



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 1st May 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 4th May 2026 – Week 1 menu

13th May – EYFS/Otters trip to Boydells

21st May – Book look 2.50pm

25th May – Half term

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

19th June – Den Day (Info to follow)

23rd June – Sports day

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

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

2nd July – Year 2 trip to the theatre

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

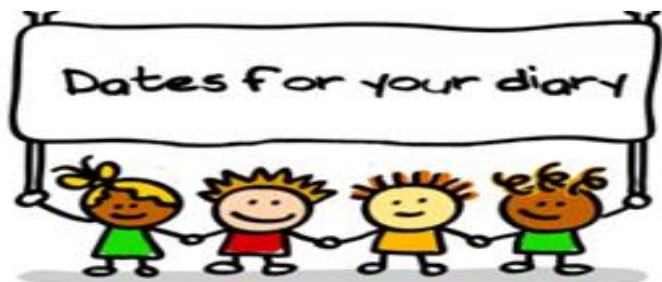
Late collections:

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.



On Saturday Oliver participated in his first Karate tournament and came 2nd overall for his Kata.

We are so proud of Oliver, you were absolutely fantastic!!

Also, well done to Mrs Felstead who very impressively won gold for her Kata!

London Marathon 2026

Mrs Christian has gone the extra mile—literally—by completing the London Marathon on Sunday, with an incredible time of 3 hours 43 minutes. We are so proud of your determination and dedication. A total of £2,600 was raised for The Lily Foundation.

53 runners ran for this charity and together raised £193,000.

An outstanding achievement.



Reminders:

Clothing:

Now we are coming into the summer term, please ensure your children have 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 sunscreen 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.

Golden book awards:

Reception

Dragonflies – Penny, for showing a fantastic understanding of odd and even numbers

Ladybirds – Kodi, for excellent work on doubles and odds and evens. Great mathematical explanations. Well done

Bumblebees – Alena, for her brilliant maths work, increased confidence and great explanations.

Year 1

Hedgehog – Ayla, for your hard work in English this week and always putting in your best efforts

Squirrel – Maddie, for working so hard on her handwriting and maths this week. We are so proud, keep it up!

Otter – Zac, for doing some amazing independent mark marking, engaging with some maths activities and sharing a story with an adult

Mole – Alex, for improved concentration on the carpet and giving super answers to questions

Year 2

Kingfisher – Violet, well done! You've worked so hard in maths. It has been so lovely to see you enjoy learning about the Great Fire of London

Kestrels – Dihas, for recognising and explaining fractions

Woodpecker – Isla, for being a fantastic friend

Robin – Frankie, for working so hard in maths this week. Well done for sharing your learning with the class

Mr Mill's sports award: Daniyal, for having an amazing week at football club and at the panathlon competition

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

School crossing safety

- A lot of children run ahead of their parents and then hover around the crossing point for their parents to catch them up. This causes confusion and a distraction to the patrol, drivers and other pedestrians (including children) waiting, as they cannot make assumptions that the children are not going to step out into the road.
- Everyone should cross in front of the Patrols at all times. A lot of pedestrians walk diagonally behind the Patrols, meaning they cannot easily be seen.