

JENYNS FIRST SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER 09.10.26

Embracing Respect, Nurturing Growth, Inspiring Ambition



Autumn Term 2026

12/10/26 – Whole School Christmas Card making with FOJ
 14/10/26 – Parent Consultations
 21/10/26 – Parent Consultations
 23/10/26 – Parent Stay and Read and Class Sharing assemblies
 9:00am – 10:00am
 26/10/26 – 30/10/26 – Half Term
 9/11/26 – Remembrance Day Assembly to whole school
 16/11/26 – 20/11/26 – Anti Bullying Week
 19/11/26 – Chestnut Class trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum
 20/11/26 – Children in Need
 26/11/26 – Glitter Afternoon
 26/11/26 – 1/12/26 - Book Fair afterschool
 4/12/26 – Occasional Day (School Closed)
 7/12/26 – INSET (School Closed)
 8/12/26 – Christmas Pantomime delivered to whole school and Christmas Jumper Day (Bottle/gift donation to FOJ)
 10/12/26 - Chestnut/Birch Christmas Extravaganza Performance - 9:15am
 11/12/26 - Ash Class Christmas Nativity Performance - 9:15am
 14/12/26 – FOJ Christmas Fair 3:30pm – 4:30pm
 16/12/26 – School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
 17/12/26 – Rocksteady performance (2:30pm)
 18/12/26 – End of term – 12:15pm

This Week's Attendance

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



1st Birch Class - 99.2%
 2nd Chestnut Class– 97.7%
 3rd Ash Class – 96.3%

Headteacher Message:

Dear parents/carers,

It has been another fantastic week here at Jenyns. In assemblies this week, we have been focusing on the SHINE value of 'Staying Positive' and always trying to have a positive mindset. Children have been listening to 'Don't worry be happy' as they come into assembly and the children have been sharing positive experiences from their week. We also shared some negative experiences, but thought carefully about how these could be seen as positive, such as if there is no space next to your best friend in the lunch hall, this is an opportunity to sit with someone else and maybe make a new friend. We look forward to sharing some of our positive experiences next week on our Facebook page!

Parent Volunteer Day

Thank you to everyone who came to our parent volunteer day last Sunday. Parents and carers worked incredibly hard, painting fences, sweeping leaves, trimming back hedges and bushes, and generally helping to give our school grounds some much-needed looking after.

We are so lucky to have such a supportive school community. Your time, energy and willingness to get stuck in makes such a difference and helps us to make our school environment an even better place for our children.

Parent Reading Workshop

Thank you to all of you who took the time to attend our school's Reading workshop. Your presence and participation made the event truly special. We deeply appreciate your interest in supporting your child's reading journey and in partnering with us to nurture a love of reading.

Autumn Term Parent Consultations

The booking system is now live for parents to sign up to Parent Consultation slots on Wednesday 14th October and Wednesday 21st October. These are to be booked via Arbor. If you need any support with making a booking, please contact the school office.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Many Thanks,
 Mr Sadler

House Points

House Points this week:

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
36	27	34	32

1st Warren House – 4 points

2nd Quin House – 3 points

3rd Fleece House – 2 points

4th Thomas House – 1 point

The House Point totals for the year so far are:

Warren	Thomas	Quin	Fleece
15	12	12	11

The Reading Raffle

% of children reading three times or more this week.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
78	70	57	82	77

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are taking place on Thursday mornings. If you are interested in signing your child up for piano lessons, please click this link: [Registration - Hertfordshire Music Service](#)

Little Recyclers – Wednesday 4th November

We have another Little Recyclers collection on Wednesday 4th November. We are welcoming any unwanted items listed on the flyer on page 4. Please can these be bagged and placed in the front entrance of the school. Feel free to also share with family and friends as this all raise money for the school.



*Buy
tickets here*

You are invited to the Jenyns'

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday

23

October

From 3:30 'til 5:00pm
at Jenyns First School Hall.

Nursery parents are welcome to
attend the party with their child/ren.

TICKETS £5 EACH

Price includes DJ,
Face Paint & Party Games
Drink & Snacks



ROYSTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY PROGRAMME



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!



Jenyns Primary School FOOTBALL

(DAYS)

WEDNESDAYS

(TIMES)

15:15 - 16:15

(VENUE)

**JENYNS PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

(YEAR GROUPS)

YEAR 1-4

(DATES)

**16.09.26
-
21.10.26**

**BOOK NOW: [https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/
brand/after-school](https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school)**

CONTACT: SAM@ROYSTONTOWNFC.CO.UK



SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

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

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

4 NOVEMBER
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 DON'T 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



Halloween at church farm

24th - 31st October

Visit
Church Farm
Ardeley
*A real working
farm!*

- * Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- * Big Bale Play
- * Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- * Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- * Spooky Photo Opportunities
- * Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- * Scarecrow Trail

- * Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- * Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- * Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- * Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- * Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- * Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

Trick or Treating in our
Spooky Wood (4-6pm)

Horrid Hay Tractor
& Trailer Rides

Eerie Egg Collecting
Ghoulish Goat Walking

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Halloween Colouring



Halloween Crafts



Clay Modelling



Loom Bands



Film Time



Talent Show



Scratch Art



Scavenger Hunt



Sports Activities



Park Visit



Competitions



Build Dens



Halloween Painting



Hama Beads



Make Shrinkies



Spooky Slime



Halloween Disco



Story Time



Board Games



Dance Party



Dressing Up



Treasure Hunt



Halloween Games



Fridge Magnets

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<https://waspsclub.magicbooking.co.uk/>

Click here for a link to the DSPL3 Autumn
Newsletter with lots of parental support
and SEN information.

