

John Ray Times

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School dinner menus are on our website: W/C 13.03.23 [Week 1](#) , W/C 20.03.23 [Week 2](#), 27.03.23 [Week 3](#)

Girls' Football

Well done to the girls' football team who played Notley Green last week. The team played brilliantly and showed great team spirit winning 8-0. Well done to Maddison, Lilly-Anne, Bellina, Jeanne, Freya, Fearne-Dolly, Amelia H, Orin, Nancie and Keeana. We are all really proud of you. Thank you to Miss Ball for all her hard work in organising these events and thanks to the parents who supported the team.

Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March

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

Y5 Road safety walks

These will take place on 20th and 23rd March. Each Y5 class will participate in a presentation in the classroom followed by a practical session outside where they will learn about road safety. Please ensure all children have a coat in school on these days.

Spring term learning conferences

Learning conferences are due to take place on **Tuesday 21st** and **Thursday 23rd 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 17th March. Children are also expected to attend the learning conference with their parents. Learning conference appointments are available from 3:45 -7pm on Tuesday 21st March and 3:45 – 5:30pm on Thursday 23rd 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.

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.



Café

(like 'eh' in 'set')



Règle

(like 'ai' in 'air')

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:

Amalie in 6CB who has been awarded junior cross country champion of the year by her club.
Tae (5T), Jake (3U), Faran (4WY), Xavier (5C) and Noah (3B) for being chosen as players of the match in football.
Vinnie (4S), Neo (4C) and Charlie A (4C) for winning at rugby.

Well done to:

Neve (5C), Cassie (5C), Amelia (5B), Sophie (3B), Summer (3P), Quinn (3B), Florence (4A), Layla (4A), Hallie (4A), Emily (4A), Winnie (5B) Elsie (4A), Scarlett (3B) and Nancie (5B) who have all worked hard to earn Brownie badges.

Pippa (4A) who was 1st in a cheerleading competition.

Amelia (5B) for her gymnastics badge.

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: Mia	4A:	5B: Gian	6CB: Freya
3B: Sophie	4C: Amelia	5C: Roman	6B:
3P: Olly	4S: Bartek	5G: Josh	6E: Ruby
3U: Imogen	4WY: Isaac	5T: Harrison	6R: Sophie

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
6R, 6E, 6B	Tuesday and Wednesday
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](tel:08001111) at any time on [0800 1111](tel:08001111)

National Online Safety: What parents / carers need to know about Ipad



When Apple unveiled the iPad in early 2010, they almost single-handedly rewrote people's idea of what of a portable computing device was capable of – and sparked a tablet revolution. There are several very respectable

imitators on the market now, but the iPad remains the standard bearer for tablet computers and still routinely shifts upwards of 40 million units every year.

Their immense popularity, of course, has made the iPad a familiar companion for children and young people: an auxiliary TV; an aid for schoolwork; and a blessing on long car journeys. That said, there are still some aspects of Apple's flagship tablet that parents and carers should bear in mind to help protect their child from online risks – as our #WakeUpWednesday guide explains.

This guide highlights possible hazards including the risk of age-inappropriate content, physical damage to the device and potential screen addiction.

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

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.

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

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

Mrs Breen (Assistant Head) if your child is in Y3 or Y4 – 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

24.02.23 Braintree Museum trip – Year 4

27.02.23 NEU strike action

27.02.23 Spring term learning conferences

06.03.23 Leaver's hoodies – Year 6

08.03.23 Orienteering – All year groups

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (new dates added in red)

Spring Term

17.03.23 Red Nose Day (*Children can wear a red nose and / or non-uniform in exchange for a donation*)
20.03.23 3P to walk to St Michaels Church for Easter Experience (*This will take place during the school day- children should come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking*)
20.03.23 Two Y5 classes to have Y5 road safety training (*Please ensure all children have a coat in school*)
21.03.23 3A to walk to St Michaels Church for Easter Experience (*This will take place during the school day- children should come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking*)
21.03.23 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register
22.03.23 3B to walk to St Michaels Church for Easter Experience (*This will take place during the school day- children should come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking*)
23.03.23 3U to walk to St Michaels Church for Easter Experience (*This will take place during the school day- children should come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking*)
23.03.23 Two Y5 classes to have Y5 road safety training (*Please ensure all children have a coat in school*)
23.03.23 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register
27.03.23 3:30-4:00 Y4 parents invited into school for an art gallery
27.03.23 Last week for clubs (note change of date)
28.03.23 3:30-4:00 5G & 5C parents invited into class for music performance
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 come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking)
30.03.23 3:30-4:00 5T & 5B parents invited into class for music performance
30.03.22 Y3 and Y4 Orientation day (*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*)
31.03.22 Y5 and Y6 Orientation day (*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*)
31.03.23 Last day of term

Summer Term

17.04.23 Start of term for children
20.04.23 Y5 Introduction to Islam: visitor to school. Approx cost £9.60 per child (more details to follow)
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24.04.23 After school clubs start
26.04.23 Year 6 Leaver's hoodie shop closes
05.05.23 Coronation celebration. Children are invited to wear red/white/ blue or dress as a queen or king for the day. (Y5 to bring PE kits in a separate bag).
08.05.23 Bank holiday
08.05.23 SATS week (Y6 only- Tues: English grammar, punctuation and spelling, Wed: reading, Thurs: maths papers 1 and 2, Fri: maths paper 3)
09.05.23 & 11.05.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register
29.05.23 Half term
05.06.23 Non-pupil day
05.06.23 [Multiplication check](#) 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
10.07.23 Last week for clubs
11.07.23 Annual reports sent out
13.07.23 Children to spend time with their new teacher
13.07.23 Open afternoon drop in for current parents from 2:30 – 4pm
18.07.23 Sports day and parent picnic (*parents invited from 11:45*)
19.07.23 6CB and 6R Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30
20.07.23 6E and 6B Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30
21.07.23 Last day of term

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

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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3rd & 4th April 2023 - Epping | Epping St. John's School
5th & 6th April 2023 - Dunmow | Fitch Green Community Hall
5th & 6th April 2023 - Chelmsford | Chelmer Valley
5th & 6th April 2023 - Braintree| Braintree Hockey Club

WEEK TWO

11th & 12th April 2023 - Epping | Epping St. John's School
11th & 12th April 2023 - Dunmow | Fitch Green Community Hall

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