

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER 9.1.2026

Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition



Spring Term 2026

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

29/1/26—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

23/2/26—Duck Eggs delivered to Ash Class

4/3/26—Parent Conversations

5/3/26—World Book Day

11/3/26—Parent Conversations

w/b 16/3/25—Science Week

18/3/26—Science Workshops

20/3/26—Red Nose Day

20/3/26—FOJ Quiz Night

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

Headteacher message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all of our Pupils, Families and members of the wider community. It has been a pleasure welcoming our students back to school this week and listening to what they have been up to over the holidays.

Children have been back in full swing with their learning. I popped into Ash class where they have just started work linked to 'We're all going on a Bear Hunt'. I enjoyed teaching in Birch Class Thursday afternoon, we began a new topic in Geography looking at maps. This morning, I had a couple of Chestnut pupils bring me their writing, focusing on using apostrophes for possession.

National Year of Reading!

2026 marks the National Year of Reading. The school have a range of activities planned to promote this initiative as reading is crucial in pupils educational development as well as other cognitive developments such as concentration and vocabulary. More information can be found here: [National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#)

The benefits of reading are profoundly beneficial which is why we expect pupils to read regularly at home. In line with the National Year of Reading, we will be monitoring more closely how often pupils read at home and will be sending home strategies to help encourage this. If you require any support with this, please do not hesitate to speak with either myself (as English lead) or your class teacher.

New Half term overviews

As part of our regular parent surveys, we always seek ways to keep you informed of what your child will be learning at school. We always upload Curriculum Plans on to the school website, these and other class information (Year overview, class timetables etc) can be found on your child's class page on the website. A link to the termly overviews are below:

Ash Class: [Spring 1 Term Overview](#) [Link to Ash Class Page](#)

Birch Class: [Spring 1 Term Overview](#) [Link to Birch Class Page](#)

Chestnut Class: [Spring 1 Term Overview](#) [Link to Chestnut Class Page](#)

Reception and Middle School Applications

Just to remind parents that the deadline for Reception and Middle School applications are Thursday 15th January. Children who are currently in our Nursery Class do still need to apply for Reception places starting in September. The Middle School applications are for current Year 4 students only. We have had a record number of prospective parents attend tours this academic year so far. Please help spread the word, especially on social media through 'likes' and 'comments' on posts mentioning Jenyns - this really makes a difference.

Clubs

During our school council meeting today, we discussed ideas for a potential new club this half term. Based on feedback, a staff led cooking club will be taking place on Wednesday after school. More information about our clubs can be found on page 10.

Many Thanks,

Mr Sadler

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 – 100%

2nd Chestnut Class – 97.8%

3rd Ash Class—96.5%

House Points

Quin House = 1st (4 points)

Fleece House = 2nd (3points)

Warren House = 3rd (2points)

Thomas House = 4th (1 point)

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
44	21	75	61

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

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
22	25	27	26

THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may overbalance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank. you may find it easier to roll.

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for '**HELP**' and dial **999** or **112** if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to '**KEEP STILL**' and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.

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, AL1 2LE

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

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Thursdays 8.00 - 9.30pm

8th Jan to 12th Feb

Online Course ID 799

Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am

5th Feb to 19th Mar

Online Course ID 798

Thursdays 8.00 - 9.30pm

5th Feb to 19th Mar

Online Course ID 800

TALKING ANXIETY in FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **3-12**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.30am

4th Feb to 18th Mar

Online Course ID 801

TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children **0-19**, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

7th Jan to 11th Feb

Online Course: ID 806

Mondays 7.45 - 9.15pm

2nd Feb to 16th Mar

Online Course: ID 807

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund
Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request

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



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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

As we welcomed Ash Class back to school this week, it was great to see how excited they were to embrace all that school has to offer after a restful holiday. Our over-arching theme of Journeys has begun with a new core text 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt' which the children are already joining in with as we read it together. The children enjoyed acting out the story and thinking of dialogue to accompany the illustrations in the book. They set to work painting and drawing bears and writing about the storyline and playing in the 'cave' role play den. We have enjoyed reading lots of books at school and retelling them in our own words too. The snowy weather has added extra excitement and has enabled us to explore freezing, melting and ice in its most natural form.



