



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 16th 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 19th October 2026 – Week 1 menu

W/C 19th October – Parents evenings **REMINDER; NO TEACHER CLUBS THIS WEEK**

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

22nd October – Reception harvest singing (2.50pm)

26th – 30th October – Half term

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

11th November – Flu vaccine

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

24th November – Reception phonics workshop (9am)

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

26th November – Year 2 phonics workshop (9am)

11th December – Christmas dinner and jumper day

15th December – Reception Nativity (information to follow)

16th December – Reception Christmas crafts (AM)

16th December – Year 1 Pantomime trip

17th December – Nursery Christmas carols

4th January – Back to school

7th January – Movie and munch (information to follow)

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

26th January – EYFS Maths workshop 9am

27th January – Year 2 Maths workshop 9am

28th 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 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 – Olivia, for building her confidence and social skills

Ladybirds – Georgia has been using her phonics to find them on a sound mat and writing them down. Georgia always makes the right choices and is a lovely friendly

Bumblebees – Dua, for always being responsible and keeping the classroom and outdoor environment tidy

Year 1

Hedgehog – Ema, for challenging herself every day this week in English. She added amazing adjectives to her labels and sentences

Squirrel – Hanna-Rose, for trying really hard with her learning, especially in Maths. She is starting to work independently and showing great learning behaviours. Well done

Otter – Mirac, for concentrating well and great participation in body percussion sessions this week

Mole – Izabella, WOW! You always try your best in all areas. You are being so brave when sharing your ideas on the carpet. Keep being a super learner

Year 2

Kestrels – Rory, for amazing speaking skills during our class assembly

Woodpecker – Lara, for consistently demonstrating excellent learning behaviours and being a fantastic role model

Robin – Alex, for amazing work this week. You have wowed us this week – what a star

Mr Mill's sports award: Ava, growing in confidence with her football skills and scoring great goals



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

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. As the weather is changing, please ensure your child has a winter coat, clearly labelled, with them each day.

Keeping our play equipment safe

We love seeing the children enjoying our outdoor spaces, but just a little reminder that the play equipment is only for use during the school day when supervised by staff. Please help us by ensuring children do not play on the apparatus before or after school, so that everyone stays safe and the equipment remains in good condition.

Bringing toys and personal items into school

We know how much children love their favourite toys, keyrings and fidgets, and how much fun it can be to personalise their bags and water bottles! However, these items can sometimes get lost, broken or become a distraction during the school day. We would therefore ask that toys, keyrings, fidgets and other hanging accessories are left at home. This will help children to focus on their learning and keep their belongings safe.

A Reminder to All Parents and Carers – Respecting Our Neighbours

We would like to remind everyone that the residential home next to the school is private property. Children must stay off the stairs and must not run around or play in the car park.

Unfortunately, this week, a resident was nearly knocked over by a child running around the car park. This is a serious safety concern for both our children and our neighbours.

Please ensure that your children remain within the school grounds and are supervised appropriately when arriving at and leaving school. The stairs and car park are not areas for children to play or run around.