Ash Class

This week, Ash Class have been exploring **floating and sinking**. We made our predictions together, voting on which objects we thought would float and which would sink. During choosing time, we then tested our ideas and talked about what happened, explaining our thinking and seeing whether our predictions were correct.

During **Forest School**, we began making our very own class wreath using natural materials, including conkers and leaves. The children enjoyed collecting and creating, although they discovered that drilling holes in conkers using a hand drill was quite a challenge! They showed great perseverance and patience as they worked.

We have also been learning about **woodland habitats and the animals that live there**. We have been thinking about which animals we might find in a woodland and exploring the different environments they call home.

As part of our learning about **rules and routines**, we have been thinking about why rules are important and how they help to keep us safe. We have talked about rules at school, at home and when we are out and about, and discussed how following them helps everyone to feel safe and happy.

We have also been exploring **special people and the people who are important to us**. The children have been talking about the people they love and care about and sharing what makes these people special to them.



Predict Float or Sink		
Objects	Float	Sink
coin	11 little float	4 sink
pencil	9 big	6 big sink
cotton ball	10 soft	5 float
crayon	10 heavy	5 sink
rubber band	7 float	8 sink
wooden stick	15 heavy	0



Our stars of the week this week are Sebbie and Rupert.

Birch Class

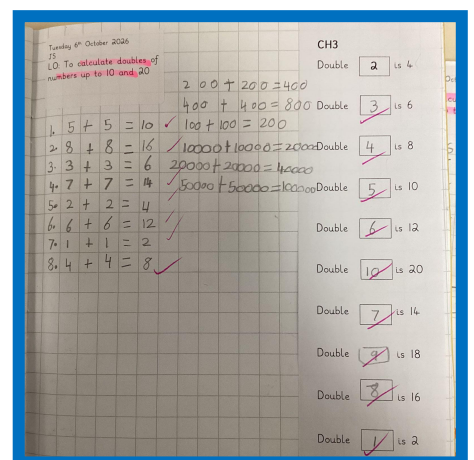
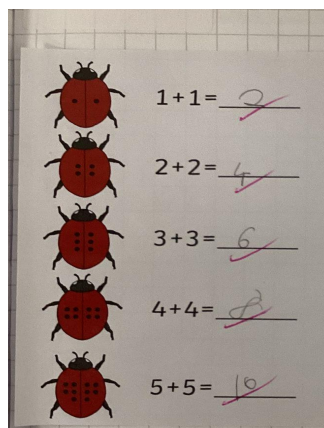
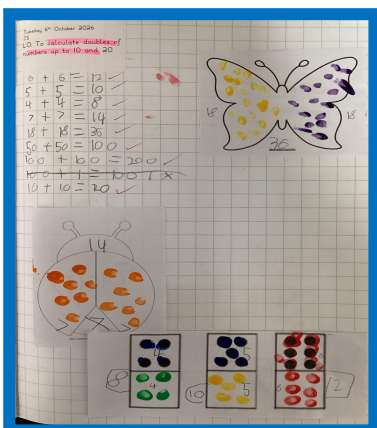
In Art, we explored a range of drawing techniques to draw some of the objects we collected on our nature hunt. We tried continuous line drawing, blind drawing and slow drawing. We then discussed which technique we preferred. Many of the children didn't like drawing with their eyes closed or looking away and couldn't resist having a sneaky peek!



In Science, we explored microhabitats around the school grounds and discussed how these are part of a larger habitat. Unfortunately, it was a little too rainy and lots of the minibeasts had decided to move elsewhere, so we didn't find quite as many as we had hoped!



In Maths, we have been practising doubling numbers and developing our understanding of how doubling means adding the same number together twice.



Our stars of the week this week are Eleanor and Wilf.

