



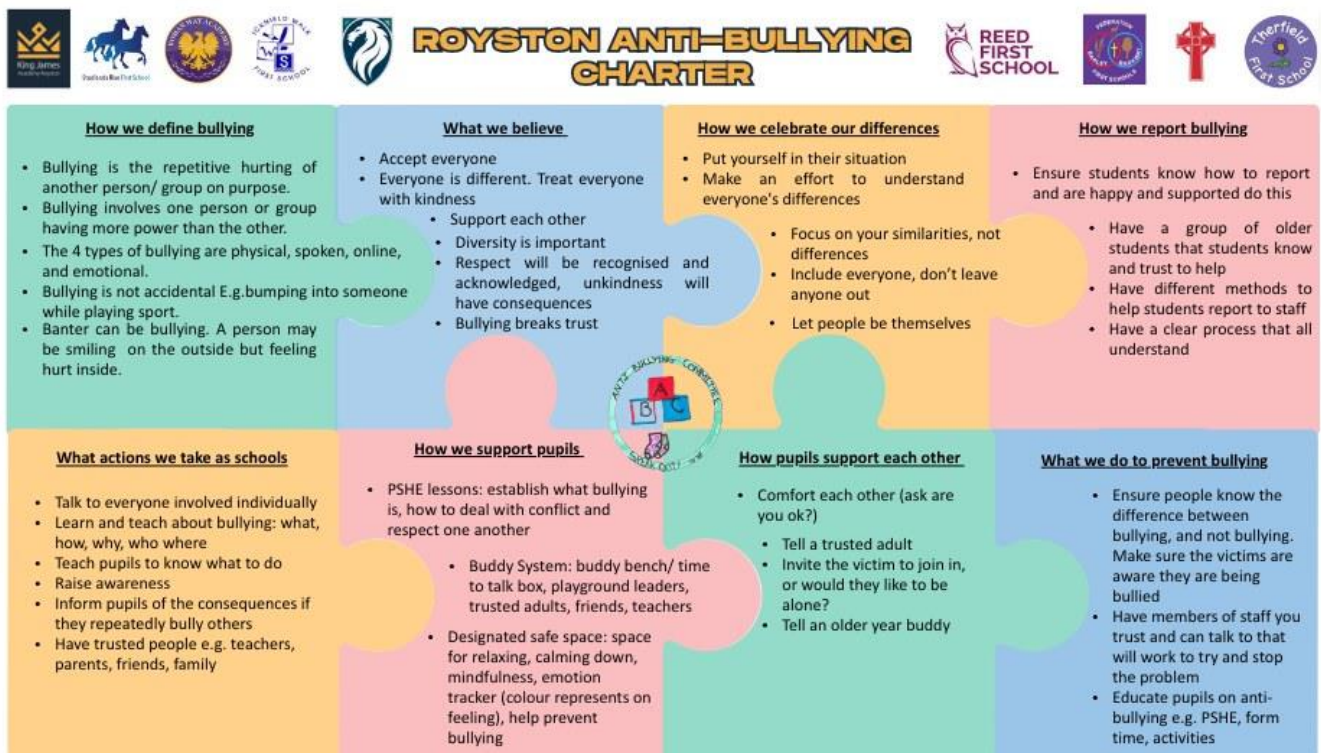
Autumn 10 - Newsletter - 13/11/2025

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Tomorrow we will be having an odd sock day, we are encouraging the children to come to school in odd socks in recognition of Anti-Bullying Week. A few children from our school, worked with children from schools around Royston and the villages, to create an anti-bullying Charter (see below). This has been used in many classes this week to remind children about the importance of kindness and keeping everyone safe. Tomorrow, children can wear their odd socks with their usual uniform.

Thank you so much to Ayla's grandad for being our top fundraiser on the Easy Fundraising app, Ayla is in year 1. We really appreciate this. The Easy Fundraising app has a promotion on at the moment, please see the Easy Fundraising section below for more information.

Many thanks.



What's on

Day & Date	Time	Event & Year
Thursday 13.11.2025	am 3.15-3.45pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 4 Recorder club Year 3 Recorder club in the school hall – collect from dining hall Lab Tots in Dove classroom
Friday 14.11.2025	- pm pm 3.15-4.15pm	Odd Sock Day – wear odd socks to school with your uniform Stay & Play session in Nursery for prospective parents and children – book via school office Reception – visit from local author – non-parent event It's your cue drama club for year 4s in Eagle class
Monday 17.11.2025	-	Learning logs return to school
Tuesday 18.11.2025	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Skills Sports Club
Wednesday 19.11.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm	Piano & Guitar lessons Outdoor Project club
Thursday 20.11.2025	am 3.15-3.45pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 4 Recorder club Year 3 Recorder club in the school hall – collect from dining hall Lab Tots in Dove classroom
Friday 21.11.2025	pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 1 & 2 visit from local author – non-parent event It's your cue drama club for year 4s in Eagle class
Monday 24.11.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm	Learning logs go home Gym club for Years 1-4
Tuesday 25.11.2025	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Skills Sports Club
Wednesday 26.11.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm 7pm	Piano & Guitar lessons Outdoor Project club Booking system for Christmas events goes live
Thursday 27.11.2025	am 3.15-3.45pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 4 Recorder club Year 3 Recorder club in the school hall – collect from dining hall Lab Tots in Dove classroom
Friday 28.11.2025	2.45pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 3 Dove class assembly – parents and carers of Dove class are invited to attend It's your cue drama club for year 4s in Eagle class

