

# John Ray Times

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

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 25.09.23 [Week 1](#) 11.09.23 [Week 2](#) 18.09.23 [Week 3](#)

## Zones of Regulation

The ZONES of Regulation



## School Attendance Difficulties



## Supporting Anxiety



### Welcome

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and we have started the year with reminding everyone about our core values. In assembly, children have explored how we display these values in class and in the playground. It was great to hear many ideas and suggestions from the children.

Over the summer, the school has undergone some internal improvements. Classrooms in Y3, 4 and 5 have been painted and many rooms have also had new carpets. The library has new carpet fitted and has also been repainted. We still have some areas of the school to work on and this will be carried out at weekends and over the half term holiday. We are holding an open afternoon drop in session from **2:30 – 4pm on 27<sup>th</sup> September** and we look forward to welcoming you all then and hope that you get a chance to look around.

### Year 3

Y3 have made a great start to their time at John Ray Juniors and we are delighted with the way they have settled in. Their learning behaviours have been really strong and they are working exceptionally hard. What a great start Year 3.

### Year 3 Times Table workshop

Y3 parents are invited to take part in a times table workshop in class on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from the start of the day until 9:15. Please enter the school with your child between 8:35 and 8:45 or via the school office if you need to arrive after 8:45. We look forward to seeing you.

### Reading Diaries

Unfortunately, our delivery of reading diaries has been delayed and we have been unable to distribute our diaries. We will get these to the children as soon as possible.

### Fire drill

Today, we had a planned fire drill to ensure all children were aware of the procedure. The behaviour of the children during the drill was exemplary and we evacuated the building silently and quickly.

## My Happy Mind



We are so excited to introduce our new programme for our personal, social and emotional learning. [MyHappymind](#) is an NHS backed programme and is designed to build resilience, self-esteem and confidence. It will be taught across the school and each term the children and staff will focus on a different module which will introduce a new set of content, habits and understanding ([Programmes - myHappymind.](#))

Families will also have access through our subscription and further details will be sent home about this. The [family programme](#) teaches you the science and strategies needed to support resilience, self-esteem and happiness.

### **The National Autism Peer Education Programme** [Peer Education Programme | Essex Local Offer](#)

The National Autism Peer Education Programme is offering families and carers of autistic people high-quality and easily accessible autism education, training, and support. Essex County Council, in collaboration with Essex Family Forum, have been funded by Autism Central to deliver the East of England region of the programme.

Also provided are online information sessions about autism including anxiety, sensory needs, back to school support as well as fortnightly informal drop-in sessions. For more information, to book onto a group session, or request one-to-one support, visit the Autism Central website ([Find help | Autism Central](#)).

### **Accelerated Reader**

There is a new URL for Accelerated Reader and this has been updated on our website.  
The new URL is: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1894491>

### **Secondary School Applications**

Applications for secondary school places for September 2024 for children in Year 6 open on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.  
Information can be found on the Essex County Council website: [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#)

### **Guitar Lessons**

Guitar lessons will commence on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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:

Oliver in 6E who, along with his football team, were the winners of Notley FC Tournament - GBFC U11 last weekend.



Well done to:

Franklin in year 5 who was star player at tennis this week.  
 Zac in year 5 who was player of the match in football.  
 Four of our year 4 boys, Xavier, Issac, Max and Daniel, who had a sleepover with cubs and earned their cub camp badges.  
 Quinn in year 4 took part in a swimming crash course and achieved her 10m badge.  
 Tae in year 6 has achieved his stage 6 in swimming.  
 Dominic in year 4 was awarded player of the match.

## 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. **The first stars of the week will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

3A:	4CB:	5A:	6B:
3B:	4O:	5B:	6E:
3P:	4W:	5C:	6R:
3U:	4WM:	5G:	

## 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.

Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
4O, 4WM, 4W	Monday and Wednesday
4CB	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

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 **0800 800 5000**. If a child is in immediate danger, you should call 999.

Children can call [Childline](#) at any time on **0800 1111**



### National Online Safety: Streaming

Like a lot of digital services, live streaming really found its niche during the pandemic – think of Joe Wicks’ at-home fitness classes, Billie Eilish’s virtual gigs and Miley Cyrus’ chat show, for example. Real-time broadcasting of video content over the internet isn’t solely the province of celebrities, however: anyone with a device and something to say (or show) can take part.

With platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, TikTok and Twitch all offering routes to a vast online audience, young people have enthusiastically taken up the baton – streaming on subjects from gaming to sports to live shopping (yes, really!). Potentially having strangers among one’s viewers, though, is just one of many concerns.

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 or on our website under the communication tab.

