



# John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 15<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 Winklers – 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 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Week 3 menu

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

21<sup>st</sup> May – Otters stay and play 2.30pm

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

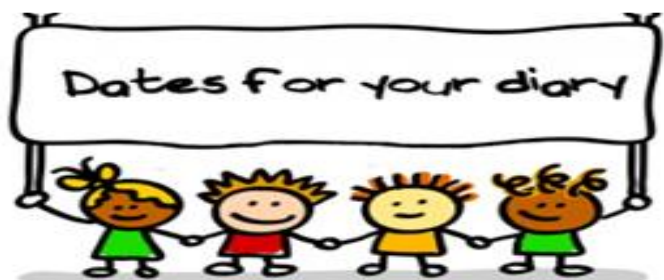
### Late collections:

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.



Well done to our Tiddlywinks children who created wonderful Elma the Elephants from recycling materials.

### **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 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.

### **Golden book awards:**

#### **Reception**

**Dragonflies** – Raul, for his positive attitude and willingness to try something new when handling animals at the farm

**Ladybirds** – Kodi, for such interest and enthusiasm at the farm. Great speaking and listening skills

**Bumblebees** – Rifat, for his amazing communication, confident talking and great observations at the farm

#### **Year 1**

**Hedgehog** – Afia, for always going above and beyond to be a kind, caring and helpful friend to everyone around the school

**Squirrel** – Ernie, for showing a great understanding of half and quarters of shapes in Maths

**Otter** – Whole class, for a brilliant school to the farm this week

**Mole** – Onur, for writing sentences independently using super language

## **Year 2**

**Kingfisher**– Ella, well done for having a great week of learning. Super maths, English and history learning

**Kestrels** – Phineas for a fantastic start at John Ray

**Woodpecker** – Trinity, for being helpful and kind to her peers in Woodpeckers class

**Robin** – Ben, for working so hard in maths – you were able to tell the time at quarter past the hour and quarter to **and** explain how to your friends. What a star

## **Mr Mill's sports award:**

Athena – for her brilliant football skills at football club

Connor – for amazing tennis skills and super behaviour in PE

### **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**

### **Non-uniform day**

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.