

# JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER 12.12.2025

*Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition*



### Autumn Term 2025

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,

What an amazing and festive week we have had a Jenyns! The week started with our Christmas Jumper day where the children were treated to a performance of Cinderella in the hall. The performance was paid for by FOJ, thank you to everyone who has donated a 'festive treat' as a prize for the Christmas Fayre on Monday.

On Tuesday, Ash class did an amazing job performing their production of 'The Snowman'. Thank you to all of our parents/carers who attended and parent volunteers who helped provide tea and coffee before the performance. All pupils showed great confidence in their singing, dancing and coming on and off the stage. Well done Ash class!

On Wednesday, Birch and Chestnut Class took part in an assembly and workshop all about recycling. Children were taught what happens to all of our rubbish and got to see examples of how plastic is recycled.

Throughout the week we have been having our new climbing frame installed. The official opening took place Friday morning where we had ex-pupil and professional rugby player Daisy Fitzgerald come in to cut the ribbon and deliver an assembly to the children. The pupils had an opportunity to ask Daisy questions and they all came away feeling very inspired!

The week ended with the Birch and Chestnut Festive Extravaganza. Parents/Carers enjoyed a show full of music, dancing, singing, comedy and poems. The children were brilliant and has certainly put us all in the festive mood ahead of our final week at school.

### Next week Reminders

Christmas Fayre after school on Monday 15th December 3:30-4:30pm

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday 17th December

Rocksteady Concert on Thursday 18th December

Christingle Service on Friday 19th December–parents are welcome to join us to walk to church at 9:05am, or you can meet us in church. We have an early finish at 12:15pm.

### 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 Chestnut Class who won the attendance trophy this week. Please find the attendance figures for this week below:

1st Chestnut Class – 93.9%

2nd Birch Class – 92.9%

3rd Ash Class – 91.7%

### House Points

House points for will be collated next week

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

| Warren | Thomas | Quin | Fleece |
|--------|--------|------|--------|
|        |        |      |        |

| Warren | Thomas | Quin | Fleece |
|--------|--------|------|--------|
| 16     | 23     | 21   | 20     |



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

On Monday the children were able to watch an exciting performance of Cinderella which was full of fun and laughter. The children listened and participated well when invited.

Ash Class made us very, very proud on Tuesday with their sparkling performances in The Snowman Show. Their focus, singing, acting and concentration was outstanding and we had a great audience for them to shine for. Throughout the week we have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes, describing, naming and drawing them as well as using them to make rockets which they launched using straws and a big breath!



This week, our star of the week is Lottie.

## Birch Class

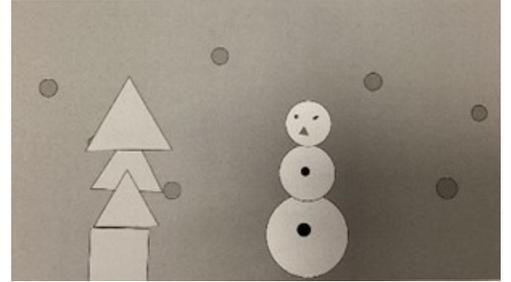
In computing, the children have been practicing their skills of clicking and dragging objects and shapes to create Christmas pictures on Sketchpad. This has also helped to consolidate their learning of 2D shapes. They have been trying to resize and rotating the shapes. This is a free website to use if children wish to continue to practice at home. <https://sketch.io/sketchpad/>



By Felicity

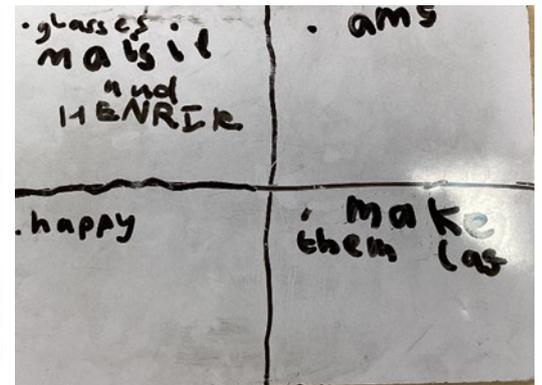


By Mary



By Ben

In PSHE, the children worked in pairs to think about similarities and differences between themselves and peers. They then used this to talk about how they are unique and how this makes each of them special.



This week our stars of the week are Oscar and Lois.

## Chestnut Class

We've had another exciting week in Chestnut, including investigations, Kahoot quizzes and festive fun!

In science this week, the children explored whether materials were conductors or insulators. They made predictions and then recorded their results after testing whether the materials allowed electricity to flow through them and light the bulb.



In art, the children have been putting the finishing touches to their sculptures adding colour and detail to make them look good enough to eat!



In History, we travelled back in time to the Ancient Greek cities of Sparta and Athens. The children discussed how the two cities were different, Sparta being the home of warriors with a few rulers and Athens being more democratic. We enjoyed a Kahoot quiz to test what we remembered.



This week our stars of the week are Jax and Erin.



# JENYNS

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## After-School Clubs

Monday: Football

Tuesday: Gymnastics

3:20-4:20

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£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><br>with Alfie (RTFC)<br><u>Gardening/Forest School Club</u><br>(Day and adult to be confirmed)             | <u>Football</u><br>Led by Alfie/RTFC on the play-ground/hall (For years R, 1, 2, 3, 4)        |
| Tuesday     | <u>Hockey</u><br>with Alfie (RTFC)<br>(For various year groups)<br><u>Chior</u><br>With Mr Sadler/Mrs Baxter<br>(For various year groups) | <u>Gymnastics</u><br>Led by Alfie/RTFC in the school hall (For years R, 1, 2, 3, 4)           |
| Wednesday   | <u>Multisports</u><br>with Laura (RTFC)<br>(For various year groups)  | No Clubs this half term   |
| Thursday    | <u>Football KS2</u><br>with Danny (RTFC)<br>(For various year groups)   | <u>Dance Club</u><br>With Morgan (see page 3 for more info)                                   |
| Friday      | <u>Football KS1</u><br>with Danny (RTFC)<br>(For various year groups)   | <u>Board Games Club</u><br>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<br>3:20-4:20 | Dance Club, ages 4-9 | 13 weeks £71.50<br>(£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**

Jenyns First School and Nursery  
Uplands, Braughing,  
SG11 2QJ. Tel: 01920 821461

**Come Play,  
Learn, and Grow  
Together!**

