

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER 21.11.2025

Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition



Autumn Term 2025

27/11/25–Glitter Afternoon

27/11/25–Book Fair afterschool (until 2/12/25)

5/12/25–New climbing frame being installed (provisional date)

Climbing Frame Opening Event (TBC)

6/12/25– Jenyns Open Morning (Prospective Parents only) 10-12

8/12/25–Christmas Jumper Day

8/12/25–Whole School Pantomime in the hall

9/12/25–Ash Class Winter Performance @ 9:15am

12/12/25–Birch and Chestnut Festive Extravaganza Performance to parents @2:00pm

15/12/25–FOJ Christmas Fair 3:30pm–4:30pm

17/12/25–Christmas Dinner

18/12/25–Rocksteady Concert to parents (2:30pm)

19/12/25–Christingle Service @ St Mary's Church (Braughing) 9:30am

19/12/25– End of term–12:15pm collection

5/1/26–INSET Day (School Closed)

6/1/26–First day back for children

15/1/26–Great Athletes/Olympian assembly–launch of sponsored event

22/1/26–Sponsored PE Event

27/1/26–Dental Survey (12 selected pupils who turn 5 in January)

You can also keep up-to-date by regularly viewing the school calendar on the school website.

Headteacher message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re-naming of School Houses

House Captains and Vice Captains along with help from the Braughing Local History Society have been working on coming up with new names for our School Houses. The Captains wanted to choose names that reflected the local area as well as names that were unique to the school (as opposed to generic colours or authors that could be used in any other school).

The new house names are as follows:

Thomas House (formerly Blue House) named after Thomas Jenyns– founder of the school.

Warren House (formerly Red House) named after Warren Farm–a name to reflect Braughing's agricultural heritage and a long standing farm still being used in the village today.

Fleece House (formerly Yellow House) named after Fleece Lane–the name of the lane that we sweep every year for Old Mans Day, a tradition that has carried on for 430 years within the village.

Quin House (formerly Green House) named after the River Quin–the river which runs through the village ford and is one of only 200 chalk bed rivers found throughout the UK.

Throughout the year, we will be holding assemblies and workshops to discover more about Braughing's rich heritage, inviting in local residents and uncovering artefacts and stories from the past. Exposure to this local history and geography further embeds and makes links to what children are taught within the curriculum–further strengthening our unique offer at Jenyns.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

The stage is up for our Christmas performance rehearsals. Below we have a few reminders and pleas for any parent volunteers:

27th November–Glitter Afternoon: If any parents/carers are available to support with children creating Christmas crafts, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's teacher know if you can come in.

28th November–Christmas Tree up: We are in need of parent helpers to help put up the school Christmas Tree in the hall after drop off on Friday morning. Please could you let the school office know if you are able to help.

8th December–Christmas Jumper Day: The school and FOJ are asking for a donation of a bottle of something on Christmas Jumper Day to use as prizes for our Christmas Fair.

Children in Need Reminder

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Children in Need for the non-uniform day last week. We have so far raised a total of £55 from 10 families. If you have not yet made a contribution, you can do so via the link below: https://www.justgiving.com/page/jenyns-first-school-and-nursery-12?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Forest School Stay and Play–Wednesday 26th November

We have an upcoming Forest School Stay and Play session for preschool/nursery aged children. Please feel free to share–more information can be found on the flyer on page 12.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks,

Mr Sadler

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to Ash Class who won the attendance trophy this week. Please find the attendance figures for this week below:

1st Chestnut Class – 100%

2nd Ash Class – 97.1%

3rd Birch Class – 93.6%

House Points

House points for this term so far are as follows:

Warren (Red) = 1st (4 points)
Fleece (Yellow) = 2nd (3 points)
Quin (Green) = 3rd (2 points)
Thomas (Blue) = 4th (1 point)

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
89	76	86	87

The running total of house points for the year are as follows:

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
13	16	17	14



Apple Blossom's are now catering for children from 18 months old.



Apple Blossom

Pre-School & Day Care

Braughing Community Centre
Green Lane, SG11 2QL

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FOR NEW
STARTERS!

NOW OPEN

8am-4pm Monday - Friday

48 WEEKS OF THE YEAR

★ CALL 07432 793008 TO BOOK ★

- ✓ For children aged 18 months - 3 years
- ✓ Funding available

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LITTLE BLOSSOMS (STAY + PLAY)

★ EVERY TUESDAY ★
1:30pm-3:00pm



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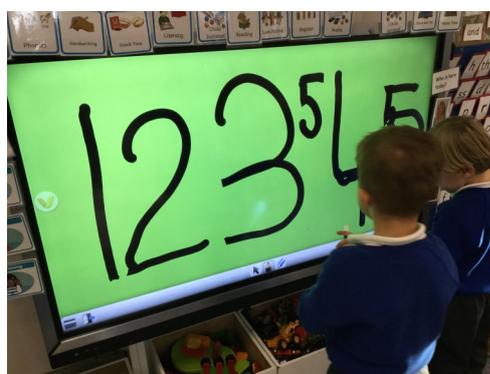


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Ash Class

As the weather turned colder this week the children have been busy making rock cakes (asteroid buns). They were very good at following the instructions from the recipe, recalling the ingredients and talking about the process. They enjoyed reflecting on how the mixture changed during the mixing and combining and then again after they were baked in a hot oven. In Maths the children have been consolidating their subitising skills (quickly recognising the total of a set without counting) and practising forming numbers when recording their mathematical activities. By making a rain gauge the children are planning to monitor the rainfall in Braughing. They will be checking it daily!



This week, our star of the week is Clover.

