



# John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 9<sup>th</sup> 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](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 12<sup>th</sup> October 2026 – Week 3 menu

12<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photos

15<sup>th</sup> October – SEN tea and chat 9.45am

W/C 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evenings (One plan meetings will be organised separately) **REMINDER; NO TEACHER CLUBS THIS WEEK**

19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 & 2 book look (2.50pm)

22<sup>nd</sup> October – Reception harvest singing 3pm

### 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half term

7<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am – 11am School open morning for Reception 2027

11<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccine

20<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need, wear spots/stripes

24<sup>th</sup> November – Reception phonics workshop (9am)

25<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 phonics workshop (9am)

26<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 phonics workshop

11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

15<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity (PM)

16<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas crafts (AM)

16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Pantomime trip

17<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Christmas carols

4<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school

7<sup>th</sup> January – Movie and munch (information to follow)

W/C 11<sup>th</sup> January – Teacher & Sports clubs begin

26<sup>th</sup> January – EYFS Maths workshop 9am

27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 Maths workshop 9am

28<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 Maths workshop 9am

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](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.



### ♥ Little Princess Trust Fundraiser ♥

One of our Reception children is taking on a very special challenge to raise money for **The Little Princess Trust**. They will be having their hair cut and donating it to help make wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment or other medical conditions.

This will be a particularly big challenge due to their sensory needs, but they are determined to take part because they understand that their hair donation will help children who are poorly and have lost their own hair.

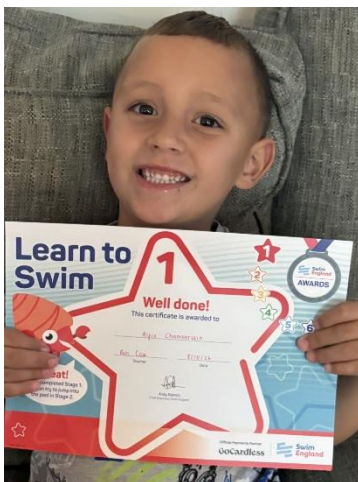
This fundraiser is especially meaningful to their family, and we are so proud of them for taking on this challenge!

Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a difference. Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful cause! 📌

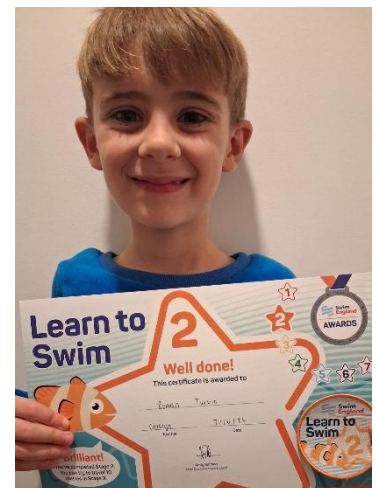
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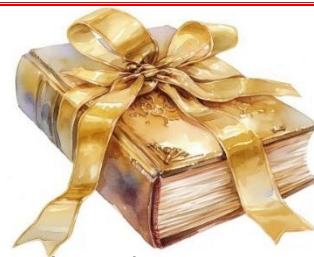
Well done to Alex who has completed stage one in swimming this week



Roman completed his level two in swimming and is now in level 3.



## Golden book awards:



### Reception

**Dragonflies** – Nora, for great work in phonics this week. Well done

**Ladybirds** – Mabel is the perfect role model and always tries her best. She has embraced every part of her learning. Well done Mabel

**Bumblebees** – Tommy, for trying hard in phonics and preserving with oral blending

### Year 1

**Hedgehog** – Kehlani, for mastering blending after trying really hard over the past few weeks. Well done

**Squirrel** – Amelia, for working really hard in all your learning and always being helpful to others

**Otter** – Robbie, for amazing independent use of his communication board

**Mole** – Tori-Rose, well done! It is a pleasure to see you enjoy learning, always try your best and be able to listen to adult support

### Year 2

**Kestrels** – Ben, for showing a great understanding in Maths this week

**Woodpecker** – James, for outstanding effort in improving your handwriting presentation. For coming into school this week with a positive attitude towards learning

**Robin** – Alex, we are all so proud of how hard you have worked this week. You wrote an amazing descriptive story about The Building Boy. What a star

**Mr Mill's sports award:** Oliver, for his dribbling skills in PE, keeping the ball away from the defender like a professional



## 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.



## 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!



### A Message from Our Catering Team 🍽️

It's been another fantastic week in our school kitchen, and we are delighted to share that the number of children enjoying our school meals has increased! We are so pleased to see more children choosing a school dinner and enjoying the tasty, freshly prepared meals on offer.

Our catering team is especially proud of all the children who have been brave and adventurous with their food this week. It has been wonderful to see so many children trying different foods, exploring new flavours and giving something unfamiliar a go. Trying new foods is a big step for little ones.

We have included some pictures of our Thursday meal so you can see what has been on the menu. We hope you enjoy having a little glimpse into lunchtime at school and seeing the delicious meals our children have been enjoying.

**From all of us in the Catering Team — keep tasting, keep trying and keep smiling! 😊**

