



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 12th 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 15th June 2026 – Week 1 menu

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

9th July – School reports sent to parents/carers

10th July – Dress rehearsals for Year 2 performance

13th July – Year 2 performance 2pm

14th July – Year 2 performance 6pm

15th July – Year 2 picnic

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.



Eco Council – Picker Pals

Freddie, who is part of our Eco Council, has been out doing his litter picking with his Picker Pals equipment. He had a great time and is helping keep our community clean.

Young Artist

Well done to Thea whose artwork piece is being published in a Young Artists book. We cannot wait to see the piece once it has been published.



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 – Emilia, for outstanding effort and determination in handwriting and confidently using descriptive words to enrich sentences

Ladybirds – Blythe, for writing super sentences independently and confidently

Bumblebees – Harry, for consistently demonstrating outstanding learning behaviours in every aspect of school. Well done Harry

Year 1

Hedgehog – Wilby, for trying hard to be an independent learner in English and Maths! You have shown resilience and concentration

Squirrel – Luis, for always having an amazing attitude and trying as hard as you can. You are a brilliant

Otter – Nimi, for having an amazing trip to the beach, going into the sea and playing with friends in the sand

Mole – Oakley, for making good choices in his play and cooperation with others

Year 2

Kingfisher – Olivia, well done for amazing learning. Keep trying your best with your learning and handwriting

Kestrels – Hope, for being an absolute superstar on our beach trip!

Woodpecker – Angelina, for her independent learning skills this week

Robin – Skyler, what a star! You always work so hard and you were amazing at the beach. I am so proud of you

Mr Mill's sports award: Katie, for growing confidence with her climbing and traveling along large apparatus

Tiddly Winkers – Arts and crafts

Our Tiddly winkers have been crafting this week making their own little cup monsters.



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



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BLACK NOTLEY SQUIRRELS

Fun, friends and adventures for little Squirrels!

FOR CHILDREN 4 - 6 YEARS OLD

MEET IN BLACK NOTLEY ON A MONDAY AND A TUESDAY

CONTACT katie0407@hotmail.co.uk FOR MORE INFORMATION



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



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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