

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER 27.2.2026

Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition



Spring Term 2026

4/3/26-Parent Conversations

5/3/26-World Book Day

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

11/3/26- (TBC) Year 3 attending a sports taster day at Wodson Park

11/3/26-Parent Conversations

12/3/26-Chestnut Class to attend Netball Festival at Roger de Clare 9:30-11:30

13/3/26-Chestnut Class First Aid Training PM

w/b 16/3/25-Science Week

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

18/3/26-Science Workshops

19/3/26-Science Carousel afternoon for all classes

20/3/26-Red Nose Day

20/3/26-FOJ Quiz Night

26/3/26-Rocksteady Concert 2:30-3:00pm

27/3/26-End of term School finishes at 12:15pm

27/3/26-FOJ Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15pm

13/4/26-Summer Term Begins-First Day Back!

15/4/26-Cuffley Camp Parent Talk for Chestnut Class-5:00pm

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

Headteacher message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a wonderful start back after half term, and the school has been full of energy and excitement as the children have returned, ready for a busy few weeks ahead. We have certainly hit the ground running, with lots of fantastic learning already taking place across all year groups. A particular highlight of the week has been the arrival of some very special new additions to our school community - a brood of fluffy ducklings who hatched at the beginning of the week! The children have been fascinated watching them settle into their new surroundings and learning about the life cycle firsthand. Children finally got to give them a stroke as we got them out for a waddle around as well as a swim! You can find some photos on page 2. It has been a joyful and memorable start to the term, and we look forward to sharing more of our learning and experiences with you in the weeks ahead.

SEA visit focusing on SEN and inclusion

Yesterday we had one of our termly SEA (School Effectiveness Advisor) visits from Mary Childs-a long term headteacher of a school which has been outstanding for many years. With SEN provision being very much the focus in politics and the news recently, we both decided that an OFSTED-style review of our SEND and inclusion provision would be the focus of this term's visit, to ensure the school was fully compliant under the new OFSTED framework.

Mary spent the morning visiting classrooms observing teaching and learning, looking closely at how inclusive our environments are, and exploring the strategies used to support pupils with additional needs. The advisor also met with teachers and teaching assistants to discuss practice and provision, and spoke with a number of our SEND pupils to hear directly about their experiences and how well their needs are being met. We are delighted to share that the visit went very well. The advisor was highly complimentary about the strength of our inclusive culture and impressed by the commitment, care and expertise shown by staff in supporting our SEND pupils across the school.

World Book Day Reminders-Next Thursday/Friday

1. Eggs to decorate were sent home before half term. Thank you to everyone who has handed theirs in already. They need to be handed in by **Wednesday 4th** at the latest. We will announce the winner of prizes on Thursday.
2. Author Rob Powell is leading writing workshops/activities across the school on Friday 6th. 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> (more info can be found on page 3)

Thank you from FOJ-Little Recyclers collection

A big thank you from FOJ to everyone who contributed towards the bags of clothes on Wednesday for the Little Recyclers We raised **£90** for our children and the school! Keep your eyes peeled for the next collection date!

Great Athlete event raises £2,200!

It was lovely to see the children receive their prizes for the money raised during the sponsored fitness circuit. I can confirm that the event raised just under £2,200 to be spent on Sports Equipment for the school. School Council and I will be getting ideas from pupils on what equipment they would like to see out on the playground at break and lunchtimes.

I hope you all have a weekend.

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 Chestnut Class - 97.8%

2nd Ash Class - 96.4%

3rd Birch Class-96.2%

House Points

Quin House = 1st (4 points)
Thomas House = 2nd (3points)
Fleece House = 3rd (2points)
Warren House = 4th (1 points)

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
26	28	34	27

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

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
35	37	39	40

Duck Photos



Waddles – Yellow with brown patches

Chip Chip– Yellow

Peck Peck– mix of Yellow/brown

Stripes– Brown with yellow stripes



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](#).

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<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



Maths Money Challenge

A great big well done to everyone who joined in the home learning challenge. We were blown away by the children's efforts and engagement in this activity which was designed to give the children opportunities to explore real money. We entered everyone who participated in the prize draw and Oliver B's name was drawn out! Well done everybody!





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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

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www.waspsclub.com

Ash Class

Ash Class are thinking a lot about their emotions this half term- naming them and looking for facial expressions to help them to recognise how people are feeling. Their new core text Ruby's Worry has prompted some great discussions.

During Forest School this week the children identified lots of early signs of spring around the school- daffodils, aconites, scillas and crocuses growing and they saw lots of catkins too.

We had a special very tiny visitor (only 5 weeks old) and the children had lots of questions to ask to find out more about how to look after babies. We were very impressed at their thoughtful questions.

In maths lessons the nursery have been counting and matching numbers to their sets and reception have been learning to spot doubles when playing dominoes. They have been quick to learn how to make their own doubles and start to recall some number facts.

The duckling eggs caused a lot of excitement and the children were fascinated to watch them develop as they changed each day.

