

# JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER 5.12.2025

*Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition*



### Autumn Term 2025

8/12/25–New climbing frame being installed (provisional date)

8/12/25–Christmas Jumper Day

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

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

10/12/25–Recycling Workshops for Birch and Chestnut Class

12/12/25–Climbing Frame Opening Event–9:15am on playground

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,

#### Delay in climbing frame installation

You may have noticed that work has not yet started on our new climbing frame–work will now begin Monday next week. Please can you make sure children stay away from the climbing frame/zen den area during drop-off and collection times.

#### Christmas Performances Next Week!

**Monday–Whole School Pantomime/Christmas Jumper Day:** The children will be watching a Pantomime performance of Cinderella in the hall Monday afternoon. This performance has been paid for by FOJ, on behalf of the entire school community, 'Thank you' Rachael, Nic and any other parents involved for all that you do! Children are also welcome to come in wearing their Christmas Jumper's in exchange for a donation of a 'festive treat' for the FOJ Christmas Fayre. This could be a bottle of wine, selection box, small gift etc.

**Tuesday–Ash Class Performance of 'The Snowman' @ 9:15am :** The hall will be open from 9:00am for parents/carers to take their seats. FOJ Parents will be serving tea and coffee before the performance. Ash Class have been working really hard during rehearsals and are really excited to perform to you all!

**Friday–Birch and Chestnut's Festive Extravaganza Performance @ 2:00pm:** The hall will be open from 1:45pm for parents/carers to take their seats and purchase teas/coffees. Children in both classes are very excited to be singing songs, tell festive jokes and perform comedy skits!

#### St Mary's Church (Braughing) Christmas Events

Reverend Lynn has asked me to share a range of Christmas events that are taking place at the church through December. These include an advent trail, a nativity production and a Christmas tree decorating event. More information can be found on pages 2, 3 and 4 of the newsletter.

#### Request from Ash Class

Ash Class are in need of a toy garage for regular sized (eg. Hot Wheels) toy cars. If any parents have something that they could donate, it would be very much appreciated.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks,

Mr Sadler



# NATIVITY



## CASTING CALL

### CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL TRADITIONAL NATIVITY AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRAUGHING

IS YOUR LITTLE ONE A BUDDING MARY OR JOSEPH?  
PERHAPS THEY COULD BE A DAZZLING ANGEL?  
MAYBE A KING OR SHEPHERD? OR COULD THEY  
BE A TRUSTY SHEEP, DONKEY OR CAMEL?

WE WOULD LOVE THEM ALL TO BE INVOLVED FOR WHAT IS AN ANNUAL VILLAGE TRADITION LOVED BY MANY

**Tuesday 23rd Dec 3pm**

ALL WELCOME: DROP IN AT THE CHURCH TO CHOOSE A ROLE & HAVE A LITTLE PRACTICE & COSTUME FITTING

**Wednesday 24th Dec 3pm**

CHRISTMAS EVE: THE NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

**CONTACT ANNA: 07956 904883**

PLEASE SUPPORT BY TAKING PART AND COMING TO WATCH. IT'S WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT!



# CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR CHILDREN



Come and help us  
decorate our  
Christmas Tree

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

10.00-12.00

Refreshments  
supplied

## NATIVITY PLAY

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> December

3.00pm

Come dressed as  
Angels/Shepherds/  
Sheep/Villagers



If your child would like a main part, come along  
at 3.00pm on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> for a rehearsal

**ALL EVENTS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH  
BRAUGHING**

# **On the way to Bethlehem** **– an Advent Trail for** **Families**



**Come and explore the journey to Bethlehem through our interactive Advent trail in St Mary's Church, Braughing. It will be available every day from 9-4 (when the church is usually open) until Christmas. Activities, stories and prayers for all ages**

### 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 – 97.0%

2nd Ash Class – 95.9%

3rd Birch Class – 92.1%

### House Points

House points for this term so far are as follows:

Fleece (Yellow) = 1st (4 points)

Thomas (Blue) = 2nd (3 points)

Warren (Red) = 3rd (2 points)

Quin (Green) = 4th (1 point)

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
28	31	22	36

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

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
16	23	21	20

FRIENDS OF JENYN'S'

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FROM 3.30-4.30  
ON MONDAY  
**15**  
DECEMBER

JOIN US FOR FUN  
AND FESTIVE GAMES INCLUDING  
LUCKY DIP, TOMBOLA, COOKIE  
DECORATING AND FEED SANTA

PLUS THE  
CHILDREN  
SINGING LIVE

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

FREE TRIAL  
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

★ ENROLLING NOW ★

LITTLE BLOSSOMS (STAY + PLAY)

★ EVERY TUESDAY ★  
1:30pm-3:00pm



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Blossoms Pre-School  
And Daycare buntingford



## Ash Class

The rainy weather lately has not gone unnoticed by Ash Class who have been checking their rain gauges every day and comparing how much rainwater they have collected over time. They have been able to explain why the water level has gone up and where the water has come from as well as making predictions. Alongside this they have been updating their weather chart each day together. They have been practicing their scissor skills cutting and sticking and creating using their Mighty Imagination Superpowers. A lot of fun was had when they decorated the tree with a lot of decorations this week in Ash class and also in the hall using the decorations they made themselves last week on Glitter afternoon. We have been ordering numbers and exploring 'One More than' making towers of Christmas presents as well as practising The Snowman Performance!

