



John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

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

Main Office Information

13/10/23



This term our Core Value is



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 at either the front or back gate. 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 absence.



Thank you to the parents/carers who donated cakes and attended our Macmillan coffee morning last month. We were able to raise just over £100.00.



We are accepting food donations for our harvest festival this week. All food donations will be passed onto our local food bank to help local families in need on Thursday 19th October.

Opening Times 08.30-16.00 - Telephone: 01376 323071

Attendance - Emma Smith - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday AM

attendance@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk

Clubs, Letting's, Trips - Mary O'Malley - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

enquiries@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk

Nursery - Clare Ryan - Monday, Wednesday - Friday

office@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk Tiddly Winklers /

Finance - Catherine Rushen - Monday - Thursday

admin@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk

School meals week starting 16 Oct 2023 wk 1

School meals week starting 30 Oct 2023 wk 1

Deputy Head - Mrs E Turner

SENCo - Mrs L Bailey-Whyte

FS Lead - Mrs K Yates

Yr 1 Lead - Mrs D Nash

Yr 2 Lead - Mrs H Cleary

Diary Dates:

Mon 16 Oct - EYFS, Y1 & Yr2 Individual photos

Weds 18 Oct - Yr 1 phonics workshop (parents invited to see a session) 9.10am

Thur 19 Oct - EYFS Class Assemblies

Mon 23 Oct - Half term

Mon 30 Oct - Non Pupil Day

Week beginning 6th Nov Parents evenings

Tues 14 Nov EYFS phonics workshop (parents to see a session) 9.00am

Wednesday 15th EYFS phonics workshop (parents to see a session) 9.00

Fri 17 Nov - Spots and Stripes - Children in Need

Weds 22 Nov Yr 2 Maths workshop (parents to see a session) 9.00am

Thurs 23 Nov Yr 2 Maths workshop (parents to see a session) 9.00am

Weds 29 Nov EYFS Stay and Play 9.00am

Thurs 7 Dec Christmas Dinner and Jumper day

Fri 8 Dec - Non Pupil Day

Mon 11 Dec - Yr 2 Carols 2.15pm

Tues 12 Dec - EYFS nativity 9.10am

Weds 13 Dec - EYFS nativity 2.15

Thurs 14 Dec - Yr 1 Carols 2.15pm

Fri 15 Dec - Christmas Craft day

Mon 18 Dec - Nursery singing



Parents/ Carers bringing dogs into school grounds at drop off and pick up times.

We recognise that dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as such are often included in day today activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs in the playground and school grounds stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment. Therefore we would ask you not to bring dogs onto school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your co-operation by not bringing your pet to school.

Tiddly Winklers forms are available from the school office or from our website,
Please check with Mrs Rushen before you book as we are full on most days.
 Late pick ups **will be charged** to attend Tiddly Winklers. Ask for further information from the school office or find out more on our website.



Don't forget to have a look on a website for local SEN events happening in the area. Click on the link below:

URL:
<https://www.johnrayinfants.com/page/?title=Local+Attractions+%2F+Events&pid=357>

Our Open Day for 2024 Admissions is:

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - 09.30am/11.30am

You can also book to have a tour of our school whilst the school is in session;

To book a school tour, please contact the school office and let us know which date you would like.

We cannot wait to show you our school!

Applications for a primary (reception) school place starting September 2024 can be made online between 6 November 2023 and 15 January 2024.

Friday 20th October 9.30am

Wednesday 1st November 9.30am

Saturday 4th November 9.30-11.30am - no need to book'

Monday 13th November 9.30am

Tuesday 12th December 2.00pm

Monday 8th January 9.30am



Please do encourage your children to stay with you before and after school and not to run around on the playgrounds or play on the equipment in the foundation stage or the back playground this includes siblings on the play equipment as well.



We are receiving complaints from neighbours that parents are parking illegally or parking across drive ways, please be mindful of our neighbours and park responsibly when on the school run.



The children will be coming home with a login and password for an online platform. Sing Up encourages and supports singing and musical learning with children and young people so that they: Learn to sing well and enjoy singing, Develop musical skills and understanding and experience the wider learning and developmental benefits that singing and music making provides Experience long-term benefits to their health and well-being . The children will be able to login and practise songs they are learning in assembly as well as in the class.



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

Please feel free to email Mrs Ryan, Office@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk with a description of what they have done. It can be to learn to ride a bike with or without stabilisers, swimming achievements, karate, litter picking, anything at all.



Whole grapes are considered to be a choking risk for children because they are round and a similar size to their throats. Plus, they are slippery and can be hard to bite into for little mouths. Please ensure when giving your children grapes for lunch that they are cut length ways along the fruit.



We have had a lot of lost uniform with no name. Please ensure all coats and jumpers have your child's name written on the label.

Now that the wet and cooler weather is on its way. Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat every morning.



EYFS Class Assemblies

Thursday 19th October at 2.50pm We would like to invite Parents/Carers from Butterflies, Ladybirds, Dragonflies and Bumblebees to come and celebrate Harvest by singing a few songs in our classrooms. If you would like to bring any last minute donations for the Food Bank, it would be greatly appreciated.



Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)? Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, health, social care as well as representatives from the education teams, SEND Navigation Leads and local support groups. The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book.

This term for Mid Essex we will be at:

Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham CM8 2DY

Wednesday 18 October
9am to 12.30pm

Please go to the Essex Local Offer to find out addresses and more (QR and link below).

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SCAN ME

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



Does your child present with challenging behavior?

If so, this workshop may be for you.



Do you sometimes...

struggle to understand your child's behavior?
find it difficult to communicate with them?
Find it hard when your child doesn't listen?
want to have a more positive relationship with your child?

What will I learn in this workshop?

This workshop aims to provide education to parents and carers about your child's behaviour. It will teach skills and techniques to enable you to support your child when they exhibit challenging behaviour and equip you with the knowledge you need to help manage this in the future.

Details:

COMING SOON!

Dates to follow.

Run by: This workshop is run by the Mental Health Support Team who work with the school to support emotional wellbeing.

For more information, please discuss with your child's school.

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust



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Your Stats

94% of families receive SMS

93% of families receive Emails

89% of families have an Account

66% of families are using the Mobile App

28.87% of payments uptake

Tiddlywinks

Baby & Toddler Group



St Michaels Church House

Tuesdays: 1.15pm-2.45pm

(School term time only)

Story, Songs, Refreshments, Craft and lots of Toys!

All Pre School Children Welcome