






# John Ray Times

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

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## Online learning links

 <a href="#">Accelerated Reader</a>	 <a href="#">Century Tech</a>	 <a href="#">TTRockstars</a>	 <a href="#">Nessy</a>
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For uniform orders visit: [Absolute Embroidery](#), or visit the shop on Panfield Lane


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:

**02.06.25 week 1, 09.06.25 Week 2 16.06.25 Week 3**

<a href="#">Zones of Regulation</a> The ZONES of Regulation 	<a href="#">School Attendance Difficulties</a> 	<a href="#">Supporting Anxiety</a> 
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## 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 23.09.24.

### Sports day

It was lovely to see so many of you at our sports day. This year, we separated the day into two halves so that only two year groups were out at the same time. We are currently collecting the views of the children to see if they preferred this organisation or would rather have sports day as a whole school as in previous years.

We would also welcome any parent views. You can give your views quickly and easily by adding comments to this form: [Sports day 2025 feedback](#)

### Parent survey

On sports day, we signposted parents to our annual parent and carer survey. Thank you to those of you who have already completed it. If you have not yet had a chance to do so please add your views by clicking on this link: [2025 parent survey](#)

### Y4 Multiplication check

Over the next three weeks, children in Y4 will take part in the multiplication check. Its purpose is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for

future success in mathematics. At our school, children learn and practise their multiplication tables in a number of ways including using TT Rockstars. The check takes place on a screen and consists of 25 times table questions with 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check takes around 5 minutes to complete.

A parent information leaflet providing information on the multiplication check can be found here:

[Information for parents MTC](#)

### **Hats and sun cream**

Now that we are having some sunnier weather, please ensure children have a named hat in school and have sun cream applied before coming to school. All children should also have a named water bottle in school.

### **SEN Local Offer**

Our SEN Local Offer is amended and published at the end of each academic year. It has the information on provision and processes across the school and the SENCo contact details: [John Ray Junior School - SEND Local Offer \(compassps.uk\)](#).

### **SEND Local Offer Newsletter**

There are lots of activities and events for children with SEND on the Essex Local Offer and from the Local Offer website – sign up here to read more: [Stay up to date with the Essex Local Offer newsletter | Essex Local Offer](#).

This includes our New POP Essex website and location: [POP Essex • SEN Stay & Play And Respite In Braintree, Essex \(pop-essex.org\)](#).

Summer term SEN road show dates:

- Tuesday 17 June at POP Essex Braintree, Mid
- Thursday 19 June at Greensward Academy, Hockley, South
- Tuesday 24 June at Tiptree Community Hall, North East
- Thursday 26 June at Zinc Arts Centre Ongar, West

### **One Plans**

One Plan meeting dates for children on the SEN register have changed to the following:

17.06.25 all classes.

18.06.25 3C & 5W only.

19.06.25 All classes except 3C & 5W.

To book your child's One Plan, please use your MCAS App and select 'parent's evening'.

If you need help to book, please contact the school office.

### **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

Drawing: Oscar in 5W entered a drawing competition for Braintree town hall and won!  
 Football: Max 4J (player of the camp), Jake 6L (3 Yr loyalty award at football presentation), Cody 6L (supporters' player of the year), Oliver 3D (player of the match), Eric 3D (player of the match).  
 Dancing: Mia 5K 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place, Bella 3C (participating in the Disney parade).  
 Tennis: Amelia K (6L) Won club competition at a national league event.  
 Rugby: Phoebe (4CB) 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Rugby competition  
 Max (5B) cubs reading badge  
 Swimming: Elana (3C) level 5  
 Nora 5B: Won an Easter themed design a silk competition at the Chelmsford Race course and had her winning design made into a jockey's silk.



