



# John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The school has had a continuous aroma of chocolate this week! The Chocolate Fayre was a great success and it was so lovely to see the children working together in their classes to make the goods to be sold. We are awaiting a grand total from Mrs O'Malley – but all takings will be put towards the Year Two Leavers t-shirts and end of term celebrations. Thank you to the Year 6 children who came from John Ray Juniors who were a fantastic help.

Year One put on a 'Super Space Museum' and I was so impressed by their displays, especially their writing – incredible progress. The children were so proud to talk about their work and I could hear lots of interesting facts being shared.

In EYFS the children have been busy baking fairy cakes and sewing – all in preparation for Sunday, celebrating their special person at home.

Nursery have had an active week, I spotted them completing assault courses over the PE equipment in the hall. Lots of jumping, rolling, sliding and travelling through tunnels.

This half term we launched a new 'zoning' strategy on the playground to increase engagement and offer wider choices of activities during both playtime and lunchtime. Along with areas for sports, traditional games and the scrapstore – we have also opened one of the classrooms as a 'chill out zone' for colouring and drawing. As soon as the weather improves, we will also commence with use of the field which should offer further options, and space!

Reminders about TLRs (teacher/learner/reviews) in the last week of term - please make an appointment with your child's class teacher if you haven't already. A parentmail has been sent today informing you about the Year 2 class assemblies next week. Robins class will now be the first week back after the holidays due to staff illness. Further information on this will follow.

Following on from the success of the film and our love of Roald Dahl we have been learning the song 'When I Grow Up' in singing assembly. If the children would like to practise at home then this is the link to the song with its lyrics. [Matilda - When I Grow Up with lyrics - YouTube](#)

Have a fantastic weekend, I hope the weather improves!

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Headteacher

