



# John Ray Infant School & School House Nursery

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



10/03/23

This term our Core Value is



Honesty



## Main Office Information

Opening Times 8.30am until 4.00pm

Telephone: 01376 323071

Email: [enquiries@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk) Please call the office to report your child absent, before 9am.

School meals week starting 13 Mar 2023 wk 2  
School meals week starting 20 Mar 2023 wk 1

Deputy Head - Mrs A Darvill  
SENCo - Mrs L Bailey-Whyte  
FS - Mrs K Yates  
Yr 1 - Mrs E Turner  
Yr 2 - Miss C Springall



## Diary Dates:

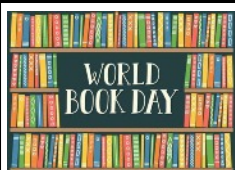
Thur 16 Mar Yr 1 Space Exhibition for parents  
Thur 16 Mar Yr 2 Chocolate Fayre  
Fri 17 Mar Red Nose Day - Children to wear red  
Wed 22 Mar Music Festival Performance  
W/c Mon 27 Mar whole school TLR's  
Fri 31 Mar Last day of Term  
Mon 3 Apr to Fri 14 Apr - Easter Holidays  
Mon 15 May Class Photos and Yr 2 Photos  
Mon 22 May - Yr 1 Boydells Farm info to follow  
Fri 26 May Last day of term  
Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June - Half Term  
Mon 5 Jun - Non Pupil Day  
Tues 6 Jun - Start of Term

## 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](mailto: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.



The children and staff really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day last Friday, Please have a look out the below link to see a selection photos taken during the day. URL:

<https://www.johnrayinfants.com/gallery/?pid=160&gcatid=101>



## After School Drop In Term Time Only 3pm -4.30pm

A friendly health drop in and activities for primary age children.

At Carousel Family Hub, Chapel Hill Braintree CM7 3QZ. Every Tuesday.  
Harlequin Family Hub Delivery Site, Spa Road Witham CM8 1NA. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.  
Silver End Family Hub Delivery Site, The Broadway CM8 3RQ. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.  
Acorn Family Hub Delivery Site, Beridge Road Halstead CO9 1J.H. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.

### Topics may cover

Enuresis (wetting), hearing vision tests, behaviour, sleep, fussy eating/growth, healthy lifestyles, emotional wellbeing, head lice and initial body changes with puberty.

Tiddly Winkers forms are available from the school office or from our website

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.

Please ensure you book as soon as possible as we are now full and up to our maximum numbers most days.



Please do not let your children and siblings on the play equipment in either of the playgrounds. Please keep your children with you before and after school.



### Science Week 2023

We have had a very busy week carrying out lots of activities linked to Science. We have been creating and testing rocket mice, parachutes and creating lots of explosions. Our grown ups were invited to our Science workshops and were amazed about how much we knew. Lots of us also took part in the whole school competition. Phew what a busy week!



Don't forget to vote for our amazing catering team.



Click on the link below to nominate John Ray Infant, fantastic catering team for a Good School Food award.  
URL: <https://www.jamieoliver.com/schoolfoodawards/apply/>

### Year 2 will be hosting a chocolate fayre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March you may collect your **year 2 child at 2:30pm**, via the school hall doors and wait briefly on the playground. The fayre will open shortly after, for just Year 2 children. Siblings from other year groups can be collected at the normal time of 3.15pm. **All other year groups can then visit the fayre from 3:15pm**

Various stalls will be in the school hall selling chocolate cakes, biscuits and other tasty treats. Many of these will have been prepared by the children themselves! There will also be games and activities that the children can enjoy.

For our stalls, we would welcome donations of any chocolate treats. These could be cakes, chocolate biscuits, a box of chocolates, chocolate bars or even

Easter eggs. **Please bring your donations into school from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.** If you are going to be donating a homemade item, please read the important information below.

**Our stalls will have limited change, please bring small change with you, If you can.**

### Homemade cakes, biscuits and other items

Due to 'Natasha's Law' (2021), we are required to follow statutory allergen labeling requirements. This means that any homemade items brought into school, must have an ingredients list provided. We welcome your homemade efforts and look forward to receiving them as contributions to our chocolate fayre, However please ensure you have completed the simple form which can be collected from the school office. Also, please ensure all homemade items are handed to the school office and not sent to school with children or handed to teachers. If you require a copy of the form, the school office will be happy to provide one for you to complete.



# Hall Hire Available

for  
**Children's Parties**  
£15.00 Per Hour

at

**John Ray Infant School**

[enquiries@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@johnrayinfants.essex.sch.uk)



A screenshot of a Twitter post from JohnRayInfantSchool. The tweet is from 'the one show' and says 'BBC The One Show Tonight @JamieOliver Good School Food'. It includes a video thumbnail of Jamie Oliver in a kitchen. The tweet has 10.2K views, 2 replies, 12 retweets, 54 likes, and 36.1K impressions. A speech bubble points to the tweet with the text: 'Don't forget to check us out on Twitter: JohnRayInfantSchool'. Below the tweet is another post from JohnRayInfantSchool showing a group of children in red school uniforms cheering, with a caption from thesun.co.uk: 'Jamie Oliver is on mission to find the...'. The bottom of the screenshot shows the Twitter navigation bar.

## Mathematics Parent Workshop

### For Year 1 + 2 parents.

Would you like to find out how we teach Maths in school?

Then come along to our fun Maths Parent Workshop. We will show you ways in which you can help your child improve their basic skills in number and calculation at home.

Please don't worry, you will not be put on the spot or asked to complete any tricky tasks! This session is aimed at sharing the activities and equipment we use in school and to give you hints and tips on the sorts of activities you can complete with your child at home.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

2.10pm-3pm.



Please return the slip below if you can attend so that a pack of resources can be made for you.

Mrs Ervine (Maths Subject Leader)

+ Mrs Kittles (Pupil Premium Leader)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We are inviting parents to come along for tea and chat and to discuss anything SEN. Our SENCo Mrs Bailey-Whyte will be available to speak to.

A logo for 'Tea & Chat' featuring a cup of tea on a saucer.

## Celebration Corner

Please let us know if your child has done something amazing, we would like to celebrate their achievement.

A logo for 'Celebration corner' with a colorful banner above the text.



Congratulations to Ruby and Amber on becoming Rainbows. Well done girls.