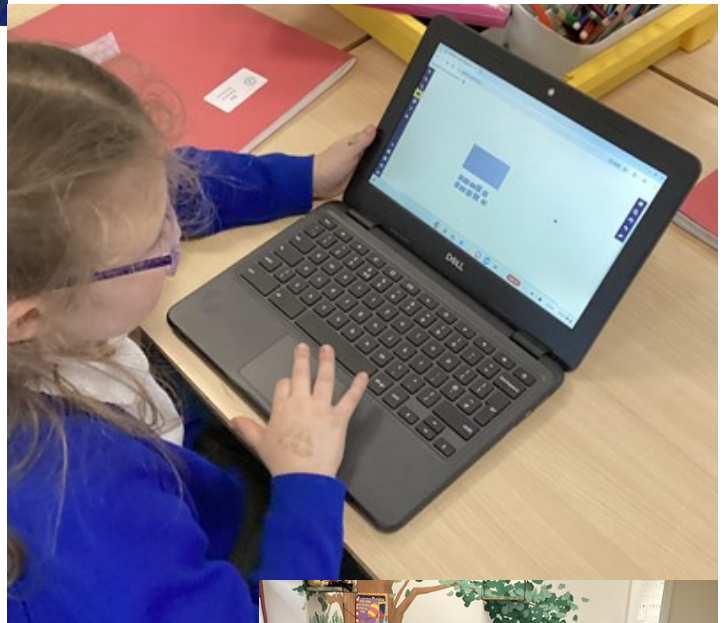
Meanwhile the children have been developing their writing skills in all areas of the classroom and outside. We have had a very busy week.



This week, our star of the week is Faron.

Birch Class

In computing, we have been learning about all the different parts of a computer (the hardware). Year 1 children have been practising their click and drag skills to drag the labels into place and Year 2 children were drawing pictures of computers using sketchpad and adding their labels.



In Maths, the children have been working hard to recognise and make equal groups as part of the beginning of our topic on multiplication and division. They have also been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Year 2s have been counting in 3s too.

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



Chestnut Class

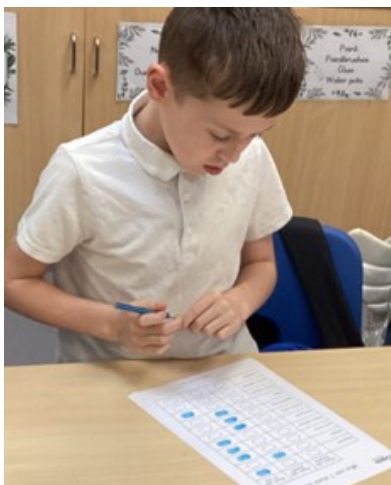
This week in PE we have been building our hockey skills. The children practised holding the stick correctly, dribbling and passing with accuracy and control.



Each week in science we are learning about an important scientist/inventor. We learned about Louis-Sebastien Lenormand this week, who invented the parachute. He inspired our own investigations exploring how cupcake cases fall. We generated and planned our own questions e.g. I wonder what will happen if I use different size cupcake cases?



In computing this week we began with an e-safety lesson about privacy settings online. We discussed keeping as much of our personal information off the internet as possible and never sharing our private information such as full name, address, school.



This week, our stars of the week are Ben and Ettie.

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



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Monday: Football

Tuesday: Gymnastics

3:20-4:20

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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)	
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>Cooking Club</u> Led by Mr Sadler (For years 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 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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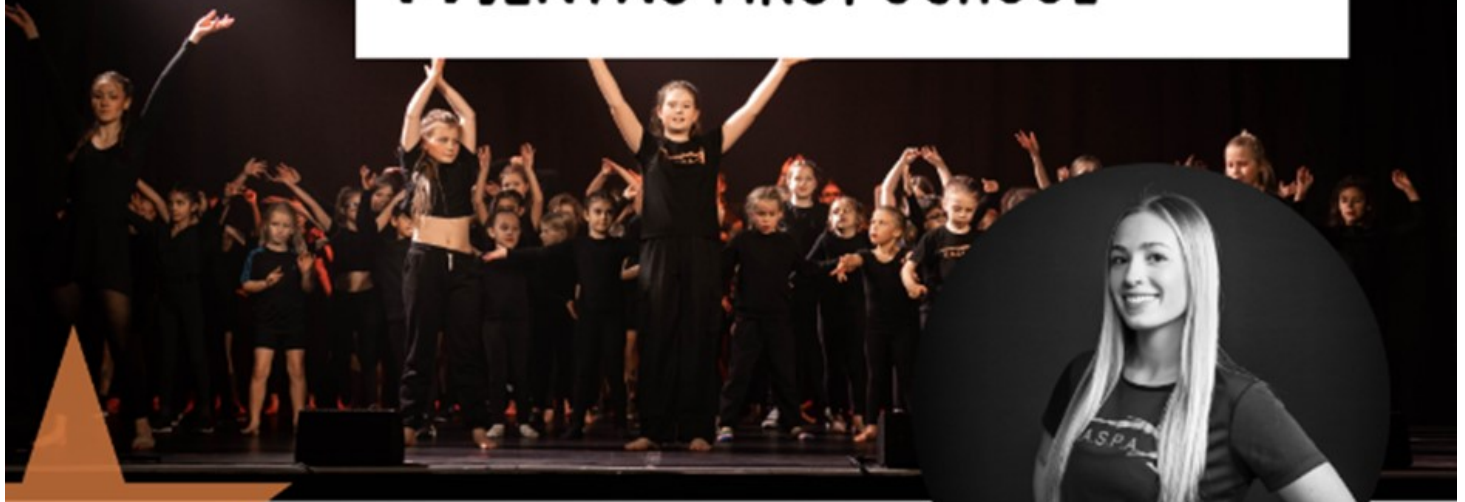


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TERM DATES: WC 8/9/25- 8/12/25 (EXCLUDING HALF TERM)

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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.

