



# John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Turner and I have been busy observing classes within the main school this week. Our main focus has been on Phonics and looking at the progress the children are making within this area. We have been so impressed by how well the children are engaging and how enthusiastic they are about their learning. It has been lovely to see the EYFS children writing simple words so confidently, using their segmenting skills to recognise which sounds they should use.

We have been very excited to welcome new children into nursery this week. They have all settled in really well and we wish them all the best as they embark on their 'John Ray Journey'. The existing children have been excellent role models of our core values displaying both 'kindness' and 'respect' when showing them the routines and expectations.

You may have seen that work on the 'Willow Tunnel' within the KS1 play ground has been started. Unfortunately, the children haven't been able to enjoy running through it for some time as the branches had become long and sharp. Some of the money raised by our fabulous PTA is going to help cut it back, we then intend to create a more sensory experience within it for all the children to enjoy. Initial progress was hindered by the rain last week but the ladies completing the work will be back soon.

You will have seen on the news information about strike action being taken by the NEU (National Education Union). We do have a number of staff who are in this union, I am currently establishing if any do intend to take action. I will let you know the outcome of this on Monday.

I hope you all have a great weekend,

*L Christian*

Headteacher