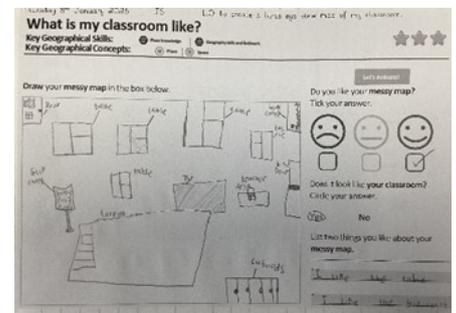
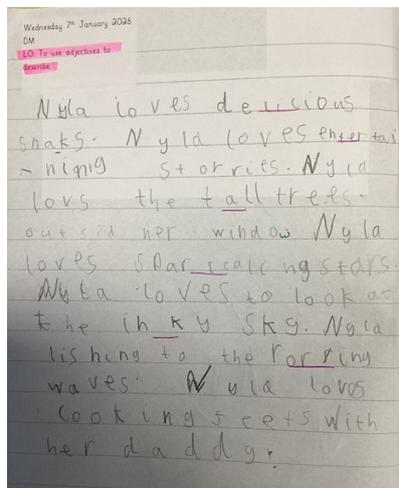
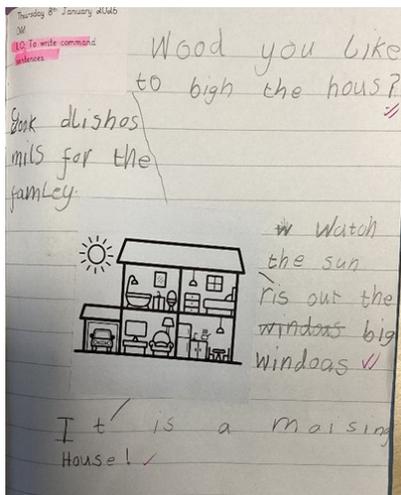
This week, our star of the week is Faron.

Birch Class

In English, children were surprised by some mystery objects appearing in the hall in the beginning of week. They used their Dr Curious superpowers to ask questions about where the objects could have come from or what the objects meant. These objects were all linked to our new core text 'The Comet' by Joe Todd-Stanton.



We have also been working on adding adjectives into our writing this week. We have practiced in groups pairing adjectives with the most appropriate noun. Then we used some of these in our writing and we even thought of our own adjectives to include.

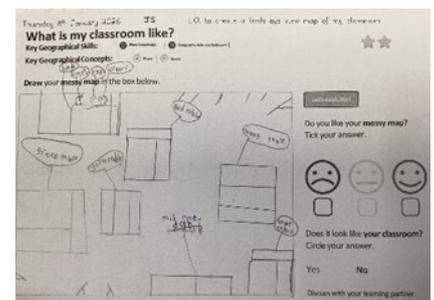


By Savvi-Year 1

By Wilf-Year 1

By Ella-Year 2

In Geography this term, we are continuing our work about our school but also going to be thinking of the world around our school. We began our topic looking at birds eye view (aerial) maps. We had a go drawing our own aerial view map of our classroom with Mr Sadler.



By Winter-Year 1

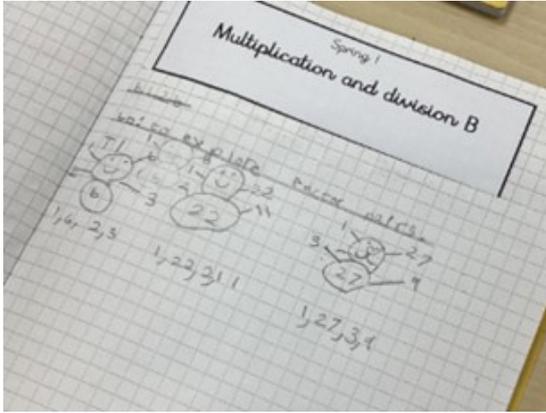
This week our stars of the week are Erin P and Ben N.

Chestnut Class

Welcome back, everyone and Happy New Year!

The children have settled back into school brilliantly this week and have made a great start to their learning this term.

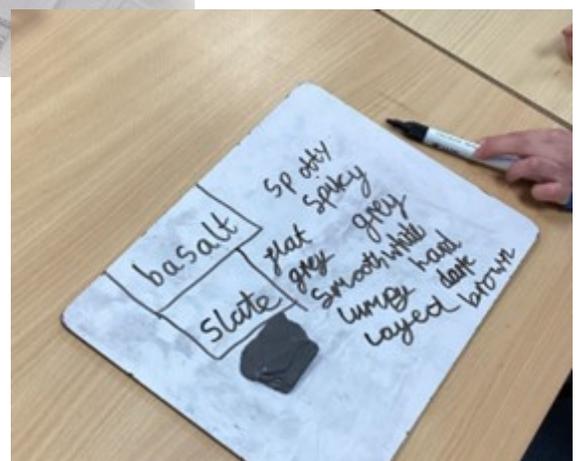
In maths this week, the children have been exploring factor pairs. They learned how to find the factor pairs of a number by creating factor bugs, where each pair of factors formed legs on a bug.



In science, we are learning about rocks. The children handled and observed a range of different rocks and compared and grouped them according to their properties e.g. shiny or dull, rough or smooth. The children showed great curiosity.



This week our stars of the week are Oliver B 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>

Spring Clubs 2026

Autumn Term 2025-26	Lunchtime (12:30pm – 1:00pm)	After school (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)	Cooking Club Led by Mr Sadler (For years 1, 2,3, 4)
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.

Cooking Club—Please sign up through Arbor (a donation of £4 is required to cover the cost of ingredients)

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.

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)

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