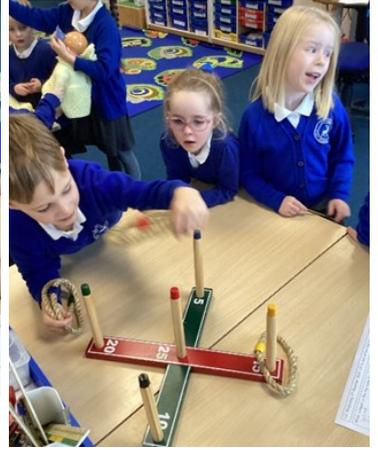
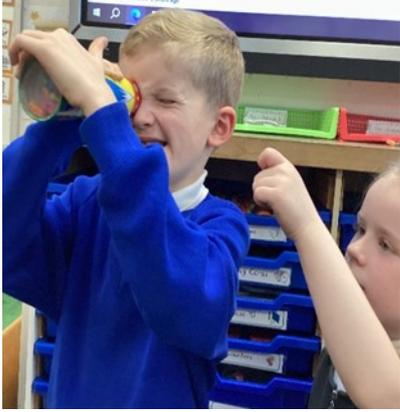


This week, our star of the week is Elsie and Maylis.



## Birch Class

In history, Birch class went even further back in the past to look at what toys used to be like. We discussed the materials they were made out of and if we would have enjoyed playing with them.



In Maths, the children have been naming 3D shapes and exploring their properties. Some children had a game of memory match to match the names and shapes together.



In PE, the children have been practicing some small group dance routines to a variety of songs from children's Christmas films.

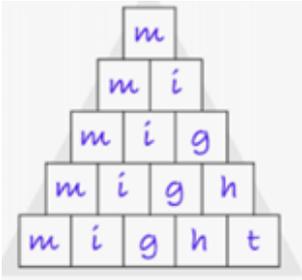


This week our stars of the week are Eva and Lottie.

## Chestnut Class

We've had another busy week in Chestnut with lots of fun!

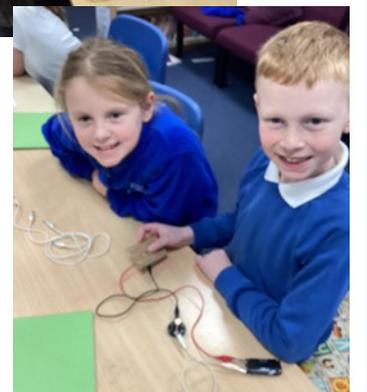
This week we have been focusing on learning some of the Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings. We've used a range of fun activities. Hangman has been a class favourite as well as creating spelling pyramids which help us break words down letter by letter.



In maths, our focus has been on times tables. We have been exploring strategies that help us work out unknown multiplication facts using the ones we already know. We've also been playing a range of games to help master our times table recall, including team target wheels!



In science the children really enjoyed making their own switches using card, split pins, paperclips and foil. They used the switches to power a bulb on and off.



This week our stars of the week are Rio and Oliver B.

# JENYNS

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## 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**

**5<sup>th</sup> Jan to 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Online Course: ID 804**

**Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> Feb to 18<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**F2F Course: ID 802**

**St Albans (venue tbc)**

**Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> Feb to 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan to 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

**6<sup>th</sup> Jan to 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Online Course ID 797**

**Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb to 17<sup>th</sup> 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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# PERFORMANCE CLUBS

## [AT] JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL



### DANCE CLUB!

EXPLORING STYLES SUCH AS STREET DANCE,  
POM DANCE AND LYRICAL.

**ITS SHOWCASE TERM!!!**

*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](mailto:INFO@CASPASCHOOLS.CO.UK)

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

**FOLLOW CASPA SCHOOLS ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO KEEP UP WITH NEWS  
AND EVENTS!**





# Jenyns First School and Nursery

## Open Morning and Parent Tours:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 4:30pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2:00pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

 [admin@jenyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@jenyns.herts.sch.uk)  [www.jenyns.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jenyns.herts.sch.uk)

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



# Join Our **Stay and Play!**

*Fun and engaging activities for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers*

**Every Wednesday (during term time)**

**JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY**

**9:00am - 10:00am**

***What you can expect:***

- A range of fun and stimulating play activities
- singing and music play
- Healthy snacks
- A chance for you to socialise in a relaxed environment

**Only £2 per child**

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Learn, and Grow  
Together!**

