

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER 27.3.2026

Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition



Spring Term 2026

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

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

21/4/26-Chestnut Class trip to the Roman Baths

4/5/26-May Bank Holiday

6/5/26-Forest School Stay and Play

W/B 11/5/26 - Mental Health Week

14/5/26-15/5/26-Chestnut Class residential trip to Cuffley Camp

W/B 18/5/26-International Week

22/5/26-Dance workshops for all classes

22/5/26-Class Dance Performance to parents @ 2:30pm

3/6/26-Forest School Stay and Play

w/b 8/6-Year 4 Multiplication Check

w/b 8/6-Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

15/6/26-Year 4 visit to Edwinstree

19/6/24-Non-uniform day

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

Headteacher message:

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another eventful term, I find myself reflecting on the number of enriching experiences our children have enjoyed over the past weeks. These include Maths Week, World Book Day, class trips out and of course our visit from the ducks!

The end of this term also marks the end of my second year of headship here at Jenyns. I would like to thank all of the parents and stakeholders for all of your support. I look forward to continuing to build upon recent achievements and take Jenyns to even greater heights!

Tree Planting

Today our School Council and House Captains came together to plant fruit trees and take the first steps toward creating our very own school orchard.

This project is all about teamwork, sustainability, and leaving a legacy for future students. Not only will the orchard provide fresh fruit in years to come, but it also gives us a chance to learn about nature, responsibility, and caring for our environment.

Thank you to Veolia for leading the initiative and donating the fruit trees, tools and compost! Some photos can be found on page 4.

Goodbye Mrs Baxter

We were very sad to see Mrs Baxter go yesterday afternoon. Mrs Baxter certainly had a lovely send off with a rather emotional farewell assembly looking back on her 24 years at Jenyns. She was joined by previous members of staff who worked with her as well as a number of governors.

Mrs Baxter led a final forest school session with each class where they sang songs and toasted marshmallows around the fire pit-photos can be found on page 4. I have included a copy of an article I wrote for Braughing Life which further pays tribute to Mrs Baxter and her dedication to the school for the past 24 years-this can be found on page 2.

No Dance Club after Easter

Morgan contacted the school to inform us that she will not be able to offer her dance club in the Summer term. She will be back after the Summer, next September. We are currently compiling a list of clubs for the Summer term.

I hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you after the Easter holidays.

Many Thanks,

Mr Sadler

Attendance Matters

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

1st Ash Class - 92.7%

2nd Birch Class - 92.1%

3rd Chestnut Class-89.4%

House Points

Warren House = 1st (4 points)

Fleece House = 2nd (3points)

Quin House = 3rd (2points)

Thomas House = 4th (1 points)

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
66	52	57	61

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

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
50	46	46	49

A fond farewell to a village treasure

Mrs Baxter retires after 24 years at Jenyns

There are few people in village life who can truly be described as institutions in their own right. This term, Jenyns First School and Nursery says goodbye to one of them, as Mrs Baxter, pictured right, retires after 24 remarkable years of teaching generations of local children.

REASSURING

Since joining the school in 2002, Mrs Baxter has been a constant, reassuring presence in the classroom and beyond. For over two decades, she has taught well over 350 pupils — and, in many cases, their parents before them. It is not uncommon to hear someone in the village say, “Mrs Baxter taught me too”, a testament to the deep roots she has put down in our community.

Mrs Baxter first taught the mixed Year 1/2 class at Jenyns before moving to Early Years,

where she has taught both Nursery and Reception, laying the foundations for pupils to excel and thrive throughout their educational journey. She has always been passionate about outdoor learning, making Forest School an outstanding feature of our curriculum — the highlight of most of our pupils’ week.

MEMORY BOOK

To mark her retirement, the school is holding a special assembly at the end of term, where pupils will perform some of her favourite songs and present her with a memory book filled with messages and photographs spanning her time here at Jenyns. There are sure to be very few dry eyes in the hall.

As for her plans, Mrs Baxter is looking



forward to spending more time with her family and has planned plenty of trips — not in the school holidays!

“Not uncommon for someone to say ‘Mrs Baxter taught me too’”

While we will greatly miss seeing her at the classroom door each morning, we know her legacy

will live on in the confidence, curiosity and kindness of the many children she has taught.

SERVICE

On behalf of the entire school and village, we thank Mrs Baxter for her extraordinary service and wish her a long, happy and well-earned retirement.

JAMES SADLER
HEADTEACHER



Upcoming Events at St Mary's Church

I have been asked by Reverend Lynn to share the following upcoming events taking place at St Mary's Church in Braughing: Good Friday 10.30-12 noon—A family activity morning. All welcome to come and join this free event with crafts, activities, story and refreshments. All welcome.

Easter Day - 5th April 11.15am -A family friendly Easter Communion Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt!



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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 run a Breakfast Club, After School Club and a Holiday Play Scheme.






for more information please get in contact

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Ash Class

This week the children have continued to explore length and height in their play. They have been making things that are longer or shorter and finding out whether their footprint is longer than their handprint, helped very much by lots of teamwork and an abundance of cool cooperators!