Christmas Information		
Monday 1st December		Christmas Post Box will be available for children to post their Christmas cards. Box will be located in the corridor near the year 4 toilets near to the car park entrance.
Wednesday 3rd December		Guitar and Piano lessons
Wednesday 10th December	3.00-4.15pm	PTA Uniform sale in the dining room
Wednesday 10th December	3.30-4.30pm	View your child's workbooks with them in their classrooms
Thursday 11th December	9.30 am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 12th December	9.30 am	Reception Christmas Performance
Monday 15th December	am	Dress rehearsals for KS1 & KS2
Tuesday 16th December	9.15 am	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 16th December	2.00 pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17th December	9.15 am	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17th December	2.00 pm	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 18th December	pm	Nursery and School Christmas Lunch and Christmas parties
Friday 19th December	am	Whole School Carol Service at Royston Parish Church
Friday 19th December	-	Last day of the Autumn term
Friday 19th December	11.30am	Nursery closes – please collect your children from nursery at this time.
Friday 19th December	2.00 pm	School closes - please collect your children from their classrooms at this time unless they will be attending Fair Play
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	-	Pupils return to school for the Spring term

Supermarket vouchers for children eligible for FSMs

Hertfordshire County Council will be providing supermarket vouchers for each child entitled to benefit related free school meals for the Christmas holiday. Eligible families will receive a digital supermarket voucher to the value of £30 per eligible child.

During term time, every child in Reception, Year 1 and 2 is entitled to receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme, however this is not covered as part of the holiday scheme. Only those nursery and infant aged children that are eligible because of benefit-related criteria will be included.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals but you have not yet applied please check here www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If you do not meet the criteria for free school meals but need some support to buy food or pay household bills, help is available. Contact HertsHelp for advice and practical support – call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net.

You can also find further information around support at [Hertfordshire County Council | Help to manage the cost of living](#)

NURSERY ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Our admissions process opened on 1st October for children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023. Please visit our website and view the admissions page for further information, link below:

<https://icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk/about-us/admissions/>

RECEPTION & MIDDLE SCHOOL PLACE ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Applications opened on 1st November.

Parents of year 4 children should visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions to apply for their child's place at King James Academy Royston or alternative education settings for September 2026.

Parents of Nursery children should apply for their child's reception place by visiting www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

The application deadline for both reception and middle school places is 15th January 2026.



Icknield Walk First School PTA

FIREWORKS NIGHT

15TH NOV

Gates open 6:00pm | Display starts 6:45pm

★ Adults £7, Child £5 ★ Soup, Drinks, Sweet Treats
★ Family £20 ★ Glow Novelties

Tickets for sale online at:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>
From 10am 1 October



Icknield Walk First School Poplar Drive, Royston, SG8 7EZ Registered Charity 1110107

FIREWORKS

You can still buy tickets to the fireworks display on 15th November.

We still need volunteers for the fireworks display. Each adult volunteer will also get free entry into the display!

Please be aware all under 18s must be supervised by an adult during the display, so please consider this when agreeing to volunteer on the night.

If you can volunteer, please join this group:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bmu5zrLTS5JHm5I6fNb33X?mode=ems_copy_t

Tickets for fireworks can be purchased by clicking on the following link:

🎄 **Rainbow Hampers Are Back!** 🌈

Tickets for the legendary Rainbow Hampers will be on sale from 20th November! There are so many chances to win a fantastic hamper full of sweets, treats and goodies.

🎁 **Donations:** Please send in items that match your child's year group colour (see poster for details) on Friday 5th December.

👕 **Dress-Up Day:** Children are invited to wear non school uniform and if you have something in the colour of year group, please do wear it on Friday 5th December.

✨ **Hamper Helpers Needed!** We'll be making up the colourful hampers on the evening of 5th December from 7pm, and we'd love your help! The PTA will provide prosecco and mince pies to keep everyone festive.

