

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER 13.2.2026

Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition



Spring Term 2026

16/2/26–20/2/26–
Half Term

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

25/2/26–Little Recy-
clers collection

4/3/26–Parent Con-
versations

5/3/26–World Book
Day

6/3/26–World Book
Day Workshops for all
classes

11/3/26–Parent Con-
versations

w/b 16/3/25–Science
Week

16/3/25–Birch Class
Trip to Stansted
Mountfitchet Castle

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,

As we come to an end of the first half of the Spring term, which also marks the half way point through the academic year, let's take this moment to reflect on the past 6 weeks. Although this has been a short half term in comparison to Autumn, we have packed so much in. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attend our stay and read/sharing assembly this morning. The children have really enjoyed learning a variety of different topics and have continued to progress in all areas.

Parent Consultations

Parents are now able to sign up to slots for parent conversations via Arbor. Parent conversations are taking place on Wednesday 4th March and Wednesday 11th March between 3:30pm–6:00pm.

Big Bird watch

This week, each class took part in the Big Bird Watch. The children were fascinated by the different birds that were found within our forest area. Some species spotted were blue tits, magpies, crows, starlings, robins and sparrows. You can find a copy of our certificate on page 2.

Internet Safety Day/Parent Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came to our Parent Workshop this week. The slides from the presentation will be sent out shortly. These will contain links on ways to help reduce screen time as well as way to keep your child safe on the internet/devices.

Valentines Day Afternoon Tea

Our school was delighted to host a special Valentine's Day Afternoon Tea, welcoming grandparents and wider family members to join us for a lovely afternoon together. Guests enjoyed tea, biscuits and cake while spending quality time with the children. There was also plenty of creativity on display as families took part in Valentine's Day-themed crafts, making it a truly heart-warming occasion for all.

Little Recyclers

Our next Little Recyclers collection is on Wednesday 25th February. If you have any unwanted clothes or items listed on the flyer, please feel free to bag them up and leave them in our front entrance. This all raises money for the school. Please see the flyer on page 4 for more information.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break..

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 Ash Class – 97.2%

2nd Birch Class – 94.2%

3rd Chestnut Class–93.2%

House Points

Fleece House = 1st (4 points)

Thomas House = 2nd (3points)

Warren House = 3rd (2points)

Quin House = 4th (1 points)

| Warren | Thomas | Quin | Fleece |
|--------|--------|------|--------|
| 64 | 66 | 62 | 68 |

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

| Warren | Thomas | Quin | Fleece |
|--------|--------|------|--------|
| 34 | 34 | 35 | 38 |

World Book Day Workshop—Author visit Friday 6th March

Children's author R.A Powell (Rob) will be visiting Jenyns on Friday 6 March. An author of five children's novels, Rob will be running his 'Seven Steps to Story Structure' workshops with Birch and Chestnut Class, and a fun story and quiz for Ash Class. Rob has visited many schools across Hertfordshire and in 2019, was a Finalist in The People's Book Prize - [see Rob's books here](#).

In the lead up to his visit, Rob will be selling personalised signed copies of his books with 100% of funds going to Friends of Jenyns. Not only that, every £ raised from book sales will be matched by Rob's employer up to £1,200. If you would like to order a signed copy of one of his books for your child, all you need to do is..

Donate a suggested £5-£10 per book to this JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/robert-powell-7>

When making the donation, please ensure to:

Include your full name so it appears on the page

Add a message to your donation which includes the first name and class of the child (or children) you are buying the book(s) for e.g. Noah, Chestnut and Grace, Chestnut and Lois,

Birch. For data privacy reasons, please don't include your child's surname in the message on your donation.

Rob will give the signed books to the children on the day of his visit

If you have any questions, please contact rpowellauthor@outlook.com



Together, we made it count

This is to certify that
Jenyns First School and Nursery

took part in
Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026

Thank you very much!



