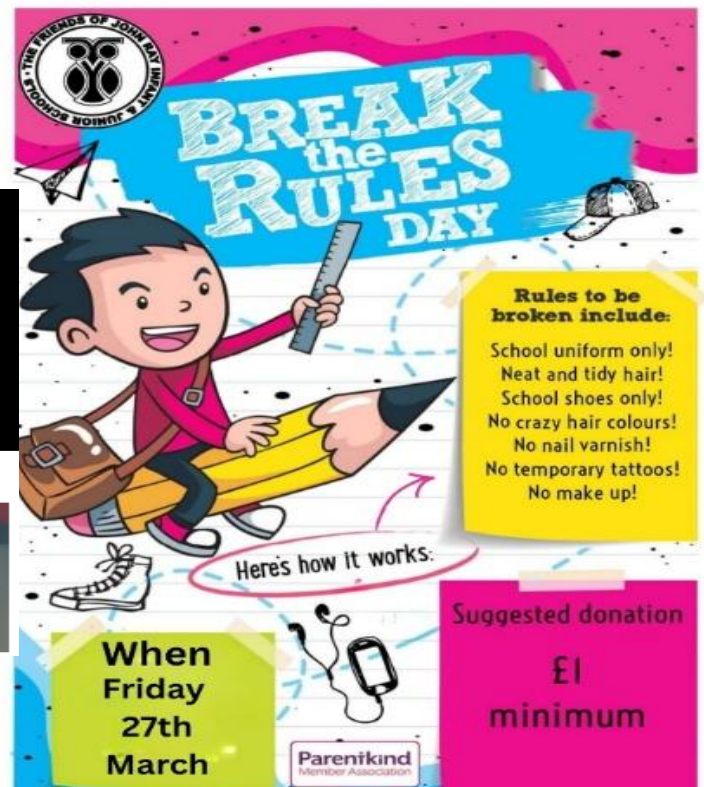
# MELODY MAKERS

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

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March –  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
9.30am – 12.30pm

For children of primary school age

To book scan the QR code



**BREAK the RULES DAY**

Here's how it works:

**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!

**When Friday 27th March**

**Suggested donation £1 minimum**

Parentkind Member Association