

John Ray Times

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

Monday 17th July 2023

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For uniform orders visit: www.gooddies.co.uk

For information on Food Bank vouchers email: mkeegan@compassps.uk

For second hand uniform requests email: rcottee@compassps.uk

Breakfast club queries email: hwiltshire@compassps.uk

School dinner menus are on our website: W/C 17.07.23 [Week 1](#)

Zones of Regulation

The **ZONES** of Regulation

Blue Zone	Green Zone	Yellow Zone	Red Zone
Sad	Happy	Worried	overjoyed/Elated
Bored	Focused	Frustrated	Panicked
Tired	Calm	Silly	Angry
Sick	Proud	Excited	Terrified

School Attendance Difficulties



Supporting Anxiety



Y6 production

Just a reminder for year 6 parents/carers to complete the form, that was sent via the letter on Monday 10.07.23, for tickets for your child's production. Each child can have two tickets for the 1.30pm and 4.30pm performance. We look forward to seeing you there. If you need any help, please contact the school office. Mrs Wiltshire and Miss Jones will be happy to help.

End of term arrangements for Y6

Y6 are invited to bring in an additional white school top on the last day of term (Friday 21st July) so that they can collect signatures. Children will not be able to get the shirt they are wearing signed so if they wish to take part, they must bring in a spare.

On the last day of term (21st July), Y6 will be leaving 10 minutes later (at 3:35pm) so we can give them a fantastic send off. If you would like to wish them well as they leave, please ensure you are on the playground by 3:20pm.

3B sunflowers

3B enjoyed planting their sunflowers grown as part of their science unit this half term. We are looking forward to them growing over the rest of summer.



Summer Reading Challenge: Ready, Set, Read.

The Summer Reading Challenge invites children aged 4 – 11 to read six or more library books over the summer. There are stickers and other rewards for every book read, with a medal and certificate for every child who completes the

challenge. This year children join the Ready, Set, Read! team (and their animal mascots!) as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course.



Reading books

Please send in any of our school reading books with your child by Wednesday 19th July.

Sports day

It is Sports Day tomorrow, Tuesday 18th July 2023. Children should come to school in their PE kit. Information for tomorrow was sent via email and can be found on the MyChildAtSchool app or our school website.

First day of the autumn term: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Children will return to school on **Wednesday 6th September** and, to help the new Y3 children settle in, we are asking children who will be in Y4, 5 and 6 to come to school an hour **later** on the first day of term. This allows the new children time to explore the school on their own. Therefore, if at all possible, could children who will be starting in Y4, Y5 and Y6 come to school between 9:35-9:45 on 6th September. Please email Miss Harrison if it is impossible for you to do this: kharrison@compassps.uk. The back gate and the front entrances will both be open for the later start.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons will commence on Wednesday 13th September. Lessons will run for 13 weeks. If your child would like to book onto have guitar lessons, please contact Marc using the email address on the flyer below.



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:

George B in 5G who completed a 5K Cancer Race for Life at the weekend in an amazing 23 minutes. Well done George.



Ellie in 6R who has achieved level 6 in swimming.

Harriet in 34A has achieved goldfish 2 badge in swimming.

Quinn and Isaac, both in 3B, were students of the week in kung-fu.

Jessica in 4WY who has been awarded several St John Ambulance Badgers badges.

Mya and Sydnee both in 4WY have been awarded several Brownie badges and their silver award.

Neve and Cassie, both in 5C, have finished their Brownie adventure and will be soon moving to Guides.

Well done to:

Amelia in 4C who had a tennis competition on Sunday. She won 10U girls' singles tournament at Felixstowe LTC.



Alfie in 4WY was 3rd place in the young handlers dig show.

Pippa in 4A came 1st and 7th place in a cheerleading competition.

Megan P and Krystal, both in 5B, and Tae in 5T were given perseverance medals in the football session at the Y5 Notley taster day.

Jack and Xavier in 3A took part in a 2K run at the weekend.

Charlie in 3P won his football match last week.

Summer in 3P came 2nd in a gymnastics competition.

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: Daniel	4A: Arthur	5B: the whole class	6CB: Leighton
3B: The whole class	4C: Mrs Cheema	5C: Finley	6B: Lois
3P: Favour	4S: Jeanne	5G: The whole class	6E: Evie
3U: Lilah	4WY: Jasper	5T: Jack	6R:

PE Days

A newsletter will be sent home during the summer holidays which will contain PE days for next academic year.

