



# John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 8<sup>th</sup> 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](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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Week 2 menu

13<sup>th</sup> May – EYFS/Otters trip to Boydells

21<sup>st</sup> May – Book look 2.50pm

25<sup>th</sup> May – Half term

9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 trip to Walton-on-the-Naze

12<sup>th</sup> June – Wear yellow in support of Cystic Fibrosis

19<sup>th</sup> June – Den Day (Info to follow)

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sports day

26<sup>th</sup> June – School Fete after school (Junior site)

### W/C 29<sup>th</sup> June – Teacher/Sports clubs finish

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 2 trip to the theatre

8<sup>th</sup> July – Meet new teachers

10<sup>th</sup> July – Dress rehearsals for Year 2 performance

13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 performance 2pm

14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 2 performance 6pm

16<sup>th</sup> 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

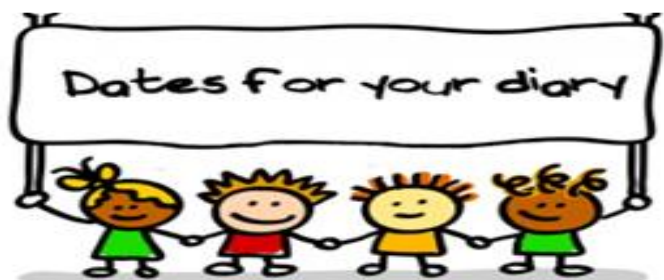
### Late collections:

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](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.

### **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** – Sophia, for being engaged in her learning and developing a love for reading

**Ladybirds** – Ayliz, for making close observations of our caterpillars, showing care and curiosity

**Bumblebees** – Olivia, for showing incredible resilience and having a positive attitude towards learning

#### **Year 1**

**Hedgehog** – Ben, for working more independently in your learning. You are showing more confidence everyday

**Squirrel** – Anayah, for working really hard on your learning, especially in phonics. Keep it up, we are so proud of you

**Otter** – Mirac, for great participation in PE this week and listening well to the maths lessons

**Mole** – Nilan, for a super start to John Ray Infants, you are going to be an amazing Mole

#### **Year 2**

**Kingfisher** – Nancy, for amazing learning behaviours in all lessons. We are so proud of you! Well done for your super Maths

**Kestrels** – Jude, for showing great learning behaviours this week

**Woodpecker** – Chimoma, for great independent learning this week. Keep it up

**Robin** – Ashiya, for working so hard in maths this week. You are our fraction expert. Well done

**Mr Mill's sports award:** Jack, for amazing control and technique with his tennis skills

### **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?](#)

### **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

**Cystic  
Fibrosis Trust**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June we are asking all our staff and children to come dressed in yellow with a small donation to support The Cystic Fibrosis Trust. This can be non-uniform with a yellow hair band or any yellow accessory. Mrs Gooday's granddaughter, Nolah, has Cystic Fibrosis, this charity helps fund the research and care and support Nolah and many other adults and children need.

### **Drawing challenge**

In line with our reception classes growing their own butterflies. We are asking for all children to draw and colour in a butterfly over the weekend. These can then be handed into their class teacher, and they will be displayed in next weeks assembly. Mrs Christian will pick a winner from all our entries. Please ensure your child's name is marked clearly

