



John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

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

Main Office Information

09/02/24



This term our Core Value is



Honesty



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/TiddlyWinkers - Clare Ryan - Monday-Friday
office@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk

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
All teacher emails are on our website.

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**.

School meals week starting 15 Jan 2024 wk 1
School meals week starting 22 Jan 2024 wk 2

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

Nursery Lead - Miss C Devereux

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.



Diary Dates:

Tues 13 Feb - 9.00am Year 1 (Ott/HH/SQ + Y1 Kes)
Parents Workshops - Maths (parents to come in and see a session)

Weds 14 Feb- 9.00am LB/DF Parents Workshop - Maths (parents to come in and see a session)

Thur 15 Feb - 9.00am BF/BB Parents Workshop - Maths (parents to come in and see a session)

W/c 19 - 23 Feb HALF TERM

W/c 26 Feb Parents evenings

Thurs 7 March - World Book Day - info to follow

Thur 14 Mar - FS & Year 1 - Parents in to celebrate Science week - Info to follow.

Thur 15 Mar - Year 2 - Parents in to celebrate Science week - Info to follow.

Thur 28th Mar - Last day of term

Fri 29 March - Good Friday

Mon 1st April - Fri 12th April - Easter Holidays.

Monday 15th April - Back to School



Just a quick reminder that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on school grounds. It can get very busy around the school grounds during collection and drop off times, this is to ensure everyone stays safe around the school.

Thank you to the year 2 parents who were able to attend our reading workshops this week. We hope you enjoyed the session with your children.

READING WORKSHOP



MATH WORKSHOP!

We look forward to inviting our Foundation Stage parents in to see our Maths sessions next week.

Ladybirds/Dragonflies Wed 14 Feb

Bumblebees & Butterflies Thurs 15 Feb

Tiddly Winkers 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 Winkers. 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>

ANGELMAN SYNDROME

Many of you will know Darcie from Kingfishers, but you may not be aware that she has a rare genetic condition called Angelman Syndrome.

15th February each year is International Angelman Day and as a community we take the opportunity around this time to spread awareness of the condition.



Epilepsy
 Darcie has 6 different seizure types

Severe Learning Disabilities

1 in 20,000

Sleep Issues
 We are up at all hours of the night!

Non Verbal

Darcie Age 7

Loves Music, Dancing, Horse Riding, and Cuddles

Has a cheeky personality and the best sense of humour ever!

We chose to send Darcie to a mainstream school to enable her to socialise and interact with "normal" children. It was the best decision we could have made and she is now ready to start her next journey in a special school from September

A Deletion on Chromosome 15

Sensory Processing Disorder

Poor Balance & Mobility

AS affects the nervous system. Darcie has very poor balance. We were told that she would never walk. but with weekly physio since 18 months old, here she is defying the odds.



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.



Please note we will not be having a superhero day on the last day of term. Children will need to wear school uniform on the last day of term.

There will be a non uniform day next half term.

DID YOU KNOW?



37 Royal Mail employees a week were attacked by dogs in 2022/23. That's a total of **1,916** posties - with some suffering permanent and disabling injuries.

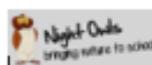
Please help us prevent attacks on our posties:

- **SECURE YOUR DOG** in a different room when the postie arrives
- **NEVER OPEN THE DOOR** to a postie when your dog is not secured away
- **INVEST IN A LETTER CAGE OR EXTERNAL DELIVERY POINT** to stop bites through the letterbox
- **If your dog is running loose outdoors on your premises YOUR MAIL CAN BE SUSPENDED**



For more information, please visit royalmail.com/dogawareness

Following changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in May 2024, an owner or a person in charge of a dog, can be prosecuted if their dog attacks anyone, in any place in England, Wales or Scotland. Royal Mail can commence a prosecution if the police have failed to do so.



Dear Parents/Carers,

British Science Week 21st - 24th March 2024

The theme for this year's science week is... 'Time!' We will be looking at how time affects everything around us. We have many exciting things planned such as setting jelly over time and finding out how animals have adapted to their environment over time. We have many exciting activities planned over the three days and we look forward to sharing their activities and learning with you.

Night Owls visit

On Wednesday 21st March we are having a visit by the Night Owls team. The children will have an opportunity to learn about these amazing birds of prey and see them in action. There will be more information to follow.

Parent Workshops

To help celebrate British Science Week, we would like to invite parents to take part in a range of prepared scientific investigations with their children in our school hall.

Wednesday 21st March

Dragonfly Class	1.40 - 2.30
Leafbird Class	2.30 - 3.20

Thursday 22nd March

Otter Class	9.00 - 9.30
Squirrel Class	9.40 - 10.30
Hedgehog Class	10.20 - 10.50

Thursday 23rd March

Bumblebee Class	1.40 - 2.30
Butterfly Class	2.30 - 3.20

Friday 24th March

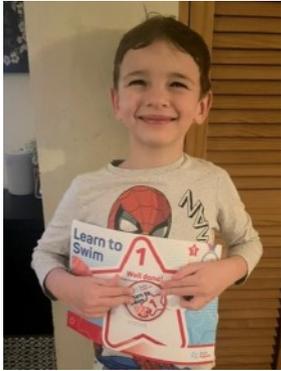
Kingfisher Class	9.00 - 9.30
Kestrel Class	9.40 - 10.30
Woodpecker Class	10.20 - 10.50
Robin Class	11 - 11.30

The children thoroughly enjoyed this event last year and we are very excited to host this again this year. If you do have any questions, please chat to your class teacher and they will be very pleased to help you.

Kind regards
 Hannah Cleary
 (Science Lead)

We love to celebrate any achievements the children have been 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,



Congratulations to Connor who has been awarded his 5m Certificate and badge and has now been moved up a level in swimming and is now in stage 2. He's very proud of himself and so he should be! Well Done!



Well done to Phoebe in Woodpeckers, who has raised an amazing £145 for charity so far. Phoebe is having her incredibly long hair cut and will be donating it to the Little Princess Trust. What a superstar she is!



Congratulations to Logan who has won a medal at box2burn. He does this every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning. He won the medal for showing amazing boxing and great listening skills and hard work. Well done!