

John Ray Times

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

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<p>School Dinner Menus: Our menus are available on our website.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> W/C 12.09.22 Week 1 W/C 19.09.22 Week 2 W/C 26.09.22 Week 3 </p>	

Queen Elizabeth II

On Friday, we joined the rest of the nation in reflecting on the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II. We shared important milestones in her life and achievements over her 70 year reign. The children listened respectfully and with interest. Many of the children remembered the wonderful celebrations that were held to celebrate the platinum jubilee.

As communicated to you by the media over the weekend, the day of the funeral will be a Bank Holiday and therefore we will be closed on Monday 19th September.

Parent events

Year groups would like to invite parents into school to share some of the learning that takes place. In the autumn term dates section at the end of the newsletter, you will see we have added some dates and times when parents are invited into school (These are shown in red). Dates for the spring and summer term will be added in due course.

In addition, we have a parent drop in for all current parents on 28th September from 2:30 until 4pm. Parents are invited to come along at any time from 2:30pm until 4pm. If arriving before 3:10pm, please enter via the white doors that lead into the hall. If you plan on coming along after collecting your child at the end of the day, please collect your child from the playground as normal and then make your way around the building to enter via the white doors. If you plan on coming at a later point, please enter via reception. Class teachers will be in their classrooms. Furthermore, we will be holding an open morning on Saturday 15th October from 9:30 – 11:30.

Although this is predominately for prospective parents, current parents and children are welcome too.

Secondary School Applications for children currently in Y6

Parents of children in Y6 can now apply for a secondary school place. The admission window is open until 31st October and applications must be made through the [Essex County Council website](#). If you need help applying for a space, please contact the school office.

Secondary school open days are as follows:

Notley High – Saturday 17th September 9.30am – 1.30pm
Alec Hunter – Saturday 8th October 9.30am – 12.30pm
Tabor – Thursday 29th September – further details to follow
New Rickstones – Thursday 22nd September 6pm - 8pm
Honywood – Thursday 6th October – 5.30pm

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:

Albie in 4WY who attended a football camp in the summer holidays and was part of the tournament's winning team.



Mya in 4WY for her 200m swim certificate and for completing stage 4.

Maks in 4WY who has been awarded his stage 1 swimming award and has also completed his Chief's Scout bronze award.

Amelia in 4C who took part in green ball grade 5 tennis competition.

Quinn in 3B who completed the reading challenge at the library.

Well done to:

Harry in 5G who has qualified 1st and has gone through to the British Indoor Karting Championships. He has also made it through to a local final.

Neve in 5C for her 600m swim certificate.

Oscar in 5G who achieved 1st and 2nd in two separate karting competitions.

Malachi in 5G for being awarded player of the week at tennis.

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: Jayden	4A: Bobby	5B: John	6B: Ollie
3B: Dylan	4C: The whole class	5C: Ellis	6CB: Tyler
3P: Aybel	4S: Amara	5G: The whole class	6E: Poyraz
3U: Emily	4WY:	5T: Tae	6R: Jessica

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.

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	Wednesday and Friday
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.

The Friends of John Ray Infant and Junior School

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](#) at any time on [0800 1111](tel:08001111)

National Online Safety: Roblox



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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as online daters, in-app purchases and contact with strangers.

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.

Year 3	Year 4
3A- jadams@compassps.uk 3B- bball@compassps.uk 3P- sphillips@compassps.uk 3U- ktoomey-underhill@compassps.uk	4A- zahsan@compassps.uk 4C – mcheema@compassps.uk 4S- scoleman@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- tbeeson@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

09.09.22 Letter from our CEO, John Camp (All JRJ parents)

09.09.22 Letter to Y3 parents (Y3 only)

12.09.22 Applications for Head Ambassadors (Y6 only)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (new dates added in red)

You will see that we have added autumn term dates for each year group where we would like to invite parents to join us for different activities. Year groups are now working on the dates for any educational visits that will take place throughout the year. We will add these to the dates below as soon as possible.

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
12.09.22 After school clubs start 12.09.22 Secondary school applications open (Y6 only) 19.09.22 Bank Holiday – Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II 28.09.22 Open afternoon drop in for current parents <i>from 2:30 – 4pm</i> 29.09.22 & 04.10.22 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register 07.10.22 Individual photos (Y5 and 6B, 6E and 6R should come to school in school uniform and bring PE kits in a separate bag) 10.10.22 Non-pupil day 11.10.22 8:35 – 9:15 Y6 parents invited into classes for a morning maths session. Saturday 15.10.22 9:30-11:30am Open morning for prospective	05.01.23 Start of term for children 09.01.23 After school clubs start 17.01.23 & 26.01.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register 17.01.23 Young Voices concert at the O2 (Only for children who have attended the Young Voices club) 06.02.23 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) 02.03.23 World book day (Dress as a book character or bring in a prop from a book) 13.02.23 Half term 20.02.23 Children return to school	17.04.23 Start of term for children 24.04.23 After school clubs start 08.05.23 SATS week (Y6 only) 09.05.23 & 11.05.23 One Plan meetings for children on SEN register 29.05.22 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) 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 <i>from 2:30 – 4pm</i>

<p>parents and children (current parents and children welcome too)</p> <p>17.10.22 8:35-9:15 4C & 5C parents invited into class for reading café session.</p> <p>18.10.22 8:35-9:15 4A & 5T parents invited into class for reading café session.</p> <p>19.10.22 8:35-9:15 4S & 5G parents invited into class for reading café session.</p> <p>19.10.22 2:40-3:10 Y3 parents invited into school for a reading café session.</p> <p>20.10.22 8:35-9:15 4WY & 5B parents invited into class for reading café session.</p> <p>24.10.22 Half term</p> <p>31.10.22 Children return to school</p> <p>09.11.22 Flu immunisations (<i>details and consent forms to follow from the provider</i>)</p> <p>31.10.22 Secondary school applications close (<i>Y6 only</i>)</p> <p>15.11.22 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>17.11.22 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>18.11.22 Children in Need (<i>non-uniform: children can wear spots / stripes in return for a donation</i>)</p> <p>02.12.22 Non-pupil day</p> <p>05.12.22 Last week for clubs</p> <p>19.12.22 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>20.12.22 Last day of term</p>	<p>17.03.23 Red Nose Day (<i>Children can wear a red nose and / or non-uniform in exchange for a donation</i>)</p> <p>20.03.23 Last week for clubs</p> <p>21.03.23 Learning conferences (3:45-7pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>23.03.23 Learning conferences (3:45-5:30pm) for children not on SEN register</p> <p>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)</p> <p>31.03.23 Last day of term</p>	<p>18.07.23 Sports day and parent picnic (<i>parents invited from 11:45</i>)</p> <p>19.07.23 6CB and 6R Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30</p> <p>20.07.23 6E and 6B Y6 production to parents 1:30 and 4:30</p> <p>21.07.23 Last day of term</p>
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

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