

John Ray Times

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

Monday 25th September 2023

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School dinner menus are on our website: W/C 25.09.23 [Week 1](#) 02.10.23 [Week 2](#) 09.10.23 [Week 3](#)

Zones of Regulation

The ZONES of Regulation



School Attendance Difficulties



Supporting Anxiety



Spotlight on learning

Each week we will share some of the learning that has been happening in each year group and how the children have been impressing the adults in school.

Year 3 - We were really pleased to invite the year 3 parents into our classrooms on Thursday morning to share in the learning that the children have been taking part in to secure their times tables knowledge. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend. The children have also been enjoying Groovy Gymnastics in their PE sessions.

Year 4- This week the year 4 children have shown how excited and engaged with Times Tables Rockstars they are both in school and at home. They have produced some super setting descriptions about volcano eruptions in English. This writing is based around their class text which is Escape from Pompei. The children have also read a non-fiction text about volcanoes in their reading lessons which has supported their writing. The children are proud of their writing and are keen to publish it for display.

Year 5- Year 5 children have been writing diary entries from the point of view of a character from their class text Wonder. They have been using adverbial phrases and subordinate clauses to good effect. The children are enjoying alternating long and short geography and history sessions to ensure that their knowledge sticks- ask your year 5 child about 'sticky learning'. It's been tricky in art this week as the children have learnt the new skill of using a pair of compasses to create geometric patterns. They have had to persevere whilst creating Islamic art which links with their history topic.

Year 6- North America is the year six geography topic for this term and the children have enjoyed using digital mapping software and atlases to research this region. The children can't wait for the end of the day when their teachers read them the class text- Kidnap on the California Comet. They're loving it!

Nurture- Super behaviour in Nurture this week as the children have been settling in. The children have been playing lots of games to encourage a sense of togetherness and team building.

My Happy Mind Parent App

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email and authentication code emailed to you in the letter sent on 22.09.23.

One Plan meetings

One Plan meetings will be held on 28th September and 3rd October for children who are currently on the SEN register. Details of how to book an appointment were sent out last week.

Pastoral Support Morning

On 2nd October 2023, the pastoral team including Mrs Childs, Mrs Keegan, our learning mentors, and our Nurture staff would like to invite you and your family to come in for a drink and a biscuit in our Nurture room. This is an opportunity for you to come in and catch up with the staff and access any support or signposting you may need.

It will be from 8.45am - 9.30am and you can gain access from the back gate at 8.45am.

Open afternoon 27.09.23 from 2:30- 4pm

We look forward to welcoming all our current parents for our open afternoon on 27th September. Parents can come along at anytime from 2:30 until 4pm. Please enter through the white hall doors at the front of the school if arriving before 3:10. If you need to leave to collect an infant child, your junior child will be able to leave early with you. If you are coming along after school, please go to the playground to collect your child as normal and then walk back round to the white hall doors to enter the school.

Individual photos 28th September

Individual photos for children will take place in school on Thursday 28th September. Children who have PE on a Thursday (Year 3 and Year 5) will need to come into school in school uniform and bring their PE kits in a separate bag.

Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary school places for September 2024 for children in Year 6 open on the 12th September, 2023.

Information can be found on the Essex County Council website: [Secondary school places](#) | [Essex County Council](#)

Secondary school open mornings and evenings





**SATURDAY 7TH
OCTOBER 2023**

OPEN MORNING

9.30am-12.30pm

Come and sample the Alec Hunter experience! Visit all our department areas, try some activities and find out more about learning in our school. Headteacher Mr Lawn will be holding presentations at 9.45am and 11am to welcome prospective parents and students to Alec Hunter Academy.

We are also holding daily Parent Tours from Monday 9th October to Friday 20th October 2023 starting at 9am and finishing at 11am. A member of the Leadership Group will show you around the school whilst our students are at work. Please call the school office to book a place on these tours on 01376 321813.



