

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER 19.12.2025

Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition



Spring Term 2026

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)

5/2/26–Number Day

10/2/26–Safer Internet Day

10/2/26–Parent Workshop @9:00am

13/2/26–Stay and Read & Sharing Assembly

16/2/26–20/2/26–Half Term

4/3/26–Parent Conversations

11/3/26–Parent Conversations

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

Headteacher message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

So here it is...Merry Christmas!

This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments and milestones our students have achieved, and it is your support and dedication that make it all possible. There have been a number of events where we have continued to build positive relationships with our parents - through parent workshops and welcome meetings to name a few. The new climbing frame has been a real highlight of the term, as well as all of the recent magical festive experiences including the Christmas performances, Christmas Fair and Christingle service–what a great way to end the Autumn Term.

Thank you (for gifts/cards)

I would like to extend a heartfelt 'Thankyou' to everyone who has written cards or has given gifts to staff members. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

Christmas Fair

A huge 'Thankyou' to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair on Monday. Combined with the refreshment sales during the class performances, Friends of Jenyns have managed to raise over £600 for the school. This money really helps the pupils–a huge thank you to all of the FOJ and volunteers involved.

Final reflection

As my first full calendar-year as a Head teacher comes to an end, I wanted to take this opportunity to say thankyou for your encouragement, cooperation, and commitment to your children's learning. Whether through supporting learning at home, engaging with school events, communicating with staff, or standing alongside us during both challenges and celebrations, your partnership has been invaluable. Education is at its strongest when school and home work together, and this year has shown the positive impact of that collaboration. I am immensely proud of leading Jenyns First School, on behalf of all staff, thank you for the trust you place in us and for the many ways you contribute to the life of our school.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break.

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 13th Dec

10.00-12.00

Refreshments
supplied

NATIVITY PLAY

Weds 24th 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 23rd 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 Birch Class who won the attendance trophy this week. Please find the attendance figures for this week below:

1st Birch Class – 89.9%

2nd Ash Class – 86.4%

3rd Chestnut Class – 82.3%

House Points

Warren House = 1st (4 points)

Fleece House = 2nd (3 points)

Quin House = 3rd (2 points)

Thomas House = 4th (1 point)

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
175	162	170	172

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

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
20	24	23	23



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



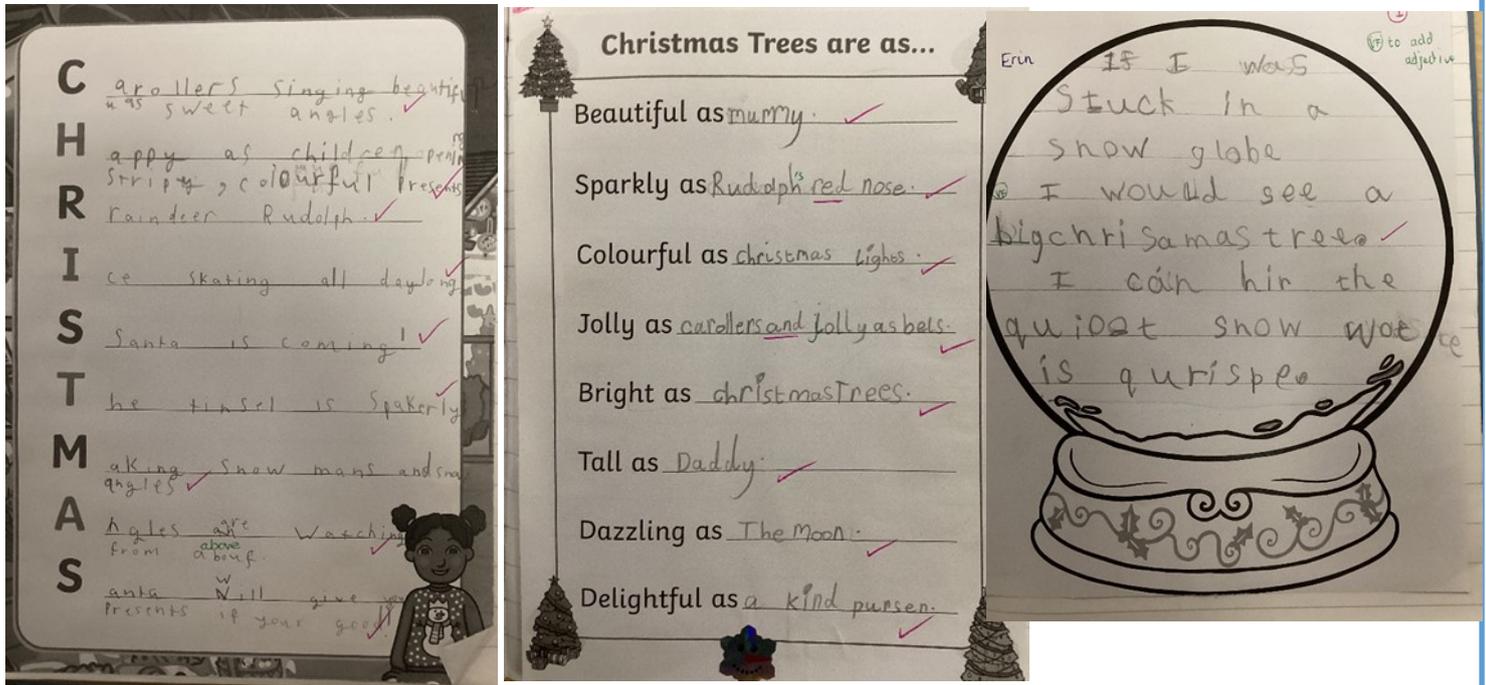
Ash Class

Ash class have packed a lot of activities into their last week at school this term before the holidays start. They have been Captain Concentrations as they practice reading and writing the tricky words they have learnt, segment to spell words to label pictures, and write about 'Mog's Christmas Calamity'. They have all used their Mighty Imaginations as they have make decorations and had fun exploring the new climbing equipment. In maths they have been learning all about 2-D shapes and are now getting really good at describing their properties, sorting them and explaining how squares and rectangles are the same and how they are different.