### 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.

<b>3C: Taylor</b>	<b>4B: Ivy</b>	<b>5B: The whole class</b>	<b>6G: Evie</b>
<b>3D: Freddie</b>	<b>4CB:</b>	<b>5E: Melody</b>	<b>6L: Charlie</b>
<b>3P: The whole class</b>	<b>4J: Excellent</b>	<b>5K: The whole class</b>	<b>6O: Lily-Rose</b>
<b>3W: Jorja</b>	<b>4T: Brad</b>	<b>5W: Alexander N</b>	<b>6R:</b>

### 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.

**We are noticing more children coming to school on PE days in wear that is not PE uniform. Please ensure that children have a plain white T-shirt and black shorts or tracksuit bottoms. We may ask children to change into any spare PE that we have in school if they do not come to school dressed appropriately.**

Monday: Y3, Y6  
 Tuesday: Y5, 6L, 6G, 6R  
 Wednesday: Y4, 5B  
 Thursday: Y3, 4B, 5E, 5K, 6O  
 Friday: 4J, 4CB, 4T, 5W

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 Coffee 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 and carers need to know about Ofcom's media report 2025**

This guide takes a closer look at Ofcom's latest Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report. With children embracing social platforms and livestreaming from increasingly younger ages, the guide highlights some critical areas of concern for educators and families – including online exposure, peer interactions and content-sharing habits.

Whether it's the rise in unsupervised screen time, the popularity of gaming with strangers, or the emotional toll of negative online exchanges, the 2025 findings are a timely reminder of the risks that continue to evolve in children's digital spaces. We've highlighted the key statistics to help you navigate this complex landscape, stay on top of emerging trends, and identify where to focus your online safety efforts.

**Source:**

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/media-habits-children/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2025--interactive-data>

[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. **Please note: Miss O'Sullivan now has a new email address.**

Year 3	Year 4
3C: cwaspe1@compassps.uk 3D: dcasey@compassps.uk 3P: sphillips@compassps.uk 3W: zwatson@compassps.uk	4B: wnicolls@compassps.uk 4CB: hcollier-brown@compassps.uk 4J: jbrennan@compassps.uk 4T: tbeeson@compassps.uk, kbreen@compassps.uk
Year 5	Year 6
5B: hbreeze@compassps.uk 5E: cellis@compassps.uk 5K: kbrighton@compassps.uk 5W: awilson1@compassps.uk, rcottee@compassps.uk	6G: ngibson@compassps.uk 6L: jlarbalestier@compassps.uk 6O: cosullivan1@compassps.uk 6R: rroberts@compassps.uk

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

**Miss Coffee (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 INCLUDING NEWSLETTERS – MANY OF OUR LETTERS ARE 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)

12.11.24 Letter from UKHSA and ECC: Circulation of measles

19.11.24 Adverse weather plan

27.11.24 Alec Hunter Taster Sessions for Year 5 Pupils (Y5 only)

06.01.25 HappyDays School Photography Subscriptions (All) - deadline to sign up 20.01.25

06.01.25 National Child Measurement Programme (Y6 only)

08.01.25 Hemisphere pupil survey (Y5 and Y6 only)

09.01.25 Support Sessions for Families (All)

14.01.25 Teaching arrangements for 4B (4B only)

22.01.25 KEGS Open Day Events (Y5 boys only)

27.01.25 Y5 day trip- letter to express interest

29.01.25 Leavers Hoodies (Y6 only)

22.04.25 Ofsted report publication

02.05.25 Sports Day

**Dates for the academic year 2024-2025 (new dates in red)**

[Please see the website for the term dates](#)

**Class photos have changed from 25<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> of July**

**One Plan meetings have changed from 13.05.25 & 14.05.25 to 17.06.25 all classes & 19.06.25 All**

**Classes except 3C & 5K. 18.06.25 3C & 5K only.**

**Summer Term 2025**

02.06.25 Multiplication check starts for 3 weeks (Y4 only)

02.06.25 Children return to school

11.06.25-13.06.25 Mersea residential (Y6 only)

17.06.25 - One Plan meetings for children on SEN register – All classes

18.06.25 - One Plan meetings for children on SEN register – 3C & 5K only

19.06.25 - One Plan meetings for children on SEN register – All classes except 3C & 5W

27.06.25 Summer fete (Please note change of date)

02.07.25 Mrs Baker's singing club to Notley Family of Schools music event at White Court during school time-just for children, no audience.