<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
3A- <a href="mailto:jadams@compassps.uk">jadams@compassps.uk</a> 3B- <a href="mailto:bball@compassps.uk">bball@compassps.uk</a> 3P- <a href="mailto:sphillips@compassps.uk">sphillips@compassps.uk</a> 3U- <a href="mailto:ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk">ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk</a>	4W- <a href="mailto:zwatson@compassps.uk">zwatson@compassps.uk</a> 4CB - <a href="mailto:hcollier-brown@compassps.uk">hcollier-brown@compassps.uk</a> 4O - <a href="mailto:solney@compassps.uk">solney@compassps.uk</a> 4WM- <a href="mailto:awilson1@compassps.uk">awilson1@compassps.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:nmoshtagh-kahnamoi@compassps.uk">nmoshtagh-kahnamoi@compassps.uk</a>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
5B- <a href="mailto:hbreeze@compassps.uk">hbreeze@compassps.uk</a> 5C - <a href="mailto:dcasey@compassps.uk">dcasey@compassps.uk</a> 5G- <a href="mailto:ngibson@compassps.uk">ngibson@compassps.uk</a> 5A- <a href="mailto:abear@compassps.uk">abear@compassps.uk</a>	6B- <a href="mailto:jbird@compassps.uk">jbird@compassps.uk</a> 6E- <a href="mailto:cellis@compassps.uk">cellis@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)

### Dates for the academic year 2023-2024 (new dates added in red)

Please find below the list of dates for next academic year. Term dates 2023-4 are on our [website](#).

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
11.09.23 After school clubs start	04.01.24 Start of term for children	15.04.24 Start of term for children
12.09.23 Secondary school applications open (Y6 only)	08.01.24 After school clubs start	22.04.24 After school clubs start
21.09.23 Year 3 times tables parent workshop 8.30am	15.01.23 Reading workshop for 4CB and 4W parents 2:30pm	23.04.24 Year 6 maths workshop for parents 3.30pm
25.09.23 Year 6 Mersea residential meeting 5pm	16.01.23 Reading workshop for 4CB and 4W parents 2:30pm	25.04.24 & 30.04.24 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register
27.09.23 Open afternoon drop in for current parents from 2:30 – 4pm	17.01.24 Year 6 reading workshop for parents 8.35am	13.05.24 SATS week (Y6 only)
		20.05.24 Year 6 Mersea residential meeting 5pm

<p>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)</p> <p>28.09.23 &amp; 03.10.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register</p> <p>3.10.23 5G and 5B Reading Café for parents 8.45am</p> <p>4.10.23 5A and 5C Reading Café for parents 8.45am</p> <p>16.10.23 Year 6 science workshop for parents 2.30pm</p> <p>17.10.23 Maths workshop for parents of 4CB and 4WM 8:45am</p> <p>19.10.23 Maths workshop for parents of 4O and 4W 8:45am</p> <p>23.10.23 Half Term week</p> <p>30.10.23 Non-pupil day</p> <p>31.10.23 Children return to school</p> <p>31.10.23 Secondary school applications close (Y6 only)</p> <p><b>4.11.23 Open morning 9.30-11.30am (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)</b></p> <p>14.11.23 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>16.11.23 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>17.11.23 Children in Need (non-uniform: children can wear spots / stripes in return for a donation)</p> <p>21.11.23 Last week for clubs</p> <p>08.12.23 Non-pupil day</p> <p>12.12.23 Christmas dinner day for years 4 and 6</p> <p>13.12.23 Christmas dinner day for years 3 and 5</p> <p>15.12.23 Year 3 writing workshop for parents 2.30pm</p> <p>15.12.23 Y3 and Y4 to walk to St Michael's church for Christmas service. (This is a pupil and staff only service &amp; will take place during the school day - children should come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking)</p> <p>20.12.23 Last day of term</p>	<p>25.01.24 &amp; 30.01.24 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register</p> <p>5.02.24 Children's mental health week</p> <p>5.2.24 5G and 5B Maths workshop for parents 2.30pm</p> <p>6.2.24 5A and 5C Maths workshop for parents 2.30pm</p> <p>08.02.24 In class photos (All children should come to school in school uniform and bring PE kits in a separate bag if it is a PE day)</p> <p>13.02.24 Safer Internet Day</p> <p>19.02.24 Half term</p> <p>26.02.24 Children return to school</p> <p>07.03.24 World book day (Dress as a book character or bring in a prop from a book)</p> <p>11.03.24 Science week</p> <p>15.03.24 Sports Relief (Children can wear sportswear or non-uniform in exchange for a donation)</p> <p>18.03.24 Last week for clubs</p> <p>19.03.24 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>21.03.24 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>28.03.24 Y5 and Y6 to walk to St Michael's church for Easter service. (This is a pupil and staff only service &amp; will take place during the school day- children should come to school in trainers / suitable shoes for walking)</p> <p>28.03.24 Last day of term</p>	<p>21.05.24 Year 3 plants workshop for parents 3.30pm</p> <p>23.05.24 Sports day and parent picnic (parents invited from 11:45)</p> <p>27.05.24 Half term</p> <p>03.06.24 Non-pupil day</p> <p>03.06.24 <a href="#">Multiplication check</a> starts for 3 weeks (Y4 only)</p> <p>04.06.24 Children return to school</p> <p>06.06.24 Reserve Sports day in case of poor weather</p> <p>12.06.24-14.06.24 Mersea residential (Y6 only)</p> <p>17.6.24 5G and 5B Science workshop for parents 3.30pm</p> <p>17.06.23 Y4 history workshop from 3:30pm</p> <p>18.6.24 5A and 5C Science workshop for parents 3.30pm</p> <p>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)</p> <p>01.07.24 Last week for clubs</p> <p>10.07.24 Annual reports sent out</p> <p>11.07.24 Children to spend time with their new teacher</p> <p>11.07.24 Open afternoon drop in for current parents from 2:30 – 4pm</p> <p>16.07.24 Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30pm</p> <p>23.07.24 Last day of term</p>
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