



John Ray Infant School

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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at John Ray Infant School as both children and staff continue to build new relationships and settle into different routines.

I was so impressed during our 'Golden Book' assembly this morning with how our new EYFS children demonstrated 'respect', sitting beautifully and listening to which learning behaviour or core value children had demonstrated that week.

Year One often have a bit of a challenging few weeks at the beginning of the year adapting to the more formal learning environment. However, this cohort have risen to the challenge and beyond. I was blown away with some of their sentence writing this morning – lovely to see them applying all the phonic knowledge from EYFS and developing it so quickly already.

Every single adult who attended the 'Walton-on-the-naze' trip on Thursday has commented on how proud we were of all the children. Their behaviour was exemplary, we were VERY lucky with the weather and they all had a fantastic time with their friends making sandcastles, collecting shells, digging holes and paddling in the sea. Take a look at the photos on our website [Walton On the Naze Photos](#). If your houses/cars are anything like mine then they appear to have brought half the sand home with them.



A new year brings with it a fresh playlist of songs to learn in our singing assemblies. This year I am bringing back some 'assembly classics' as well as some modern songs. We have started with my all time favourite 'Autumn Days'. I have included the link to the piano backing track below which we are using in assembly but also a version with someone singing if the children wish to practice with another voice.

[Autumn Days - YouTube](#)

[Autumn Days – Primary School Hymn - YouTube](#)

I hope you have a relaxing weekend, please do keep sharing any successes your children have outside of school for our 'celebration corner' on the fortnightly more information based newsletter.

Have a relaxing weekend,

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Headteacher

