



John Ray Infants School & Nursery School House

Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves

Newsletter date: 22nd November 2024

Main Office Information

Opening hours:

Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 4pm

Friday – 8.30am – 3.30pm

Attendance – Mrs Louise Price

Clubs, Lettings, and trips – Mrs Louise Price

Nursery & Finance – Mrs Clare Ryan

Tiddly Winklers – Mrs Clare Ryan (**Please note we are full**)

Contact email:

jricontact@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

Dates for your diary:

W/C 25th November – Week 1 Menu

26th November – 9am Squirrels & Hedgehogs Phonics workshop

27th November – 9am Otters and Moles Phonics workshop

10th December – Choir singing at The Hawthorns

12th December – Choir singing at Riverdale Care Home

13th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
(Menu attached)

16th December – Year 2 Carols and Crafts AM

17th December – Reception Nativity 2pm

17th December – Year 1 Carols and Crafts AM

18th December – Reception Cards/Crafts 9am

23rd December – Christmas holidays



Donations needed:

Small world (castles, farms, buildings)

Small world people

Little Tikes cars

Little Tikes petrol pump

Puzzles (that have all the pieces)

Dressing up clothes – all ages

EYFS donations – Boys' and girls'

socks/underwear. Girls' tights

Please hand any donations to the School Office. Thank you!

Clothing:

Please ensure your children have suitable clothing now the weather has started to become colder i.e. warm and waterproof coats, gloves and hats. Please ensure that **all clothes are labelled**, including shoes, as many children have similar sizes.

Jewellery:

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



Headteacher - Mrs L Christian

Deputy Head - Mrs E Turner

FS Lead - Mrs Pennell

Year 1 Lead - Mrs Yates

Year 2 Lead - Mrs H Cleary

We love to celebrate any achievements the children have awarded outside of school.

Please feel free to email jricontact@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.



Leo from Kestrel's class entered a karate competition on Saturday 9th November. Leo secured first place in his division and won a gold medal 🏆
What an achievement Leo, well done!!



This window display was created by children in Otters and Hedgehogs. Our School Council set up the display in St Michael's Church. There will be an open day to see the display on Saturday 23rd November 10am – 12pm. There will be refreshments

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Christmas Lunch

MAINS
Roast Turkey
Squash, Spinach and Cream Cheese Filo Bake

SIDES
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,
Sausage
Stuffing and Gravy

DESSERTS
Festive Shortbread With Vanilla Ice-Cream

*Menus maybe subject to change

Our Christmas menu will be on 13th September alongside Christmas jumper day.



Essex Fire Museum Christmas Open Day (With our Santa's Grotto)

Free entry, but booking is essential as we are on an active fire station site.
Contact us to book: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk or 01376 576847.

10.30am to 4.00pm
(Last entry: 2.30pm)

ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM

Date: 15th Of December

Christmas Market

SAT 16TH NOVEMBER - TUE 24TH DECEMBER

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

OLIVERS PLANTS,
COGGESHALL ROAD,
EARLS COLNE, ESSEX,
CO6 2JX

MON-SAT 8:30 - 17:00
SUN 10:00 - 16:00

TREASURE TRAIL EVERYDAY

FREE ENTRY
FREE PARKING

GIFTS
FOOD
WREATHS
HOT DRINKS
WINE TASTING*
FACE PAINTING*
AMUSEMENT RIDE
CHRISTMAS TREES
FESTIVE DECORATIONS
TABLE ARRANGEMENTS
*MUCH MORE

*selected dates, see website

Reminders:

Playground equipment - Please do encourage your children to stay with you before and after school and not to run around on the playgrounds or play equipment in the Foundation playground or in the back playground

Sickness - If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they must stay away from school for at least 48 hours before returning to school. **Absence** - Please ensure you call the school before 8.30am on each day of your child's absence. Please do not just say your child is unwell, please explain what their symptoms are.

My Child at School app - If you have not received the link to sign up to the MYCAS account for your child please contact the School Office.

Water bottles – A gentle reminder to have water in your child's water bottles and not juice/squash as it's healthier and less sticky if split

Year 1 PE - From next week commencing 25th November our PE days will be on a Thursday and a Friday until the end of term. Please come to school in your PE kit on these days [NOT on Tuesday]. Please also remove earrings and tie long hair back.

Can we also ask that all PE kit is named as we have a lot of black tops that look the same!