



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 2nd October 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 Ryan (**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 5th October 2026 – Week 2 menu

6th October – Reception height and weight checks

12th October – Individual photos

W/C 19th October – Parents evenings (One plan meetings will be organised separately)

19th October – Year 1 & 2 book look (2.50pm)

22nd October – Reception harvest singing 3pm

26th – 30th October – Half term

7th November – 9.30am – 11am School open morning for Reception 2027

11th November – Flu vaccine

20th November – Child in Need, wear spots

24th November – Reception phonics workshop (9am)

25th November – Year 1 phonics workshop (9am)

26th November – Year 2 phonics workshop

11th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

15th December – Reception Nativity (PM)

16th December – Reception Christmas crafts (AM)

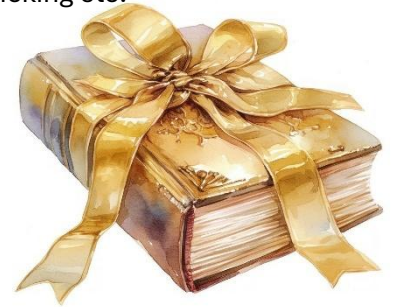
17th December – Nursery Christmas carols

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.



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.



Golden book awards:

Reception

Dragonflies – Lily, for great communication and super concentration during bucket time. Well done

Ladybirds – Maisie, for being a superstar this week. She has been excellent with phonics and handwriting. Well done Maisie

Bumblebees – Ayan, for always following school rules and bring a role model to others

Year 1

Hedgehog – Tillie, for being really helpful and positive

Squirrel – Elliott, for showing great learning behaviours and always being kind and helpful

Otter – Mirac, for trying hard with some counting activities this week in maths

Mole – Leo, I'm so proud of you. You've shown amazing focus, stamina and great learning all week. Well done

Year 2

Kestrels – Athena, for writing creative expanded noun phrases

Woodpecker – Madden, for fantastic effort and improvement in your presentation and excelled use of expanded noun phrases

Robin – Indie, for an amazing week in Robins. We are all so proud of you. You are a little star

Mr Mill's sports award: Willow, for her fantastic jumping and rolling in PE



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 0800 800 5000. If a child is in immediate danger, you should call 999.

Children can call Childline at any time on 0800 1111

Reminders

Jewellery:

Please note that children cannot wear any jewellery for P.E sessions. Please can jewellery be removed before coming into school.

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

Clothing:

Please ensure your children have suitable clothing for the weather. **Please ensure that all clothes are labelled**, including 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.



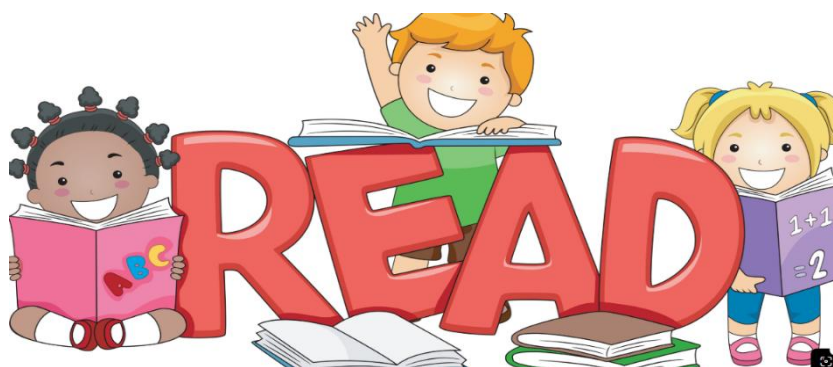
Scooters in the playground

Please can we remind parents and carers that children should not scoot around the playground before or after school.

We have recently witnessed several occasions where children have come very close to colliding with other children and adults. We want to ensure that everyone can enter and leave school safely.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you for everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee afternoon. Together we have raised £131.93.



The Importance of Reading Every Day

Just a little reminder of how important it is for children to read every day! Even just 10–15 minutes of reading at home can make a big difference. Regular reading helps children build their vocabulary, improve their comprehension, develop confidence, and nurture a lifelong love of books and learning.

Whether it's a schoolbook, a favourite story, a comic, or a book you read together, every page counts!

School favourites day menu

We would like to say a huge thank you for all the support from our parents/carers, children, teachers and staff. Our school favourites menu was such a great success with all of our children trying different food. We are so proud of them all.

Thank you to our catering team who worked so hard to make the day such a success