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.

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 Cottey or Meriel Keegan and specify that you have a safeguarding concern. **Over the summer holidays emails are either not checked as regularly as usual or may not be monitored at all. Therefore, if you are worried about any child or young person you should seek advice from one of the agencies below.**

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: How to stay safe this summer

With the school summer holidays only a matter of days away, many parents and carers will already be planning outings and activities to keep their young ones entertained. In between those special summer moments, though, there are also likely to be occasions when children happily invest a whole afternoon in Among Us or spend most of their Monday on Minecraft.

As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world. So we've produced a #WakeUpWednesday poster with some simple solutions to help children avoid frequent online pitfalls and enjoy a more positive experience when they go online this summer.

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 or on our website under the communication tab.

Year 3	Year 4
3A- jadams@compassps.uk 3B- bball@compassps.uk 3P- sphillips@compassps.uk 3U- kttoomey-underhill@compassps.uk	4A- zahsan@compassps.uk 4C – mcheema@compassps.uk 4S- solney@compassps.uk 4WY- awilson1@compassps.uk or syoung@compassps.uk
Year 5	Year 6
5B- hbreeze@compassps.uk 5C - dcasey@compassps.uk 5G- ngibson@compassps.uk 5T- abear@compassps.uk	6B- jbird@compassps.uk 6CB- hcollier-brown@compassps.uk 6E- cellis@compassps.uk 6R – rroberts@compassps.uk

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

20.06.23 Relationships and sex education (RSE) – Year 6 (please note lessons will take place during w/c 10.07.23 and not necessarily on 10.07.23).

21.06.23 Relationships and sex education (RSE) – Year 5

23.06.23 Y6 pizza lunch (Y6 only)

26.06.23 Letter to Y5 – class organisation for September – Year 5

26.06.23 Letter to Y4 – class organisation for September – Year 4

26.06.23 Relationships and sex education (RSE) – Year 4 (please note lessons will take place during w/c 10.07.23 and not necessarily on 10.07.23).

27.06.23 Relationships and sex education (RSE) – Year 3 (please note lessons will take place during w/c 03.07.23 and not necessarily on 03.07.23).

10.07.23 Sports day.

10.07.23 Year 6 production letter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (new dates added in red)

Summer Term

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

Term dates 2023-4 are now on our [website](#). The non pupil days are confirmed as:

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Friday 8th December 2023

Monday 3rd June 2024

Dates for the academic year 2023-2024

Please find below the list of dates for next academic year. There are still a few dates to add including times for Y4 parents to come into school. You will see that we have brought forward next year's sports day to May as our summers seem to be getting warmer.

