



Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Welcome Back to the Spring Term – January 2026 - Welcome back message and wintry weather update

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Dear Families,

I am delighted to welcome all our families back to Jennett's Park CE Primary as we begin a brand-new term and a brand-new year. The team and I here hope the Christmas break brought you moments of rest, joy, and time together—however that looked in your homes.

As we step into 2026, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Jennett's Park CE Primary school is a community built on strong relationships between school and families, and your encouragement makes a real difference to the children every day.

Life in all its fullness—a phrase that sits at the heart of our school vision. Fullness doesn't mean perfection; it means richness, growth, and the small but meaningful moments that shape a child's journey. It looks like the joy of a new concept clicking, the kindness shown between friends, the resilience built through challenge, and the laughter that fills our corridors.

Our rainbow values—love, honesty, hope, peace, kindness, joy, respect, patience, and support—continue to guide everything we do. They are more than words; they are the way we help children understand who they are and how they might flourish.

We also want to celebrate the fun and creativity that make our school such a vibrant place. From themed days to shared jokes to the joyful chaos of glitter and costumes, these moments help children feel connected, confident, and excited to learn.

We look for the moments of 'wow' that fill our hearts. We know there are lots of things that can hurt- 'the ows' but I'd ask you to look for those as well as understanding yourself and being in the 'now' with us.

As always, we recognise that members of our community may be returning to school carrying a mixture of emotions—some with energy and optimism, others with worry, grief, or fatigue. Life in all its fullness includes both celebration and challenge, and we remain committed to supporting every child and every family with compassion and care.

A short prayer for those who wish to share in our thoughts :

Loving God,

As we begin this new term, bless our school community with strength, joy, and hope.

Be close to those who are struggling and surround them with comfort and support.

Help us to live out our rainbow values so that life in all its fullness is experienced by every child and every adult in our community.

Amen.



We look forward to a term filled with learning, laughter, and growth. Thank you for being part of the Team JPCE family. We are excited for all that 2026 will bring.

Winter weather preparations-

So, as I write this on Sunday ready to send Monday there are predictions of wintry weather and indeed more snow. As with any great British weather event it is variable. I am writing now to explain what we do ahead of it as many of you have never experienced this at JP.

1) We are incredibly icy. Slipping and falling is a real risk.

So as we say to the kids walk like a penguin on site... you'll look great en mass.

Entry into school- if the site is safe to open, we may *still* restrict entry via front classrooms and doors / entrance only to reduce risk of breakages. **Follow directions and please don't argue!!**

2) All children must have enough layers to stay warm. The school is heated well but it is not the same as your house. Children should have coat, jumpers/ new school hoodies, gloves. We also recommend hats/ scarves/ vests and a change of socks /footwear. Slipping on dry footwear is a treat. Children don't keep hold of items so your **best aim is always to name**.

3) We don't want to close. That is not our wish but if we do the decision is based on staff ability to be in and the safety of all. Staff travel from across Berkshire and beyond. If we close before the start of day we will inform you via email, an alert on 'reach more parents' and the website first, then to update seesaw/ tapestry.

If you don't have access to these, set yourself up - we will not answer individual emails / phone calls as we don't have capacity to do that. The decision is normally by 7:30 but again don't ring/ email as that clogs up communication.

The rule is - **If you've heard nothing assume we are open.**

4) Please share in Social media groups **ONLY** what has come from school as those kindly giving additional speculative details can quickly become misinformation!

If we are closed, you'll know it via the 4 sources above.

5) If we close during the school day again, we'll communicate to you about how to do a midpoint collection safely.

6) We set home learning tasks for children on winter closure days as not everyone can just take the day off/ will have to hybrid work. We know many of you will appreciate something to keep children learning and these will be on Seesaw/ Tapestry by 8:30 if we do close.

So again, happy 2026 and wishing you a wonderful year.

Yours sincerely



Liz Savage Headteacher of Jennett's Park CE Primary

