



# John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 22<sup>nd</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 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 – Week 3 menu

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> July – Den day**

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

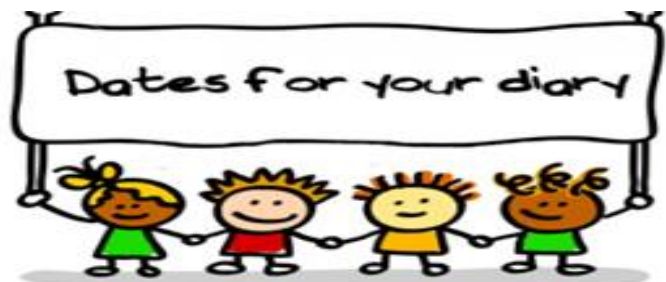
### Late collections:

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 Zian who won player of the year for Braintree Rugby Club. What an outstanding achievement, you should feel so proud.



Well done Imogen for completing stage 1 in your swimming lessons!! Keep up the hard work.



Well done to Ben who has also completed his stage 1 of swimming. Keep up the hard work.



# 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.

## **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** – Malia-Rose, for showing curiosity as our caterpillars changed into butterflies

**Ladybirds** – Luca, for being a maths whizz! Excellent understanding of composition of numbers

**Bumblebees** – Ivy, for her creative sentence writing this week based on the farm trip

### **Year 1**

**Hedgehog** – Arham, for always showing your learning behaviours and always putting in your best effort into everything you do

**Squirrel** – Florence, for having a great attitude for all learning and being a lovely friend to everyone

**Otter** – Nathan, for amazing communication during our morning routine, and during activities

**Mole** – Lila, for excellent learning behaviours and being such a kind and thoughtful friend

### **Year 2**

**Kingfisher** – Eleanor, well done for writing a great diary in the style of Samuel Pepys

**Kestrels** – Maddie, for smiley faces and positive all week

**Woodpecker** – Evie, for her super diary using adjectives and conjunctions. Great use of language

**Robin** – Eva, for amazing work in maths and English this week. You wrote an amazing diary entry

**Mr Mill's sports award:** Elsie, for always being a super star and having an amazing attitude

## 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

## **Den Day 2026**

**Friday 3rd July**

**9.15 – 10.00 EYFS**

**10.15 -11.00 Year 1**

**11.15 – 12.00 Year 2**

We would like to invite you to school to build a den with your child!  
You need to bring with you and take away everything you may need.

We will be (weather permitting) on the field.

### **Some ideas...**

- washing ainer
- blankets
- boxes
- cardboard
- canes
- poles
- plastic sheeting
- string
- pegs



If you would like to really impress you could make some embellishments in advance e.g. pretend TV, a house number and name, a fireplace.

Let your imaginations run wild - but remember you need to be able to carry it to and from school!

If you are unable to attend then don't worry - staff will make dens with your children.

If you have more than one child in school we can arrange for them to build together, just let your class teachers know.

We will be awarding a prize to the most original Den in each year group!

We can't wait to see your creations!



Our John Ray Infant Nursery is now full for September 2026/7

# Rainbows

# Join us!

Spaces available for  
**4-6 year olds**

Rainbows welcomes girls to laugh, learn and have fun in a creative safe space!

**Our info:**

**Brain Valley Rainbows  
Mondays 5.30-6.45  
John Ray Infants School  
Hall**



Scan the code to register a child



# HOLIDAY CHILDMINDING

**SPACES AVAILABLE!**

Looking for flexible childcare during the holidays? At **Charlotte's Childminding**, children can enjoy a fun, safe and caring environment with lots of exciting activities! ♥

- 9AM - 5PM**  
FLEXIBLE HOURS AVAILABLE BETWEEN THESE TIMES
- FOOD INCLUDED**
- CRAFTS & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**
- SWIMMING POOL FUN**
- DAYS OUT & OUTINGS**

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**CONTACT CHARLOTTE: 07599 280098**

**Charlotte's CHILD MINDING**

Voted Best Essex Soft Play & Party Venue - Childrens Enterprise Award -

## Are your little ones off to school this September?

Little Monsters House of Fun are giving parents & children starting primary school this September, the opportunity to get together & make friends



### Mini Monster Reception Class Meets

For individual school dates/times and to register scan this QR code or visit [www.littlemonstersoftplay.co.uk](http://www.littlemonstersoftplay.co.uk)

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## Little Monsters House of Fun

Soft play & parties for little monsters

Ford Farm, Braintree Road, Great Dunmow, Essex CM6 1HU

3-level adventure frame - Dedicated baby/toddler soft play area  
Cafe - free parking - free wifi - Summer garden with playframes

Book a Play Session or Class at [www.littlemonstersoftplay.co.uk](http://www.littlemonstersoftplay.co.uk)



Book now for Baby & Toddler classes at Little Monsters House of Fun



# JOIN US

Girlguiding opens up a world of possibilities to girls aged 4 to 18 – one where they can do anything!

Girls grow confidence at Girlguiding. They're up to 23% more confident than girls in the UK on average, and 3 times more likely to have done something good for their local community or environment.

<b>Rainbows</b> For ages 4 to 7 At Rainbows, girls play, learn and have tons of fun	<b>Brownies</b> For ages 7 to 10 At Brownies, girls have nonstop fun, learning and adventure	<b>Guides</b> For ages 10 to 14 At Guides, girls laugh, learn and expand their horizons	<b>Rangers</b> For ages 14 to 18 At Rangers, girls have fun, hangout, learn more and give back
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Sign up and join us in Braintree!

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>



Join us in Girlguiding

Register a child



Register to volunteer