Birch Class

This week Birch class have enjoyed some Christmas themed English lessons, they have been writing Christmas poems and creating some imaginative writing thinking about how they would feel and what they could see if they were trapped in a snow globe.



Birch class have been busy designing and creating Christmas hats for the Christmas dinner on Wednesday.



We have combined our art and English to create some Christmas cards using pointillism technique and cotton buds to help us by using only dots.

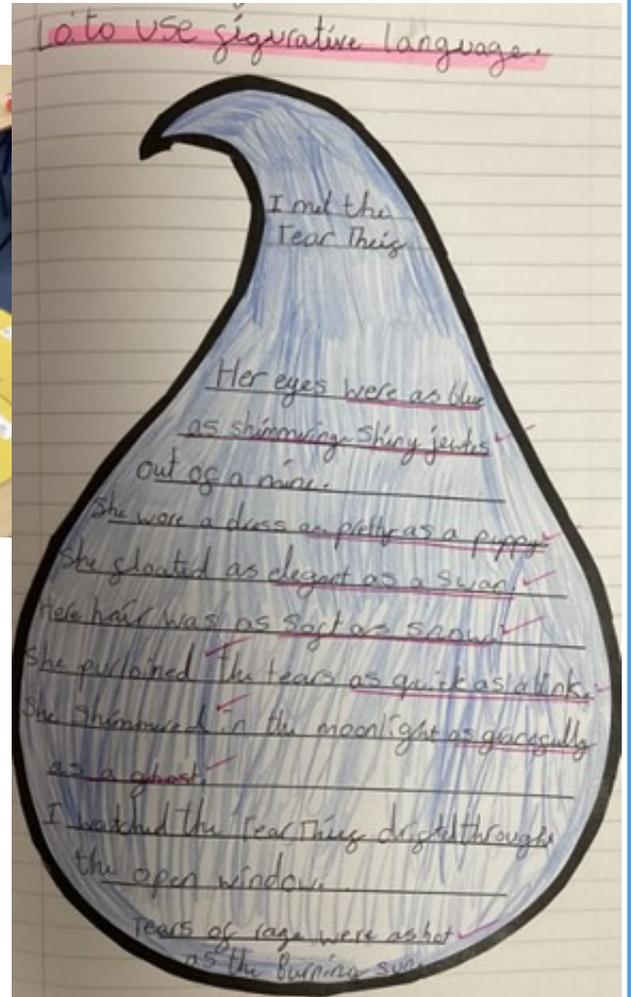
This week our stars of the week are Ella and Savannah.



Chestnut Class

This week has been full of festive fun and learning! The children all thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch and the Rock Steady performance was fantastic!

In maths, we investigated finding the area of shapes. We covered a desk with our calculation books to see how much space it took up. We also completed some Christmas co-ordinates!



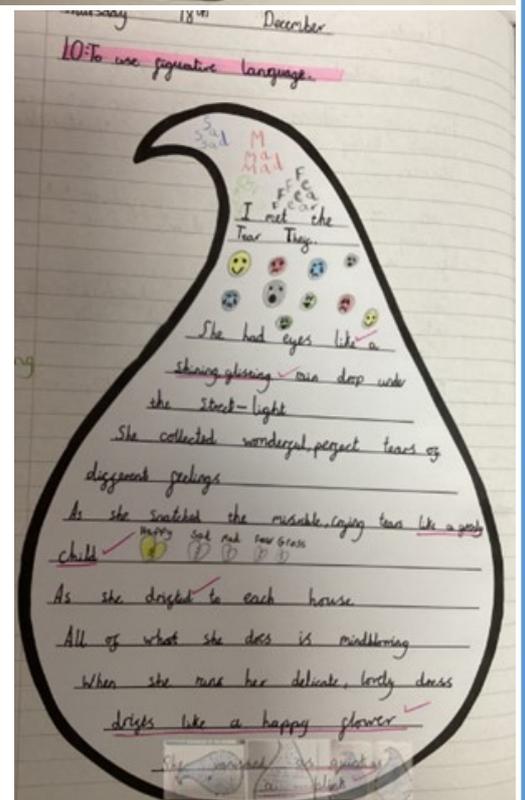
In English, we published our poems inspired by our class text 'The Tear Thief'. We focused on figurative language including similes, metaphors and personification to make our writing more expressive and engaging.

In design and technology, we got creative by making Christmas cards using structures. We had to think about making them strong as well as attractive.

We also had lots of fun making our Christingles.



This week our stars of the week are Jaxon and Ettie.



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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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

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!**





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

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

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

