

Welcome to John Ray Infants

EYFS 2026 - 2027



Key Staff

- ▶ Mrs Christian – Headteacher
- ▶ Mrs Turner – Deputy Headteacher
- ▶ Mrs Bailey Whyte/Mrs Hales/Miss Ball – SEN Team
- ▶ Mrs Nash – EYFS Lead
- ▶ Mrs Lee – Pastoral Lead
- ▶ Mr Mills – Sports Coach
- ▶ Mrs Ryan – Office Lead
- ▶ Mrs Price – Office



The EYFS Team

Bumblebees

Class teacher – Miss Harrod

LSAs – Mrs Zimmer/Miss Fordham/Mrs Taylor/Mrs Dowman

Ladybirds

Class teachers – Mrs Nash (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Hancock (Thurs/Fri)

LSAs – Mrs Everett/Mrs Hutchinson

Dragonflies

Class teacher – Mrs Bennett (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Mason (Thurs/Fri)

LSAs – Miss Shortall/Mrs Dowman/Miss Fordham



Our Vision

“learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves”

Through our Code of Conduct and Core Values we set ourselves high expectations, develop responsibility and a deep respect for others.

We believe in creating a positive and inclusive learning environment where everyone is provided with the skills, knowledge and attitude for a successful future.

- ▶ At our school everybody is somebody.
- ▶ At our school everybody has a voice and feels that they belong.
- ▶ At our school EVERY CHILD MATTERS.



School Values and Core Values

School Rules

- Be Safe
- Be Kind
- Be Responsible

Core Values

- Respect
- Honesty
- Caring
- Curiosity
- Fairness
- Responsibility



Building Positive Learning Behaviours

We have 5 Learning Behaviours which we develop with the children. We teach them to be:

- ▶ Resilient Rabbits
- ▶ Co-operative Caterpillars
- ▶ Reflective Owls
- ▶ Persevering Pigs
- ▶ Concentrating Cats.



Whole school organisation

- ▶ The school day starts at 8.45 and finishes at 3.15. (Gates open from 8.35)
- ▶ You drop off and pick your child up from their classroom door.
- ▶ Part of the children's learning is to be as independent as possible so we encourage them to come into the classroom by themselves and put away their own belongings.
- ▶ Information and letters will come out via the My Child at School App
- ▶ The office is open from 8.30 until 4
- ▶ We ask you to phone the office by 8.45am if your child is unwell.
- ▶ School dinners (free to all infant school children)- children can choose on a daily basis whether they would like hot school dinners or a packed lunch. The teachers will carry out a dinner register in the morning. The menus are on a three weekly rotation and are available on the website.
- ▶ We have an open door policy, if you have anything at all to share, concerns, worries or something nice then we are hear to listen. Little worries will grow and get more difficult so please come and talk.
- ▶ Mrs Christian is on the playground in the mornings so you can also catch her then



What is The Foundation Stage?



- ▶ The Foundation Stage is the first part of your child's school life and we aim to make it as fun and enjoyable as possible!
- ▶ We have worked hard on developing our curriculum which will, in EYFS, lay all the foundations your children need to move through their school career.
- ▶ There are 7 areas of learning within the Foundation Stage, all of them linked together, and we aim to teach these in a variety of ways in order to encourage children to become independent, curious and enthusiastic learners.
- ▶ All adults in the Foundation Stage work together to mix both short sessions of formal learning with then planned opportunities for children to learn through play both inside and outside.



School Uniform



- ▶ Girls – grey skirt/ dress, white polo shirt and a red jumper or cardigan. A summer dress for when it's hot.
- ▶ Boys – grey trousers/shorts, white t-shirt and a red jumper.
- ▶ Logo School uniform and bags can be purchased from John Ray Infant and Junior School – AbsoluteEmbroidery non logo items can be purchased from various supermarkets.
- ▶ Sensible black school shoes should be worn – Velcro please!
- ▶ We encourage all children with long hair to keep it tied back. No large hair accessories
- ▶ As a large part of the curriculum is taught outside we ask the children have a pair of wellington boots in school.
- ▶ No jewellery and stud earrings only
- ▶ **PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME.**



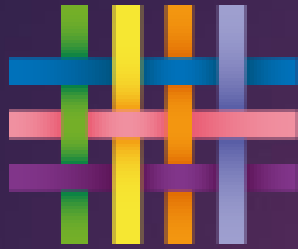
PE Kits



PE Kits:

- ▶ We have PE once a week on a Tuesday or a Friday [we will let you know in September]
- ▶ Please bring all PE kit to school in a NAMED drawstring bag.
- ▶ Red/black shorts/leggings, and plain white t shirt (no sparkles, unicorns or supermen please!) or in colder weather red or black plain tracksuit.
- ▶ Black JRI PE hoodie available to buy but not essential
- ▶ Please provide Velcro trainers (not plimsoles) and don't buy too soon!!
- ▶ On PE day long hair must be tied up, earrings taken out and no other jewellery.





TAPESTRY

ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL



- ▶ We have an online Learning Journal system called Tapestry which enables us to record photos and observations of your children.
- ▶ It also allows you to share your children's learning at home with us as you can take photos and put comments on for us to see.
- ▶ It is a safe and enjoyable way to see what your child has been learning at school.
- ▶ Only school staff, parents and carers can access it as it requires a password to view it.
- ▶ Please give your email address to us as soon as possible so we can set it up ready for September.



Reading with your child



- Reading is an essential life skill and we would like all our children to develop a love of books and reading whilst at school.
- Our phonics scheme is Little Wandle – there will be further information about this in September
- One of our key messages to families is that you **must** read with your child on a regular basis, ideally each day but a minimum of 4 times a week.
- We provide each child with a Home/School Diary that we ask you to fill in each time you hear your child read.
- Book bags are available to buy from school and we like all children to have one so we can send books and letters home.
- Please do not use rucksacks as we have no space for them and they do not fit in our drawers.



Snack Time

- ▶ All children are provided with a free piece of fruit daily but we like them to have more choice.
- ▶ We ask each family to donate £5, if they are able, each term to pay for extra snacks for the children – things like breadsticks, cheese, crackers, different fruits and vegetables.
- ▶ We encourage the children to taste new things and sit and eat together.
- ▶ We also use this donation to pay for ingredients for our cooking, such as stir fry, pancakes, fruit kebabs and sometimes biscuits!



Start dates and times

Week starting Thursday 3rd September

Group A mornings 8.45 until 11.30

Group B afternoons 12.30 until 3.15

Week Starting Monday 7th September

All children in full time 8.45 until 3.15



Any other questions?



Please do not let worries grow. Anything at all then email or call

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