



John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

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

Main Office Information

03/11/23



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 - Clare Ryan - Monday, Wednesday - Friday

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

Finance - Catherine Rushen - Monday - Thursday

admin@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

School meals week starting 6th Nov 2023 wk 2
School meals week starting 13th Nov 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:

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

Weds 20 Last day of term

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.




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



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.



 Just a quick reminder that there are parent/care learning reviews with your class teacher from Monday 6th November for parents of children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2. Can we ask if at all possible that children do not attend with you.

Year 1 children are going to Braintree Museum on Tuesday 14th November. Please can Year 1 parents pay £6.50 for the trip on parentmail by Tuesday 7th November.



Do you know someone who is starting school September 2024?

Its our open morning on Saturday 4th November 9.30am -11.30am. Please come along and see our amazing school, no need to book, just come along and say hello, and meet our



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>

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!

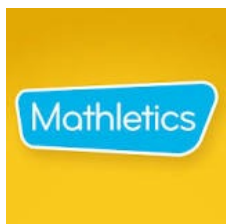
Applications for a primary (reception) school place starting September 2024 can be made online between 6 November 2023 and 15 January 2024.

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



Don't forget to encourage your child to practice their Maths skills with you at home. In school, an Effort and Participation certificate will go out for the class who has used it the most across that week.

Username and passwords have been given out during the previous half term and content is released by Year groups as the Maths content is taught in lesson blocks.

Any questions speak to your Class Teacher.



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.

We love to celebrate any achievements the children have been awarded out



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.



Well done to Dexter on becoming a Beaver and earning his badges. Congratulations!



Kerim from Hedgehogs won a medal from boxing. He is very proud of the hard work he has put in to his boxing has paid off and wanted to share his achievements with everyone. Well done!



Finley entered a karate Kata tournament on Saturday (14th) and won gold in his division.

He also was very proud to be invested as a Beaver last week (9th).

Congratulations and well done!



Jake has successfully completed level 2 at swimming and has progressed to level 3. Despite level 3 now starting in the big pool, Jake is facing the new challenge with courage and determination! Congratulations and well done!

BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN
this winter

- 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, coats or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3 Don't forget to accessories! Even small items such as clips 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.

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!

Be Bright Be Seen THINK

SAFERESSEX
roads partnership

Attention all parents!

Download the ParentMail App
for the best way to pick up school messages

FREE DOWNLOAD

"Nice simple little App but such a great, effective way of accessing important school information!"
★★★★★

"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised!"
★★★★★

"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10!"
★★★★★

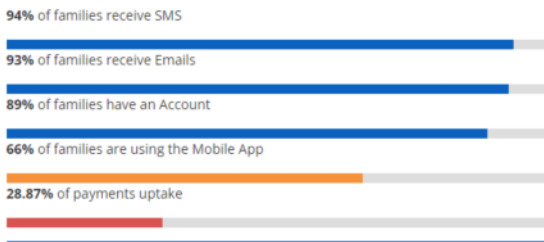
Search "ParentMail" in your App store.

Available on the Google Play and the App Store.

ParentMail **NST**

Please note if you are not already registered, you will need to register online on the ParentMail website before trying to access the App. Please ask the school office to send you a registration message.

Your Stats



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:
Who for: This is workshop for parents & carers with a child who experiences worries
Where: At your child's school *School to insert specific room/

COMING SOON!
Dates to follow.

who work with the school to support emotional wellbeing.

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

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

NHS
Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

FLU VACCINE CATCH UP CLINICS

Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running catch up clinics in mid Essex for flu.

Your nearest catch up clinics this winter:

- Braintree:**
11 November & 9 December
- Chelmsford:**
24 October, 4 November & 22 December
- Witham:**
27 October, 9 December
- South Woodham Ferrers:**
25 October, 25 November & 13 January

It's easy to catch up. Book your nearest clinic NOW on 0300 790 0597 or for more information on missed vaccinations.

#DoYourBitMidEssex

Essex County Council

Autism Central
For parents and carers

open to anyone, no diagnosis necessary.

Sometimes, talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

Autism central is here to help!

The Autism Central Peer Education Programme is for parents, carers and Personal Assistants of autistic people of any age. They do not need a diagnosis to access the service.

Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

What we can offer:

- A constantly growing range of information and guidance is available on the Autism Central website: www.autismcentral.org.uk
- Weekly online group sessions—some are 'drop-ins' where parents/carers/PAs can discuss any topics relating to autism. Others are based on common themes such as sensory processing, anxiety and much more. These sessions can be booked on the Autism Central website.
- 1:1 support via a telephone or Teams call. 1:1 support can be requested via the QR code below.

Request for support