



Autumn 1 - Newsletter - 03/09/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

It is so lovely to see everyone in school; busy with their learning and playing with their friends. I offer a very warm welcome to all new pupils and parents and carers, and of course a warm welcome back to everyone else.

We aim to send out a newsletter every week, which should help to keep you up to date with what is going on in school. Also take a look at our website which contains a lot of useful information too.

If you should need to speak with your child's class teacher, it is usually best to catch them at collection time in the afternoon, not the morning as drop off is such a busy time, or alternatively, please send an email to the school office, admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk with a brief outline of your query, the office staff will then contact the class teacher, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

If you're not sure if your child is well enough to go come to school, check the NHS guidance for common illnesses at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> and let us know as soon as possible if they need to stay home. If you are not sure whether your child is genuinely too ill for school, please send your child in, we will send them home if they are too ill to learn.

Remember, ahead of and during the winter illness period, all eligible school-aged children are offered an NHS flu vaccine. Vaccination UK will be in touch with more information about this. If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, it's important they attend school before and after the appointment. They can wear school uniform for the appointment. Please send a copy of appointment letter/text/message/email to the school office.

Next week and the week after the year groups will be holding their meetings for parents. See below for further information and the dates that they will be taking place.

This week Hindu's celebrate Janmashtami; which is a festival to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna. Happy Janmashtami to anyone celebrating this week.

What's on next week

Thursday 03.09.2026

Return to school for pupils

Monday 07.09.2026

2.45pm - Year 1 Parent meeting in Robin class - parents of Year 1 invited to attend

Tuesday 08.09.2026

2.45pm - Year 4 Parent meeting in Eagle class - parents of Year 4 invited to attend

Wednesday 09.09.2026

2.45pm - Year 2 Parent meeting in Lark class - parents of Year 2 invited to attend

Thursday 10.09.2026

2.45pm - Year 3 Parent meeting in Dove class - parents of Year 3 invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - Labtots

Friday 11.09.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Kings and Queens Chess Club for Years 1-4 in the dining hall

Monday 14.09.2026

Learning logs go home today

Tuesday 15.09.2026

2.45pm - Reception parent meeting in the school hall - parents of Reception children invited to attend

Year Group Meetings for Parents - September 2026

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Year Group meetings next week. At these meetings, the teachers will give an overview of the year ahead for your children including topics, activities etc. Please try to attend.

- **Reception** - Tuesday 15th September, 2.45pm in the school hall
- **Year 1** - Monday 7th September, 2.45pm in Robin classroom
- **Year 2** - Wednesday 9th September, 2.45pm in Lark classroom
- **Year 3** - Thursday 10th September, 2.45pm in Dove classroom
- **Year 4** - Tuesday 8th September, 2.45pm in Eagle classroom

If you are unable to attend your child's year group meeting, please don't worry, notes will be available upon request a few days after the meeting.

Earrings

If your child has had their ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holiday, their ears should be healed enough by now to remove the earrings before school each day. If the ears are still healing, please ensure that the earrings are covered with micropore tape before coming into school.

Thank you for working with us.

Volunteering in School

We would appreciate some volunteers to help in school every day. Reading or doing some maths with children during the mornings 9-9.30am and helping in the library during the afternoons. All volunteers

need to have a DBS, which the school can apply for. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office on admin@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk. We would be very grateful!

Events in and around Royston and other useful information



ROYSTON
& VILLAGES

SEN LEGO CLUB

For children with additional
needs and their families.

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
2.30 - 4.30PM

NEW LOCATION FOR 2026
Coombes Community Centre,
Burns Road, Royston,
SG8 5PT



A poster for the SEN LEGO CLUB. The background is a collage of colorful LEGO bricks. At the top, an orange banner reads 'ROYSTON & VILLAGES'. Below it, the text 'SEN LEGO CLUB' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Underneath, in green, it says 'For children with additional needs and their families.' Further down, it states 'FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH 2.30 - 4.30PM'. At the bottom left, it lists the 'NEW LOCATION FOR 2026' as 'Coombes Community Centre, Burns Road, Royston, SG8 5PT'. On the bottom right, there is a QR code with the text 'Royston & Villages SEN Lego Club' above it.



NEW PLAYERS WANTED!

SHEPRETH SPITFIRES UNDER 8'S - 66 SQUADRON

SEASON 26/27

TRAINING: TUESDAYS 5:30PM - 6:30PM

AT ETERNIT SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

AGES 6-7 WELCOME!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN SHEPRETH SPITFIRES PLEASE USE THE CONTACT FORM AT www.sheprethspitfires.co.uk



A recruitment poster for Shepreth Spitfires. The background is a light blue sky with a young boy in a blue football kit kicking a black and white ball. The text is arranged vertically on the left side. At the top, it says 'NEW PLAYERS WANTED!' in large, bold, black letters. Below that, 'SHEPRETH SPITFIRES UNDER 8'S - 66 SQUADRON' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath, 'SEASON 26/27' is written in white on a black banner. Then, it lists 'TRAINING: TUESDAYS 5:30PM - 6:30PM', 'AT ETERNIT SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB', and 'AGES 6-7 WELCOME!'. At the bottom, it says 'IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN SHEPRETH SPITFIRES PLEASE USE THE CONTACT FORM AT' followed by the website 'www.sheprethspitfires.co.uk'. On the right side, there is a circular logo for 'SHEPRETH SPITFIRES' with a star in the center. The boy's kit has a 'HOT NUMBERS' logo on the front.



Groups and workshops family lives

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Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 5th October to 16th November, 7pm to 9pm OR
Friday 6th November to 11th December, 9.30am to 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6th October to 17th November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4th November to 9th December, 7pm to 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Wednesday 21 October 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

Monday 9 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Wednesday 25 November 7pm to 9pm

It's a Dad's Life Online Workshop

Thursday 26 November 7pm to 9pm

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Online Workshop

Wednesday 2 December 9.30am to 11.30am

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential.

For more info, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.



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Kings & Queens Chess Club Team

Kings and Queens Chess Club will be starting again soon on Fridays after school for years 1-4, to register and pay for your child's place, please use the following link:

<https://kingsandqueenschess.co.uk/enrol.html>

Home-Start AGM

You're warmly invited to Home-Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 21st October 2025.

Join us for an inspiring evening where we'll hear directly from a family who received support from Home-Start, an incredibly powerful way to understand the real impact of our work in the community. We'd love for you to be part of this special event as we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future.

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Want to know more, [see this handy intro](#)

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

Weblinks that can help you

[NSPCC](#) - Online safety.

[Smartphone Free Childhood](#)

[Angels Support \(ASD & ADHD\)](#)

Herts CC [Relationship advice](#)

[Families Feeling Safe](#)

[NESSIE - Positive Mental Health](#) - Lots of talks and courses to help you and your child with their mental health.

[Supporting Family Links](#) - Promoting Strong Family Relationships with children up to the age of 12, lots of online courses to help.

Herts CC Cost of living resources - [cost-of-living-flashcard \(thegrid.org.uk\)](#)

North Herts Family Support Services - [www.hertsfamilycentres.org](#)

[www.supportinglinks.co.uk](#) - Workshops/training courses for parents/carers of children (up to age 25).

BeeZee Bodies - [www.beezeebodies.com](#)

[North Herts Special Provision updates - look here for SEN and Behaviour support](#)

[Free School Meals](#)

[Neurodiversity Support Hub](#)

Lumi Nova - Fun digital therapy for childhood anxiety - [https://luminova.app/](#)

Mind Hertfordshire Network -

The Sleep Charity - [https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/](#)