

# John Ray Times

**Our Core Values: Hope, Perseverance, Trust, Courage, Respect, Responsibility**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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For information on Food Bank vouchers email: [mkeegan@compassps.uk](mailto:mkeegan@compassps.uk)

For second hand uniform requests email: [rcottee@compassps.uk](mailto:rcottee@compassps.uk)

Breakfast club queries email: [hwiltshire@compassps.uk](mailto:hwiltshire@compassps.uk)

School dinner menus are on our website: W/C 20.02.23 [Week 1](#), W/C 27.02.23 [Week 2](#), 06.03.23 [Week 3](#)

## World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Just a reminder that World Book Day is celebrated on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. In school, we will be hosting a variety of activities for the children to share their love of reading. In year 3, the children will be joining a live lesson on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. In year 4, they are going to be turning either a wooden spoon or a potato into a character. In year 5, they will be completing an activity called 'Go Find a Book'. In year 6, they will be joining a live lesson on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and will be creating a Bookflix display based on their favourite books. Children are also invited to dress up as their favourite book character and / or bring in a (safe) prop from home to represent a character from a favourite book.

Don't forget to spend your £1 book voucher!



## Mersea – Year 6 residential

Below is a reminder of the payment schedule for the year 6 residential trip to Mersea. Please note that the full balance is due no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023. If you have not yet booked for your child to attend the residential, you have up until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 to book them on and the full balance will be due. If you need to discuss any outstanding payments, please call the school office to speak to Mrs Wiltshire.

Payment Due Date	Amount due
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 – <b>Payment must be paid to secure your child's place.</b>	£30 deposit
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	£29
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	£29
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	£29
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	£29
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	£29
<b>Total</b>	<b>£175</b>

### Mobile phones

We recognise that for older children in Y5/6 mobile phones may have a part to play in securing pupils' personal safety before and after school, particularly on journeys to and from school. If you wish for your child to bring in a mobile phone to school we ask that parents read our [mobile phone protocol](#) and, if you have not already done so, complete a [permission request form](#). This information is available in the parent section of the website.

### Red Nose Day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

To join in with Red Nose Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, children are able to wear non-uniform and / or wear a red nose. The suggested contribution is £1.

### Spring term learning conferences

Learning conferences are due to take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** and can be booked using the My Child At School (MCAS) app. Bookings will open at noon on Wednesday 1st March and will close at noon on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Children are also expected to attend the learning conference. Learning conference appointments are available from 3:45 -7pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and 3:45 – 5:30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**If you have already attended a One Plan meeting or Annual Review for your child this term, you do not need to attend learning conferences. If you are not sure, please email class teachers. 3P learning conferences are being held this week.**

### Y5 maths workshops

We look forward to welcoming the Y5 parents into school from 3:30 – 4:00pm to take part in a maths workshop this week. Please collect your child as normal and then re-enter the school through the main school office. Please sign in at the classroom.

The sessions for **5C and 5T took place today. 5G and 5B will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

### Together Dental – Taking children through NHS

St Michaels House, Saint Michael's Lane, Braintree, CM7 1EY  
01376 321789

If you need to register your child with a dentist, Together Dental are now accepting children on the NHS. Please call the number above to register your child.

### French at JRJ

Please rehearse these sounds at home to increase your child's knowledge of phonemes (smallest units of sound) and letter strings using knowledge learnt from 'Phonics' sections of our French lessons.



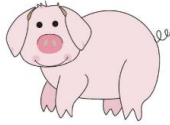
**Mouton**

(like 'oo' in 'tooth')



**Cheval**

(like 'sh' in 'shop')



**Cochon**

(like 'onn' in 'honk')



**Oiseau**

(like 'wah' in 'waffle')

### SEND Roadshow

Parent/Carer SEND Roadshows run in each quadrant in Essex on a termly basis. These events are an opportunity for families to drop-in (no booking is required) to speak to professionals from a range of organisations including representatives from the SEND Quadrant Teams, Health and social care, as well as SENDIASS, Preparing for Adulthood, the Youth Service and the Multi-Schools Council. We also have local charities/organisations represented including Essex Family Forum and Families in Focus.

The events have grown this term and are running all day. They are taking place in collaboration with SENDIASS who will be running bookable workshops for parents and carers to attend during the day should they wish. Further information about these will be available via the Essex Local Offer Facebook page in the coming weeks.

Please see the dates below:

**Mid Essex:** Tuesday 14 March – The Hamptons, Great Baddow – 9.30am-3pm

**NE Essex:** Tuesday 28 March – Colchester Stadium – 9.30am-3pm

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Don't forget we would love to hear about any children who have been awarded badges or certificates for activities they do outside of school. Please email class teachers with your child's achievements.

