



John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

"Learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"



21/10/22

This term our Core Value is



Respect



Main Office Information

Opening Times 8.30am until 4.00pm

Telephone: 01376 323071

Email: enquiries@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk Please call the office to report your child absent, before 9am.

School meals week starting 31st Oct 2022 wk 1

School meals week starting 7th Nov 2022 wk 2

Deputy Head - Mrs A Darvill

SENCo - Mrs L Bailey-Whyte

FS - Mrs K Yates

Yr 1 - Mrs E Turner

Yr 2 - Miss C Springall



Diary Dates:

Mon 24 - Fri 28 Oct - Half Term

Wed 2 Nov FS Autumn Walk BF/BB

Thur 3 Nov FS Autumn Walk LB/DF

Wed 9 Nov Y2 Mastering number session 9am K&KF

Tue 10 Nov Y2 Mastering number session 9am R&WP

Wed 16 Nov EYFS Phonics session Time TBC BF&BB

Thur 17 Nov EYFS Phonics session Time TBC LB&DF

Fri 18 Nov Children in Need - Spots and Stripes

Fri 2 Dec Non Pupil Day

Fri 9 Dec Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 12 Dec Year 2 Christmas Celebration Time TBC

Tue 13 Dec EYFS Nativity Time TBC

Wed 14 Dec EYFS Nativity Time TBC

Thurs 14 Dec Y1 Christmas Celebration Time TBC

Tues 20th Dec Last day of School

Thurs 5th Jan back to school

OUR OPEN DOOR POLICY

Please remember that we want you to chat with us about any queries or concerns that you may have. Mrs Christian will stand in the front playground. You can speak to your child's class teacher

after school, or please contact Mrs Christian via email head@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk

New items to the newsletter will be in **Blue**, items from the PTA/Friends will be in **Green**. Items that require your attention will be in **red**.

Sickness A reminder that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they must stay away from school for at least 48 hours before returning back to school. When reporting your child absent from school, please ensure you call the school office before 9am on each day of their



We have a lot of lost property items with no names. Now the weather is changing and is now cooler. Please could you ensure your child comes to school with a **named** coat. Please could all Foundation Stage parents/carer's also ensure that we have a pair of named welly boots in school for your child.



Some of our children attended a bowling festival last week with Mr Mills, the children behaved very well and we came 2nd! Willow H from Moles scored the highest score out of all the teams with 120. Well done to everyone!



Today we said a fond farewell to Mrs Corrigan. Mrs Corrigan has worked at John Ray Infant school for 17 years, we had a special assembly goodbye assembly we also had quite a few surprise visitors to wish her well.



ATTENDANCE CUP



Well done to Kestrels class who had 98.3% attendance last week and this week Robins received the attendance cup. Well Done!

Services and support for special educational needs and disability
Information about support services and local opportunities for children and young people with SEND - find what you need all in one place.
<http://www.essexlocaloffer.org.uk/send-events/>



Tiddly Winkers forms are available from the school office or from our website. Late pick ups **will be charged** to attend Tiddly Winkers. Ask for further information from the school office or find out more on our website.

Please ensure you book as soon as possible as we are now full and up to our maximum numbers most days.



Please do not let your children and siblings on the play equipment in either of the playgrounds. Please keep your children with you before and after school.



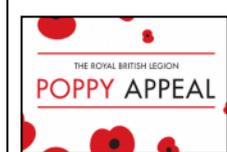
Empire Theatre, Halstead have Autism Friendly Cinema (empire-theatre.co.uk) throughout the half term. Click on the above link to see find out more.



EYFS are looking for small cuddly toy donations for their lunchtime playtime.

If you have any spare children's

tights/socks/ underwear that could be donated as spares. Please give them to your class teacher or drop them into the school office.



We are selling poppies in the school office on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



Applications for a primary (reception) school place starting September 2023 can be made between 7 November 2022 and 15 January 2023.

All applications received after 15 January 2023 will be treated as late and will only be processed after all on-time applications.

You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply later.

Click on the link to apply online [URL: https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place](https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place)

Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer - so check over the page for some top tips!

1. Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
2. If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
3. Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
4. If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
5. Of course, 'Being Bright' helps drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

Be Bright, Be Seen

SAFERESSEX roads partnership

BIG DINO DAY
Tuesday 25th October
10:00 - 16:00

Back by popular demand! Activities include: meet a T-Rex*, make a range of dinosaur crafts and complete some themed trails!

All activities are included with museum admission!

*Meet the T-Rex will run between 10:30-15:00.

DROP-IN CRAFTS
Wednesday 26th October - Friday 28th October
10:00 - 13:00

Wednesday: Arty Dinosaurs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinosaur egg paper weaving • Fridge magnets • Dinosaur puppets 	Thursday: Dinosaur Mania <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinosaur headbands • Dinosaur bones • Miniature dinosaur scenes
Friday: Spooky Dinosaurs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging decorations • Dinosaur wreaths • Dinosaur skeletons 	

Drop-in crafts are FREE with museum admission. No booking required. For more information please call 01276 320068 (9.30-10). Crafts are aimed at 5-10 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

BRISTOL MUSEUM

Celebration Corner

Please let us know if your child has done something amazing, we would like to celebrate their achievement.