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
06.09.23 Start of term for children	04.01.24 Start of term for children	15.04.24 Start of term for children
11.09.23 After school clubs start	08.01.24 After school clubs start	22.04.24 After school clubs start
12.09.23 Secondary school applications open (Y6 only)	17.01.24 Year 6 reading workshop for parents 8.35am	23.04.24 Year 6 maths workshop for parents 3.30pm
21.09.23 Year 3 times tables parent workshop 8.30am	25.01.24 & 30.01.24 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register	25.04.24 & 30.04.24 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register
25.09.23 Year 6 Mersea residential meeting 5pm	5.02.24 Children's mental health week	13.05.24 SATS week (Y6 only)
27.09.23 Open afternoon drop in for current parents <i>from 2:30 – 4pm</i>	5.2.24 5G and 5B Maths workshop for parents 2.30pm	20.05.24 Year 6 Mersea residential meeting 5pm
28.09.23 Individual photos (children who have PE on this day should come into school in school uniform and bring PE kits in a separate bag)	6.2.24 5A and 5C Maths workshop for parents 2.30pm	21.05.24 Year 3 plants workshop for parents 3.30pm
28.09.23 & 03.10.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register	08.02.24 In class photos (<i>All children should come to school in school uniform and bring PE kits in a separate bag if it is a PE day</i>)	23.05.24 Sports day and parent picnic (<i>parents invited from 11:45</i>)
3.10.23 5G and 5B Reading Café for parents 8.45am	13.02.24 Safer Internet Day	27.05.24 Half term
4.10.23 5A and 5C Reading Café for parents 8.45am	19.02.24 Half term	03.06.24 Non-pupil day
14.10.23 Open morning 9.30-11.30am	26.02.24 Children return to school	03.06.24 Multiplication check starts for 3 weeks (Y4 only)
16.10.23 Year 6 science workshop for parents 2.30pm	07.03.24 World book day (<i>Dress as a book character or bring in a prop from a book</i>)	04.06.24 Children return to school
23.10.23 Half Term week	11.03.24 Science week	06.06.24 Reserve Sports day in case of poor weather
30.10.23 Non-pupil day	15.03.24 Sports Relief (<i>Children can wear sportswear or non-uniform in exchange for a donation</i>)	12.06.24-14.06.24 Mersea residential (Y6 only)
31.10.23 Children return to school	18.03.24 Last week for clubs	17.6.24 5G and 5B Science workshop for parents 3.30pm
31.10.23 Secondary school applications close (Y6 only)	19.03.24 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register	18.6.24 5A and 5C Science workshop for parents 3.30pm
14.11.23 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register	21.03.24 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register	27.06.24 Class photos (children who have PE on this day should come into school in school uniform and bring PE kits in a separate bag)
16.11.23 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register	28.03.24 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)	01.07.24 Last week for clubs
17.11.23 Children in Need (<i>non– uniform: children can wear spots / stripes in return for a donation</i>)	28.03.24 Last day of term	10.07.24 Annual reports sent out
21.11.23 Last week for clubs		11.07.24 Children to spend time with their new teacher
08.12.23 Non-pupil day		11.07.24 Open afternoon drop in for current parents <i>from 2:30 – 4pm</i>
12.12.23 Christmas dinner day for years 4 and 6		16.07.24 Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30pm
13.12.23 Christmas dinner day for years 3 and 5		23.07.24 Last day of term
15.12.23 Year 3 writing workshop for parents 2.30pm		
15.12.23 Y3 and Y4 to walk to St Michael's church for Christmas 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)		
20.12.23 Last day of term		

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER





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HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Join Taylor's Dance Company for a fun-filled dance workshop! Exploring Dance, Song & Acting from everyone's favourite movie & musicals.

**Home Farm Primary School, Shelley Rd,
Colchester, CO3 4JL**
Monday 24th July

**Rayne Primary School, Capel Rd, Rayne,
Braintree, CM77 6BZ**
Tuesday 25th July

Time: 9.30am- 3.15pm

Ages: Reception - Year 6

Cost: £35 per child per day.

To book please go to:

www.taylorsdancecompany.co.uk/holworkshopsbooking

or contact us on:

info@taylorsdancecompany.co.uk

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Summer Activities Offer 2023

Create your own group of family and/or friends and try some new activities at Layer Marney Outdoors.

Times: 9.45am – 1pm

Cost: £140 per group of up to fifteen participants, (12 for water-based activities).



Dates Available	Activities Available
Wed 26 th July	Shelter Building & Fire Skills
Wed 2 nd August	Woodwork & Water purifying
Wed 9 th August	Archery
Wed 16 th August	Laser Tag
Wed 23 rd August	Bouldering & Climbing
Wed 30 th August	Kayaking
	Canoeing
	Paddle boarding
Other dates possible on request.	Raft Building



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Times: 9.45am – 4.45pm



Or fill your afternoon with a visit to Layer Marney Tower...

Tower Open Days: Wednesdays & Sundays 11am-5pm (self-lead)

Tower Tour Day: Wednesday 9th August 2-3pm (book tickets via the tower website)

Tea Room Opening times: 23rd July – 3rd September, Sundays – Wednesdays, 11am – 5pm.

Tower entrance fee and refreshments offers – details on request.

How to get there –



Postcode for navigation: Layer Marney Tower CO5 9US

A member of the team will meet you as you arrive.

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Book a place or find out more:
www.essexwt.org.uk/school-holiday



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Wild Drop-off days

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LEARN ABOUT WILDLIFE
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BUILD CONFIDENCE
PLUS MORE!

School holiday drop-off days

We are offering drop-off days **for children aged 5 and over** to **explore our fabulous outdoor locations for wildlife!** Our programmes help to build confidence, enhance self-esteem and develop social skills. Each group is led by an experienced Wilder Learning Officer.

Book your sessions or find out more:
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