Well done to:

Baris (6B), Riley (6A), Amir (3P), Spencer (3U) who were all awarded man of the match (football).

Maddison (6R), Freya (6CB), Fearne-Dolly (6E) and Bellina (5G) who were players of the match (football).

Well done to:

Rachel (6CB) gymnastics medal.

Emily (3U) who now has her Brownie Thinking Day badge.

Teegan (5B) who is now a Brownie Sixer.

### Stars of the Week

Each week, class teachers will choose a member of their class to be star of the week. Children who are chosen will have their name added in this section of the newsletter.

3A: Issa	4A: Layla	5B: Tilly-Grace	6B: Lily-Mae
3B: Sophia	4C: Grace	5C: Casey	6CB: Troy
3P: Theo	4S: Alana	5G: George	6E: Amelia
3U: Jenson	4WY: Zach	5T: Hajra	6R: Chloe

### PE Days

Children need to come into school on PE days in their PE kit. Children will need an outdoor PE kit i.e., black tracksuit bottoms (or shorts in warmer weather), white T-shirt and a black fleece / tracksuit top. **This half term there has been a change to 6R, 6E and 6B's PE day. Please see below.**

3A, 3U, 3P	Tuesday and Thursday
3B	Tuesday and Wednesday
4S, 4C, 4A	Monday and Wednesday
4WY	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
<b>6R, 6E, 6B</b>	<b>Tuesday and Wednesday</b>
6CB	Wednesday and Thursday

Please remember that children must remove earrings to participate in PE lessons. Taping over earrings is not permitted.

**PE kit is black joggers / shorts and a black hoodie or sweatshirt with a white T shirt along with trainers.**

We expect that children will either wear one of the black John Ray logo hoodies from our supplier or a plain black hoodie/sweatshirt and plain black joggers on the two days a week that your child has PE.

### **CASHBACK WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE**

The Friends of JRI and JRJ have created a cash back account through **Easy Fundraising**. This is a fantastic way to raise much needed extra funds to support both schools.

The link below can be used for you to register:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/47ha4n/>

Once registered, for ease, you can download the app. Every time you shop from the app, across over 4000 online retailers, our schools earn cash back. It's free to join and includes top names like EBay, Argos, Iceland and John Lewis. You can share this link with friends and family members too. A letter with more information can be found on our [website](#).

### **Safeguarding**

#### **Are you worried about a child?**

As a school, we consider safeguarding to be a priority. We welcome parents and carers talking openly to us about their concerns for the safeguarding of children and families. **Remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.** If you have any concerns about a child, you can contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads via the school office. Please ask to speak to Karen Harrison, Rachel Cottee or Meriel Keegan and specify that you have a safeguarding concern.

If you are worried about a child or young person, you can call the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000). If a child is in immediate danger, you should call 999.

Children can call [Childline](#) at any time on [0800 1111](tel:08001111)

### **National Online Safety: What parents / carers need to know about Spotify**



With around 60,000 songs added to its online library every day, Spotify is a vast treasure trove of audio dating from some 19th century recordings through to giants of the download age like The Weeknd and Ed Sheeran. Factor podcasts, audiobooks and videos into the mix, and the Swedish-based streaming platform quite literally offers something for everyone.

Not everything in Spotify's depths is universally suitable, however. The sheer mass of music and content on the platform mean that, naturally, not all of it is intended for younger listeners. With an audio chat service available and media reports of predatory activity, our #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights other aspects of Spotify which trusted adults ought to be in the loop about.

In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate lyrics, an audio chat function and recent reports of predatory activity.

The guide can be found at the bottom of the newsletter and also on the National Online safety website under guides.

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

### CLASS TEACHERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES

We understand that for many people email is a quick and efficient way of communicating and we are therefore happy to provide class teachers' email addresses. Although email is a quick and easy way for parents to communicate with staff, matters that require urgent attention should be communicated via the school office. Staff are not expected to respond to emails after 5pm, during weekends/holidays or when off work due to sickness. A parental agreement relating to email communication with teachers is available from the school office.