Chestnut Class

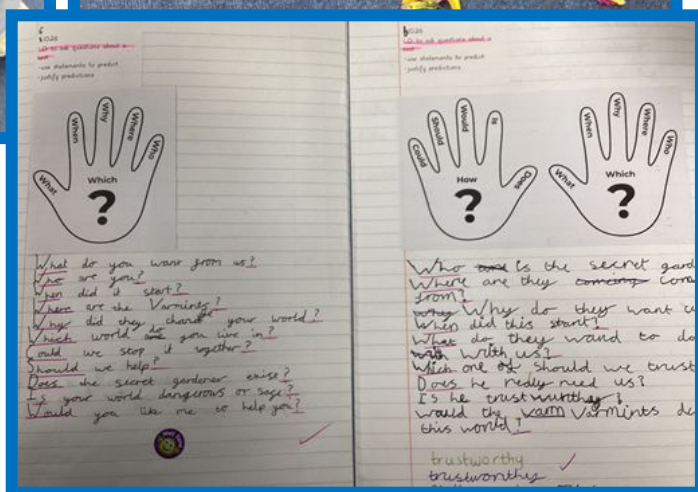
In art, we have been sketching and experimenting with drawing different bird's nests. We then started to create our own using a variety of materials, including clay, Modroc, leaves, stuffing, felt and card. We are spending several sessions creating these, so we will share our finished results at the end of half term.



In English, we have started a new book, called 'Varmints'. We were left a mysterious letter on Tuesday and then asked questions about who the secretive creatures were.



Our stars of the week this week are Rio and Rudie.



Autumn Term Clubs

	Lunchtime (no need to sign-up, children can just join in)	After School
Monday	Parachute Club with Mrs Smith Ash and Birch Class	
Tuesday	Drawing Club with Mrs Georgiou Ash, Birch and Chestnut	<u>Art Club (until 4:20pm)</u> Led by Mrs Cully For Years R-4 Sign-up through Arbor (from 8am Monday) Limited to 13 pupils £12 for 6 sessions to cover the cost of resources Collection from the playground
Wednesday	Construction Club with Mrs Meaney Ash, Birch and Chestnut	<u>Football Club (until 4:15pm)</u> Led by Royston Town FC For years R-4 Sign-up using the following link: Sign-up Collection from outside the hall
Thursday	Craft Club with Mrs Donno Ash, Birch and Chestnut	<u>Cooking Club (until 4:20pm)</u> Led by Mr Sadler For years R-4 Sign-up through Arbor (Starting Monday 8am) Limited to 13 pupils £12 for 6 sessions to cover the cost of resources Collection from outside of hall
Friday	Archery Club with Mr Sadler Chestnut Class	

Children
aged 3
and under



JENYNS OUTDOOR FOREST SCHOOL STAY & PLAY

**WEDNESDAY 30TH
SEPTEMBER
9:00AM-10:15AM**

**FREE
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OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

Headteacher's Talk – 6:30pm

Tours will run between 5:00pm and 6:15pm and will be led by our Key Stage 3 students.

- ✓ Engaging curriculum
- ✓ Strong pastoral support
- ✓ Inclusive community
- ✓ Promoting character through our school values

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 Competitions	 Build Dens	 Halloween Painting	 Hama Beads	 Make Shrinkies
 Spooky Slime	 Story Time	 Board Games	 Dance Party	 Dressing Up
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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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Parent & Carer Support

Autumn Term 2026



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

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

15th Sep to 20th Oct ages 10-19
Online Course ID 864

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

3rd Nov to 8th Dec ages 2-19
Online Course ID 859

Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm

4th Nov to 9th Dec ages 2-19
F2F Course: ID 858
Longdean School
Hemel Hempstead

TALKING FAMILIES

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

- Managing 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

17th Sep to 22nd Oct
Online Course ID 861

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am

4th Nov to 9th Dec
Online Course ID 860

TALKING ANXIETY

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **3-19**, 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 7.45 - 9.30pm

4th Nov to 9th Dec
Online Course ID 862

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.



Supporting Links
Promoting Strong Family Relationships

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

16th Sep to 21st Oct

Online Course: ID 867

Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

3rd Nov to 8th Dec

Online Course: ID 868

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

15th Sep to 20th Oct

Online Course: ID 863

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: the 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.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

16th Sep to 21st Oct

Online Course: ID 865

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm

4th Nov to 9th Dec

Online Course: ID 866

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



Parent & Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Autumn 2026



Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in [Hertfordshire](#) of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

[Eventbrite Page](#)

RESPONDING to ANGER



- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
- How to spot the signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Monday 21st September, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL-871 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-871-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1989106887245>

ANXIETY & STRESS



- The difference between stress and anxiety.
- Understanding anxiety conditions in ASD/ADHD.
- Spot the signs of stress.
- Triggers amongst neurodivergent children.
- Help your anxious child feel safe.
- Early warning signs of mental health problems.

Wednesday 30th September, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL-869 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-stress-anxiety-869-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1988978053901>

SCHOOL AVOIDANCE



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance or Non-Attendance & what is your child's experience.
- Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child and look after yourself.
- How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

Wednesday 21st November, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL-872 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-school-avoidance872-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1989109348607>

TECH USE



- Understand your child's use of Social Media, Gaming & the Internet.
- The effect of banning, strict time limits or using devices as a reward or consequence.
- Teach children how to manage their tech use, stay safe online and switch off.
- Improve communication and reduce conflict.
- Dopamine and other hormones.

Thursday 19th November, 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL-870 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-tech-use-870-for-parentscarers-in-herts-registration-1989100977569>

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