02.07.25 Class photos (children who have PE on this day should come into school in school uniform and

bring PE kits in a separate bag)

07.07.25 Last week for clubs

08.07.25 Children to spend time with their new teacher

10.07.25 Annual reports sent out

11.07.25 Y6 leavers' disco

15.07.24 Y6 production to parents 1:45 and 4:30pm 6L and 6G

16.07.25 Open afternoon drop in for current parents *from 3:30pm – 4.30pm*

17.07.25 Y6 production to parents 1:45 and 4:30pm 6O and 6R

18.07.25 Last day of term

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2025

Every year, Ofcom releases its Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, offering fresh insights into how young people are using digital platforms. The 2025 edition highlights key safeguarding concerns as children's engagement with social media, gaming, and live streaming continues to grow. This guide pulls out the top statistics from the report, focussing on the main areas of concern for parents and educators.

## ONLINE LIVES

Children are engaging with social media and online content at increasing rates:

**37%**  
3-5s

now have access to social media platforms; however, only a small proportion use it independently of parents.

**79%**  
3-17s

have a social media profile, with 16% including a public photo.

**66%**  
3-17s

watch livestreamed videos regularly, with 16% of them streaming their own content.

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## ONLINE GAMING

Gaming remains popular but raises concerns:

**74%**

of children say they play with someone they know, while 32% report playing with strangers.

**62%**

of parents worry about their children talking to strangers while gaming.

**31%**

of children who game online chat with people they don't know.

## PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents are increasingly worried about online risks:

**70%** fear their child may see age-inappropriate or sexual content.

**68%** fear exposure to content that promotes self-harm.

**72%** worry about their child distinguishing real from fake information.

**61%** worry about exposure to extreme views.

**69%** are concerned about online bullying.

## SCREEN TIME

Screen time is still a major challenge for parents:

**70%**

of parents of 13-17s say it's difficult to manage screen time.

**33%**

of 8-17s think their own screen time is too high.

**At 29% vs 24%**

boys were more likely than girls to disagree that their screen time is too high.

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## HARMFUL CONTENT & INTERACTIONS

A significant minority of children continue to have negative feelings about social media and messaging apps:

**Nearly four in ten 8-17s** believe that people are mean or unkind to each other online all or most of the time.

**Girls aged 8-17** are more likely than boys to say they have experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them online (31%).

**One third of teenagers** agree that it's important that people can say what they want online, even if it offends someone.

## ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Positively, the vast majority of children reported learning about online safety at school:

**92%**

of children aged 8-17 recall at least one lesson on online safety and most report finding them useful.

The top three topics covered are:

**63%**

How to recognise harmful content.

**63%**

How to keep personal information safe.

**62%**

Being kind and respectful online.

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## BIKE AND RUN EVENTS 2025

In partnership with British Triathlon

### When?

Saturday 5th April 9:30am - 11am  
Saturday 3rd May 9:30am - 11am  
Saturday 7th June 9:30am - 11am  
Saturday 5th July 9:30am - 11am  
Saturday 2nd Aug 9:30am - 11am

### Equipment?

Participants only need to bring their own bikes for the family session. Adults only session can use our spin bikes. Participants need to wear suitable footwear.

### Who?

For families and suitable for age 6+ who want to participate in non-competitive cycling and running.

### Where?

At Braintree Sport and Health Club  
Panfield Lane, Braintree, Essex  
CM71FF

The minimum  
distance to cycle  
and run is 1km.

Attend two sessions before 5<sup>th</sup> July to be entered into the prize draw, the lucky winner will receive an amazing goodie bag packed with fitness treats worth over £100, plus a £50 Halfords voucher!



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