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
3A- <a href="mailto:jadams@compassps.uk">jadams@compassps.uk</a>	4A- <a href="mailto:zahsan@compassps.uk">zahsan@compassps.uk</a>
3B- <a href="mailto:bball@compassps.uk">bball@compassps.uk</a>	4C – <a href="mailto:mcheema@compassps.uk">mcheema@compassps.uk</a>
3P- <a href="mailto:sphillips@compassps.uk">sphillips@compassps.uk</a>	4S- <a href="mailto:solney@compassps.uk">solney@compassps.uk</a>
3U- <a href="mailto:ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk">ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk</a>	4WY- <a href="mailto:awilson1@compassps.uk">awilson1@compassps.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:syoung@compassps.uk">syoung@compassps.uk</a>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
5B- <a href="mailto:hbreeze@compassps.uk">hbreeze@compassps.uk</a>	6B- <a href="mailto:jbird@compassps.uk">jbird@compassps.uk</a>
5C - <a href="mailto:dcasey@compassps.uk">dcasey@compassps.uk</a>	6CB- <a href="mailto:hcollier-brown@compassps.uk">hcollier-brown@compassps.uk</a>
5G- <a href="mailto:ngibson@compassps.uk">ngibson@compassps.uk</a>	6E- <a href="mailto:cellis@compassps.uk">cellis@compassps.uk</a>
5T- <a href="mailto:abear@compassps.uk">abear@compassps.uk</a>	6R – <a href="mailto:rroberts@compassps.uk">rroberts@compassps.uk</a>

Please contact class teacher in the first instance to resolve any issues. Should you feel you need to escalate the issue, please contact:

**Miss Cottee (Assistant Head) if your child is in Y5 or Y6** – [rcottee@compassps.uk](mailto:rcottee@compassps.uk)

**Mrs Breen (Assistant Head) if your child is in Y3 or Y4** – [kbreen@compassps.uk](mailto:kbreen@compassps.uk)

### RECENT LETTERS – ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

All communication will be sent through Bromcom. Please ensure that you have given us a current email address. Issues with Bromcom communication should be emailed to [jrcontact@compassps.uk](mailto:jrcontact@compassps.uk)

24.02.23 Braintree Museum trip – Year 4

27.02.23 NEU strike action

27.02.23 Spring term learning conferences

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (new dates added in red)

Spring Term	Summer Term
02.03.23 3:30-4:00 5G & 5B parents invited into class for a maths workshop.	17.04.23 Start of term for children
02.03.23 World Book Day ( <i>Dress as a book character or bring in a prop from a book</i> )	20.04.23 Y5 Introduction to Islam: visitor to school. Approx cost £9.60 per child (more details to follow)
17.03.23 Red Nose Day ( <i>Children can wear a red nose and / or non-uniform in exchange for a donation</i> )	21.04.23 Y5 Introduction to Islam: visitor to school. Approx cost £9.60 per child (more details to follow)
21.03.23 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register	24.04.23 After school clubs start
23.03.23 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register	08.05.23 Bank holiday
27.03.23 3:30-4:00 Y4 parents invited into school for an art gallery	08.05.23 SATS week (Y6 only- <i>Tues: English grammar, punctuation and spelling, Wed: reading, Thurs: maths papers 1 and 2, Fri: maths paper 3</i> )
27.03.23 Last week for clubs (note change of date)	09.05.23 & 11.05.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register
28.03.23 3:30-4:00 5G & 5C parents invited into class for music performance	29.05.23 Half term
30.03.23 Y5 and Y6 to walk to St Michael's church for Easter service. (This is a pupil and staff only service & will take place during the school day- children should	05.06.23 Non-pupil day
	05.06.23 <a href="#">Multiplication check</a> starts for 3 weeks (Y4 only)
	06.06.23 Children return to school
	14.06.23-16.06.23 Mersea residential (Y6 only)
	23.06.23 Summer Fete after school
	03.07.23 3:30 – 4:00 Y6 parents invited into class for a geography afternoon

<p>come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking)</p> <p>30.03.23 3:30-4:00 5T &amp; 5B parents invited into class for music performance</p> <p>30.03.22 Y3 and Y4 Orientation day (<i>This takes place outside and on our school site as part of the geography curriculum. Children will need trainers and a warm / waterproof coat-approx cost £1.50 per pupil</i>)</p> <p>31.03.22 Y5 and Y6 Orientation day (<i>This takes place outside and on our school site as part of the geography curriculum. Children will need trainers and a warm / waterproof coat-approx cost £1.50 per pupil</i>)</p> <p>31.03.23 Last day of term</p>	<p>10.07.23 Last week for clubs</p> <p>11.07.23 Annual reports sent out</p> <p>13.07.23 Children to spend time with their new teacher</p> <p>13.07.23 Open afternoon drop in for current parents from 2:30 – 4pm</p> <p>18.07.23 Sports day and parent picnic (<i>parents invited from 11:45</i>)</p> <p>19.07.23 6CB and 6R Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30</p> <p>20.07.23 6E and 6B Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30</p> <p>21.07.23 Last day of term</p>
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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SPOTIFY

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings – so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

#### GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

#### OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more – with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

#### ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, lets users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 12 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription – meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

#### TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

#### CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

#### KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset – so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

#### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 10am

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 7pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

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to book on the zoom session

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 5pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 5pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 5pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 5pm

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'GET FITTER  
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AND FIRST AIDERS ARE  
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