We welcomed Ash Class's new teacher Mrs Cully who spent the day in Ash class on Tuesday, and the children all enjoyed meeting and spending time with her.

In the lead up to Easter, the children have found out why and how Christians celebrate at this time of year. The children had a lot of fun making Easter nests which they brought home this week.

On Wednesday Ash class were the first class to toast marshmallows around the campfire and learned some great action songs from Mr Sadler.

Have a very happy Easter break!



This week, our stars of the week are Carlotta and Florence.



Birch Class

This week in PSHE, the children have been learning about how to keep themselves safe around medicine. They explored why it's important to only take medicine with a trusted adult and how to recognise items that might be harmful. The class is growing in confidence when making safe and sensible choices, and it was wonderful to see them engaging so thoughtfully with this topic.



This week, for design and technology the children designed and built their own castle structures using cardboard. They began by thinking about the features of a castle and using 3D bricks to construct their castle. They learned a range of safe cutting and joining techniques and used their creativity to bring their ideas to life. We were incredibly proud of their finished castles and the effort they put into making them.



We finished the week with some Easter themed maths, practising our addition and subtraction skills to move around the game board. The children really enjoyed the challenge and showed great enthusiasm.



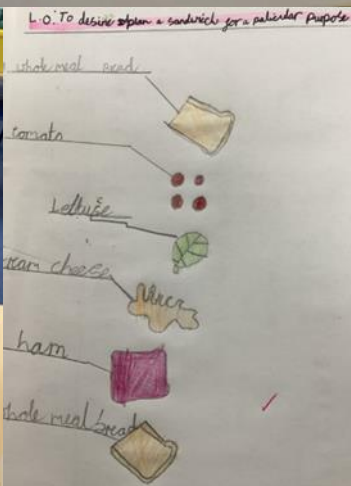
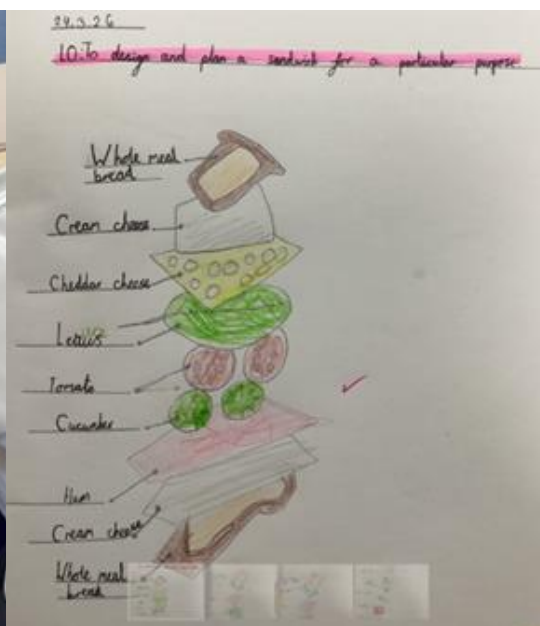
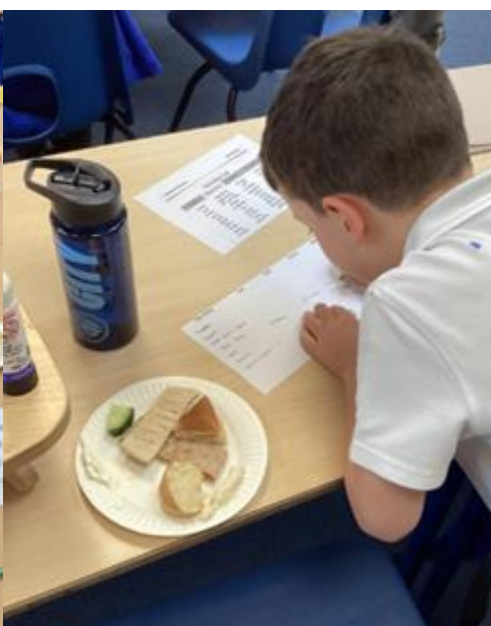
This week our stars of the week are Luna and Rudie.



Chestnut Class

In our recent maths lessons, we have been learning how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions. To help us understand this better, we played a fun matching game where we paired mixed numbers with their equivalent improper fractions using pictures to help us visualise the values.

We have focused on food technology this week. First we explored tasting different ingredients. We tried a variety of breads, and sandwich fillings. Next we designed our own sandwiches. We learned about different food groups and made sure to include a balance of ingredients such as whole grains, proteins, dairy, fruits or vegetables. Finally, we followed our plans and prepared our sandwiches safely and hygienically.



This week, our stars of the week are Molly and Finn.



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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) <u>Forest School / Gardening Club</u> Led by Cass (Faith's Mum) outside (For years, 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.

Forest School/Gardening Club—Please contact Cass on 07496416785

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.



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