Suzanne Welch
Education Partnerships Manager

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity England and Wales no. 207 076, Scotland no. SC037654 371-4036-25-36



Big Schools'
Birdwatch





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BALLERS**

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Multi-Skill
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WARD FREMAN
COMMUNITY POOL
GROUP

HALF TERM POOL PARTY

Tuesday 17th February

2.30 or 3.30pm

Goffs Churchgate School Cheshunt

[Click here for tickets](#)

Ward Freman Community Pool Group

www.wardfremanpool.org

Registered Charity 1207746

Taking bookings for September 2026



WASPS OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

A warm safe environment where children aged 2 to 13 years can learn, grow and have fun!

WASPS Out of School Club has been established for over 25 years and run by the current owner since 2006. The Club cares for children aged from 2 to 13 years old at the Puckeridge and Standon Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge, Hertfordshire.

We pride ourselves in our homely atmosphere and caring, professional staff that look after your children's wellbeing as well as provide fun, educational activities to suit all ages.

WASPS currently collects and takes children to and from Roger de Clare, St Thomas of Canterbury, Jenyns and Ralph Sadler Schools and also from SPINS Nursery. The Club runs a Breakfast Club, After School Club and a Holiday Play Scheme.



For more information please get in contact

07904 391133

nicola@waspsclub.com

www.waspsclub.com

Internet Safety Workshop



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation.
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

25 FEBRUARY
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DONT ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

Ash Class

In the lead up to Valentine's Day at the weekend, the children have been using their creative skills to thread, sew and weave with ribbons, carefully cutting out hearts and using them to make beautiful cards. These have motivated and inspired some impressive writing and the children have been very proud of their creations. They have been painting and decorating the salt-dough hearts they made last week to bring home. All of the children have painted self-portraits for their huge train which they are excited to show off at sharing assembly on Friday alongside their action song which they have enjoyed rehearsing throughout the week.

Have a wonderful half term!



This week, our stars of the week are Rose and Patsy.

Birch Class

As part of the end of our computing sequence of lessons we followed our computer designs and instructions to make our rockets.



We then explored how we could make some of these rockets take off using a fizzy tablet and water that reacted to create carbon dioxide.

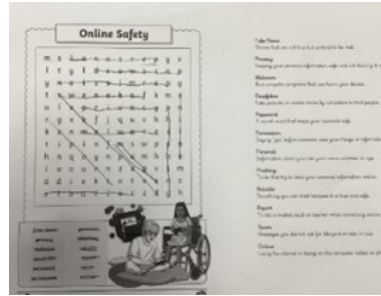
In art, we have made some underwater sculptures. We made jellyfish, sharks, fish and sea turtles using a range of materials and strategies to attach them.



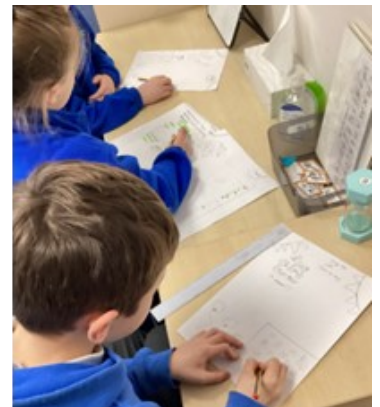
This week, our stars of the week are Aubin and Olive.

Chestnut Class

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day. We enjoyed sharing a lesson with our grown-ups all about the advantages and disadvantages of AI and how to use it safely and appropriately.



This half term in PSHE we have been working within small groups and learning how to work within a successful team. By listening to each other, being patient, putting forward our opinions and negotiating with one another, we have been able to share ideas and make group decisions to plan parties and design posters to invite people.



In English, we have been journalists! We interviewed survivors of the eruption in Pompeii based on our class text 'Escape from Pompeii' and used this role play to help us write a newspaper article.