If you'd like to join in, please join the WhatsApp group for more details.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFTAd4nuZRkBrEgdKyIQ6r?mode=wwt>



Icknield Walk First School PTA

RAINBOW RAFFLE

5th December Non-Uniform Day

You are encouraged to wear an item of the same colour

Instead of monetary donations, the PTA would be grateful if you could donate something for the **Christmas raffle** to make up our (now rather legendary) hamper raffle prizes.

Suitable items include:

Alcohol, Biscuits, Candles, Chocolate, Crisps, Pamper / bath items, Soft drinks, Sweets, Or anything else suitable for a hamper prize!

Item colours this year are:

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Please send the donations into school on 5th December and place into the boxes outside each of the classrooms.

Tickets for sale online at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>
From 20th November

Easy Fundraising - help us while you Christmas shop

Raise funds for us for **FREE**

with  **easyfundraising**



Join as our supporter today at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
Just search for:
Icknield Walk First School PTA

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them





Start at the easyfundraising website or app



Click out to where you'd like to shop



Checkout: prices are exactly the same!



The retailer sends a % of your spend to easyfundraising



They pass it on to us :)

Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over **£60m**
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone

Please remember to use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) when you do your Christmas online shopping this year.

Over 8,000 retailers including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Icknield Walk First School PTA for FREE when you use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to shop with them.

This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

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.

Events in and around Royston and other useful information

DYNAMOS CRICKET

Royston Cricket Club are providing Free Dynamos sessions for Girls aged 8-11

Free Girls only sessions available

dynamoscricicket.co.uk

Join us at: King James Academy Royston

Session dates: Sundays from 9th November to 14th December

Session timings: 10.30 to 11.30 am

Contact: David May
dmmroystoncricket@outlook.com or
 07801235814

To book your free sessions please register via the QR code



Details of how to get your free place are included in the registration details.

BITESIZE WORKSHOPS

Supporting Links
 Promoting Strong Family Relationships

Answering common parenting questions in short, practical, interactive online workshops
FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire



Eventbrite page

How Do I Get My Child To Eat Better?
 No matter how restrictive your child's diet is, there are things you can do to help
 Thu 4th Dec 2025, 10-11 am <https://tinyurl.com/mhvjmf8>

What Is Going On In My Teenager's Head?
 How & why adolescent development affects teen behaviour
 Thu 15th Jan 2026, 7-8pm <https://tinyurl.com/37h2fm55>

Why Does My Child Give Up So Easily?
 Build resilience in your child and encourage them to have a go, or keep trying
 Mon 19th Jan 2026, 7-8pm <https://tinyurl.com/44r7kuee>

How Do I Get My Child To Listen To Me?
 Improve communication by encouraging your child to listen to you and talk to you
 Thu 29th Jan 2026, 7-8pm <https://tinyurl.com/2fb7yvw2>

How Can My Child Learn To Manage Their Feelings?
 Teaching emotional regulation to young people
 Mon 23rd Mar 2026, 10-11 am <https://tinyurl.com/2wa9ekfd>

How Do I Talk To My Teen/Preteen About...?
 Having difficult conversations with your son or daughter about sex, drugs & social media
 Wed 25th Mar 2026, 7-8pm <https://tinyurl.com/2av34fbm>

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/bitesize-parenting-for-parents-in-herts-3853843>

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Beezee FAMILIES

FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes start on w/c 19/01/26 in person 12/01/26 online

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BOREHAMWOOD Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm	WATFORD Holywell Community Centre Chaffinch Lane, WD18 9QD 5:30 - 7:30pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:30 - 7:30pm	WALTHAM CROSS St Joseph's Church 204 High Street, EN8 7DP 4:30 - 6:30pm
** NO SESSION **	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **

Sign up today!

BZInfo@maximusuk.co.uk

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Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

**Meet father Christmas
church farm Ardeley**

Selected dates in December

Festive Farm Entry includes
Christmas Activity Pack * Festive Woodland
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

Meet Father Christmas
Father Christmas in his outside grotto
(includes a quality toy)
Meet the Elves
Write a letter to Father Christmas
Write a wish for the Wish Tree
Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

Additional Activities
Santa Paws – bring your beloved pooches to meet
Father Christmas include treat & toy
Harvest your Own Christmas Tree
Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride
Feed the farm animals

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

*This is an outdoor event so plenty of
fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!*

CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY
A Free Range Experience

**CHRISTMAS
POST**

Please help the 10th Royston Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
raise money for activities and overnight camps.

Buy our special stamps and use our post boxes in:
Icknield Stores, Ladds and Morrisons Daily.

Cards must be for addresses within Royston only.

Last post collection: 12pm on Monday 15th December.

Stamps only 50p
(cash only)

Scouts
10th Royston

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 \(thegrid.org.uk\)](http://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 - <https://www.withyouth.org/>