TABOR ACADEMY OPEN EVENING

Thursday 28th September 2023 4.30pm-7.00pm

mail@taboracademy.co.uk/01376 323 701





The Ramsey Academy,
Halstead

Open Evening

Aspiration • Diversity • Endeavour

'Achieving Excellence Together'

Thursday 28 September 2023
from 6.30 – 8.30pm

Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm & 7.30pm

"A good school where all leaders and managers have high ambitions for the students, ensuring every student has the opportunity to achieve as well as they can" - Ofsted

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"Pupils enjoy learning at Honywood School.
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Come along to our **Open Evening** on the 5th October from 5:30pm

Visit us on one of our tours at 9:00am and 10:30am w/c 25th September to 13th October

Email schooloffice@honywoodschool.com or telephone on 01376 561231

Booking for our Open Evening presentations is via Eventbrite with limited places. Book early to avoid disappointment:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/honywood-school-open-evening-headteacher-presentations->

Ofsted December 2022:

"Lessons are calm and purposeful with the focus firmly on learning."

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:

Faran in 5B was Player of the match in goal for his football team who won 8-1!
Amelia in 5C came 3rd in an under 11s tennis tournament.
Jenson in 4WM shared his trophy for being Keeper of the week at goalie training.

Well done to:

Ruby in 4W, Quinn in 4W, Shelby in 3A, Sophie in 4W, Alicja in 4W, Summer in 4O and Hallie in 5B all achieved the Air Ambulance Challenge badge at Brownies.

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: Callie-Mai	4CB: Hope	5A: Emily	6B: Sienna
3B: Millie	4O: Stacey	5B: Layla	6E: Lillie-Rae
3P: Akasya	4W: Noah	5C: Antoni	6R: Dolcie
3U: Ronnie	4WM: Emily	5G: Poppy	

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.easypundraising.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: Whatsapp

WhatsApp is the most widely used messaging platform on the planet, with over two billion users (forecast to become three billion by 2025), across more than 180 countries. The majority of those people (70%) open the app at least once a day – but what exactly are they seeing? Contact from strangers, fake news and convincing scams are all among the service's well-documented hazards.

According to Ofcom, WhatsApp is used by more than half of 3- to 17-year-olds in the UK (including one in three from the 8–11 bracket), despite its 16+ age restriction. If your child hops onto WhatsApp to stay in touch with friends or family, the updated guide to the service contains the key details you'll need to support them in doing it safely.

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	4W- zwatson@compassps.uk
3B- bball@compassps.uk	4CB- hcollier-brown@compassps.uk
3P- sphillips@compassps.uk	4O - solney@compassps.uk
3U- ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk	4WM- awilson1@compassps.uk or nmoshtagh-kahnamoi@compassps.uk
Year 5	Year 6
5B- hbreeze@compassps.uk	6B- jbird@compassps.uk
5C - dcasey@compassps.uk	6E- cellis@compassps.uk
5G- ngibson@compassps.uk	6R – rroberts@compassps.uk
5A- abear@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 tojrcontact@compassps.uk

12.09.23 CYO lunchtime club (Y3 only)

22.09.23 My Happy Mind Parent information

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
12.09.23 Secondary school applications open (Y6 only)	04.01.24 Start of term for children	15.04.24 Start of term for children
27.09.23 Open afternoon drop in for current parents from 2:30 – 4pm	08.01.24 After school clubs start	22.04.24 After school clubs start
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)	15.01.23 Reading workshop for 4CB and 4W parents 2:30pm	23.04.24 Year 6 maths workshop for parents 3.30pm
	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
	17.01.24 Year 6 reading workshop for parents 8.35am	29.04.24 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Morning

<p>28.09.23 & 03.10.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register</p> <p>02.10.23 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Morning</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>20.10.23 PTA event – Break the rules day (details to follow)</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>4.11.23 Open morning 9.30-11.30am (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)</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>20.11.23 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Morning</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 & 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>22.01.24 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Morning</p> <p>25.01.24 & 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 (<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>)</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 (<i>Dress as a book character or bring in a prop from a book</i>)</p> <p>11.03.24 Science week</p> <p>11.03.24 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Morning</p> <p>15.03.24 Sports Relief (<i>Children can wear sportswear or non-uniform in exchange for a donation</i>)</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 & 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>13.05.24 SATS week (Y6 only)</p> <p>20.05.24 Year 6 Mersea residential meeting 5pm</p> <p>21.05.24 Year 3 plants workshop for parents 3.30pm</p> <p>23.05.24 Sports day and parent picnic (<i>parents invited from 11:45</i>)</p> <p>27.05.24 Half term</p> <p>03.06.24 Non-pupil day</p> <p>03.06.24 Multiplication check 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 - 8.45am - 9.30am - Pastoral Support Morning</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 <i>from 2:30 – 4pm</i></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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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
in UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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