Our stars of the week this week are: Jax and Grace

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



appleblossomchildcare



Blossoms Pre-School
And Daycare buntingford



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) | <u>Cooking Club</u> 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



Hertfordshire Music Service are delighted to announce that we are now offering piano lessons at Jenyns 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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www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk



**Hertfordshire
Music Service**

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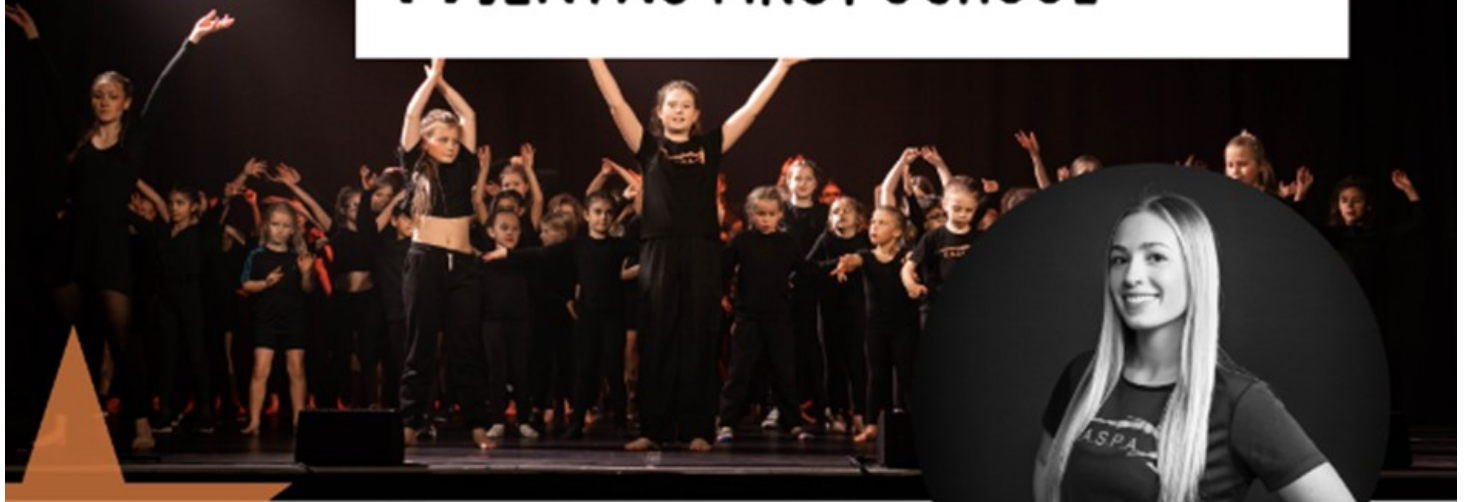


**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**



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!**





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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
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- Healthy snacks
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Only £2 per child

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

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



SPINS Pre-School

Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, Station Road, Puckeridge, Herts, SG11 1TF

Tel: 07881 533339, Email: Spins.nursery@outlook.com

Open Monday - Friday 9.15 am - 12.15pm, 2.15 pm lunch club (Term Time)

SPINS is a safe and caring environment where your child can learn, grow and develop. Staff are qualified and have an enhanced DBS check, and attend regular courses which give them the skills they need to encourage children's development.

Starting pre-school is one of the most important things for both the child and parent/carer. This is why our aim at SPINS is to make sure that your child/children feel safe, happy and secure in their surroundings.

We understand that at times starting a new routine and making new attachments and friendships can be daunting both for a new parent and indeed a child. Therefore, we offer a settling in period to accommodate individual needs.

We are OFSTED Registered and graded good (November 2023). SPINS is held at Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre. Taking Children from 18 months - 5 yrs



Funding:

We provide supported & working families Government funding for 2, 3 & 4 year olds if eligible. We offer 30 hours funding.

Activities:

Are taken from children's fascinations, highlighting what resource and skill is to be focussed on. This means learning is tailored, activities change daily which promotes and stimulates learning ensuring progression is maximised. With a fully qualified team, and understanding our unique cohort, all activities are bespoke.

Special Needs:

SPINS work with professionals outside the group including therapists, Health Visitors and Social Workers to meet all children's needs.

