



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 5th June 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 8th June 2026 – Week 3 menu

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

12th June – Wear yellow in support of Cystic Fibrosis

19th June – PTA non-uniform day

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

3rd July – Den day

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.



Jessica took part in her first ever running race at Hatfield Broad Oak. Jessica ran 1 mile and received a medal. Well done, we cannot wait to hear about your next race!!

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

Non-uniform day

On Friday 12th 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:

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 – Louie, for arriving at school with a positive learning attitude, ready to learn

Ladybirds – Zach, great maths work on number bonds to 10

Bumblebees – Marcelina, for showing increasing confidence with a talk partner, sharing your ideas and listening to others carefully

Year 1

Hedgehog – Boris, for working hard this week to show your learning behaviours. You have shown amazing concentration

Squirrel – Nathaniel, for showing a real improvement in your attitude to learning and working hard on your handwriting

Otter – Sadie, for exploring some new textures during fine moto activities, putting slime into pots and taking it out again

Mole – Isla, for being an amazing Mole! We will miss you. Good luck in your new school

Year 2

Kingfisher– Luke, well done for an amazing week. Great Maths, English and Art! Super!

Kestrels – Noah, for showing fantastic focus and determination during all lessons

Woodpecker – Mirha, for being super focused on her learning and always trying her best

Robin – Liam has had another amazing week. Your fact page about the River Nile was outstanding. You are so kind and polite too

Mr Mill's sports award: Grayson, for his cricket skills and amazing effort every week

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 airters
- 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!

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

Girlguiding

NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

IN AID OF OUR SUMMER FETE
SUGGESTED DONATIONS BELOW

Nursery & Foundation

A soft toy in good condition for our teddy tombola (preloved)

Year 1 & Year 2

Sweets for our sweetie hamper

We know times are tough, so please only donate if you can. Please feel free to donate anything you can from our year group suggestions. We are grateful for any donations

Contact: pta.secretary.friendsofjohnray@gmail.com



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



Free School Uniform

Are you in need of school uniform for your 4-16 year old but struggling with the cost of living/ wanting to support sustainability? Then why not come along to our event, where you can pick up some FREE pre-loved school uniform. **Open to everybody.**

Date: Friday 14th August 2026

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Location: Carousel Family Hub, Chapel Hill, Braintree CM7 3QZ

Free pre-loved school uniform aged 4-16 years

- Polo Shirts and Cotton Shirts
 - Jumpers, cardigans & blazers
 - Trousers, shorts and skirts
 - Pinafore Dress/ Summer Dress
 - Coats / hoodies
 - PE Kit- T Shirt, shorts, joggers
- All items subject to availability

Additional information

- Come along to the event any time between 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Bring a bag and help yourself to any items you need
- Children welcome with adults
- Free arts and crafts and refreshments available
- Range of stall holders from local organisations present to provide info, advice & support.

w: essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

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