



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 17th April 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 20th April 2026 – Week 2 of our new summer menu

20th April – Teacher and sports clubs begin

21st May – Book look 2.50pm

25th May – Half term

9th June – Year 2 trip to Walton-on-the-Naze

19th June – Den day

23rd June – Sports day

26th June – School Fete after school (Junior site)

W/C 29th June – Teacher/Sports clubs finish

8th July – Meet new teachers

10th July – Dress rehearsals for Year 2 performance

13th July – Year 2 performance 2pm

14th July – Year 2 performance 6pm

16th July – Last day of term for children

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

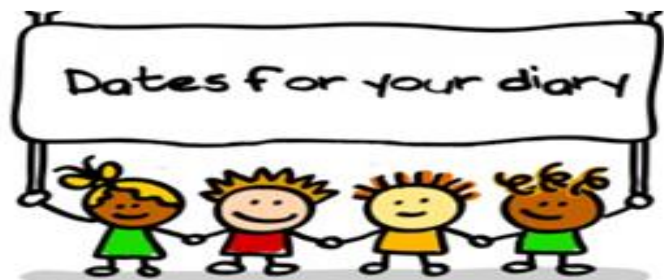
Late collections:

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

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:

Now we are coming into the summer term, please ensure your children has suitable clothing for the warmer weather. Please ensure that all clothes are labelled, including sun hats/shoes, as many children have similar sizes and are from the same shop. Please check with your class teacher if you are missing any items. Please ensure that suncream is applied prior to school on the hotter temperature days.

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 – Connor, for approaching every challenge with enthusiasm and a smile

Ladybirds – Adalynn, for great effort and concentration this week. Well done

Bumblebees – Tori-Rose, for her excellent enthusiasm towards her writing and literacy work this week

Year 1

Hedgehog – Rory, for your fantastic effort in writing not only this week but in the last few weeks. You have been putting in your best effort

Squirrel – Lenny, for showing great perseverance with his Maths work this week. Well done

Otter – Katie, for having a brilliant week in Otters class this week and settling into our routine

Mole – Illias, for amazing learning behaviours, beautiful handwriting and being a lovely friend

Year 2

Kingfisher– Hayden, well done for having a super week of learning. We have enjoyed seeing you try your best

Kestrels – Charlie, for trying his absolute hardest with his handwriting

Woodpecker – Rayne, for working hard on his handwriting and spellings

Robin – Splendor, for an amazing positive attitude. You have worked so hard this week and so helpful when we went on our Eco-Council visit. You are a star

Is my child too ill for school?

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?](#)

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](#)

Safeguarding

Are you worried about a child?

As a school, we consider safeguarding to be a priority. We welcome parents and carers talking openly to us about their concerns for the safeguarding of children and families.

Remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, you can contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads via the school office. Please ask to speak to Mrs Christian, Mrs Turner or Mrs Lee and specify that you have a safeguarding concern.

If you are worried about a child or young person, you can call the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free on 0808 800 5000. If a child is in immediate danger, you should call 999.

Children can call Childline at any time on 0800 1111