Birch Class

Last Friday, Birch class played maths games to help secure some of their place value understanding. Children partitioned numbers to 100 and then found the whole number on a game board. They also played snakes and ladders and other dice games. The class practiced counting forwards and backwards.



In computing, Birch had an e-safety lesson whereby they were discussing scenarios of what information is safe to post online and what is unsafe to post and the reasons why.



This week our stars of the week are Felicity and Ella.

Chestnut Class

In English, we have been exploring our text 'The Barnabus Project'. In the story a group of 'imperfect pets' are kept underground and labelled as failed projects. To deepen our understanding of the characters and to generate ideas, we took part in hot-seating, pretending to be the imperfect pets themselves. The children stepped into their roles brilliantly.

Afterwards, we wrote kind, uplifting descriptions of the pets on to heart shapes to cheer them up. We used expanded noun phrases, adjectives and nouns of nouns.



In PHSE, we learnt about conflict resolution. We used role play and freeze-frames to reflect on what has happened and hearing both sides of the story before coming up with resolutions.



Our stars of the week are Oliver C and Molly.

JENYNS

After-School Clubs

Monday: Football

Tuesday: Gymnastics

3:20-4:20

Scan Me!



£5 Per Session

Book Online

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com>

Autumn Clubs 2025

Autumn Term	Lunchtime	After school
2025-26	(12:30pm – 1:00pm)	(3:20pm – 4:15pm)
Monday	<u>Basketball/Multi skills</u> with Alfie (RTFC) <u>Gardening/Forest School Club</u> (Day and adult to be confirmed)	<u>Football</u> Led by Alfie/RTFC on the play-ground/hall (For years R, 1, 2, 3, 4)
Tuesday	<u>Hockey</u> with Alfie (RTFC) (For various year groups) <u>Chior</u> With Mr Sadler/Mrs Baxter (For various year groups)	<u>Gymnastics</u> Led by Alfie/RTFC in the school hall (For years R, 1, 2, 3, 4)
Wednesday	<u>Multisports</u> with Laura (RTFC) (For various year groups)	No Clubs this half term
Thursday	<u>Football KS2</u> with Danny (RTFC) (For various year groups)	<u>Dance Club</u> With Morgan (see page 3 for more info)
Friday	<u>Football KS1</u> with Danny (RTFC) (For various year groups)	<u>Board Games Club</u> Led by various members of teaching staff (For years R, 1, 2, 3, 4)

Signing Up

RTFC Gymnastics and Football – Please sign up through the link below:

<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school>

Dance Club – please sign up through the link below:

<https://caspa-schools.cademy.co.uk>

Parents do not need to sign children up for lunchtime clubs.

Board Games Club—Please sign-up through Arbor.

Parent & Carer Support Spring Term 2026



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:



- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.

Mondays 7.45 - 9.15pm

5th Jan to 9th Feb

Online Course: ID 804

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

4th Feb to 18th Mar

F2F Course: ID 802

St Albans (venue tbc)

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

5th Feb to 19th Mar

Online Course: ID 803

TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **11-19**, supporting you to:



- Understand why children & adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.

Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm

6th Jan to 10th Feb

Online Course: ID 805

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children **2-19**, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.



- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm

6th Jan to 10th Feb

Online Course ID 797

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

3rd Feb to 17th Mar

Online Course ID 796

Piano lessons on Monday mornings—starting w/c 15th September. See below on how to sign-

Piano Lessons



Hertfordshire Music Service are delighted to announce that we are now offering piano lessons at Jenyn's First School. Lessons are taught by one of our experienced teachers and are open to children in Year 1 and above.



Lesson costs are paid termly in advance and are as follows (weekly rate):

- Individual 20 minute lesson: £16.64
- Individual 30 minute lesson: £24.96

For more information please visit our [Music Lessons](#) page.



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POM DANCE AND LYRICAL.

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*Your teacher this
term is
Morgan*

DAY & TIME	STYLE	COST
Thursdays 3:20-4:20	Dance Club, ages 4-9	13 weeks £71.50 (£5.50 per session)

TERM DATES: WC 8/9/25- 8/12/25 (EXCLUDING HALF TERM)

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO INFO@CASPASCHOOLS.CO.UK

BOOK VIA [HTTPS://CASPA-SCHOOLS.CADEMY.CO.UK/](https://CASPA-SCHOOLS.CADEMY.CO.UK/)

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AND EVENTS!**





JENYNS OUTDOOR FOREST SCHOOL STAY & PLAY



**FREE
SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
9:00AM-10:30AM**

At Jenyns First School, Uplands, Braughing, SG11 2QJ
(Next to Puckeridge and Buntingford)

Come and join us for a variety of Forest School
Activities set in our beautiful school woodland and
outdoor area. Suitable for all ages up to 4 years old.

Come Play, Learn and Grow Together



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Jenyns First School and Nursery

Open Morning and Parent Tours:

Wednesday 24th September at 10:30am

Wednesday 24th September at 4:30pm

Monday 13th October at 9:30am

Thursday 6th November at 9:15am

Wednesday 19th November at 2:00pm

Saturday 6th December 10:00am -12:00pm (Open Morning)

For Nursery
and Reception
Prospective
Parents with
children
starting Sept
2026



Located in Braughing (3 mins from Puckeridge), we are a first school and nursery catering for children from 3-9 years old. With highly qualified, caring educators and a curriculum that blends enjoyment with purposeful learning, we support your child's growth in all areas. From nature-based activities to creative exploration, every day is a new adventure that lays the foundation for future success.

We look forward to welcoming you on our open morning. Alternatively, contact us to book a private tour - Our school needs to be seen to be believed!

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Jenyns First School and Nursery, Uplands, Braughing SG11 2QJ - 01920 821461



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9:00am - 10:00am

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