



Autumn 2 - Newsletter - 10/09/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Dummett all the very best, as she leaves tomorrow to start her maternity leave. We hope she manages to get a bit of rest before the baby comes.

We will be holding open events for prospective parents of children who are due to start Nursery and Reception in September 2027. If you know of any neighbours, friends or family who are looking for school and nursery places, please tell them about our events. They can book by calling our school office on 01763 243392. The open events will take place on 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th and 16th October.

I do hope your child is settling into school now; 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. 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.

The Autumn term 'Dates for your Diaries' will sent by email by the end of this week, this is not an exhaustive list, but should give you an idea of events taking place and enough notice to book time off work where necessary. Please do keep an eye on the newsletter as this is where changes of dates or times of events will be announced.

Tomorrow evening marks the start of the Jewish new year (Rosh Hashanah), Shanah tovah to all those celebrating Rosh Hashanah this weekend.

What's on next week

Thursday 10.09.2026

AM - Year 4 Recorder club

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

3.15-3.45pm Year 3 Recorder club in the hall

3.15-4.15pm - Labtots

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 11.09.2026

PM - Year 4 Falcon class swimming

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

3.15-4.15pm - It's Your Cue Drama Club in Year 4 classroom

Monday 14.09.2026

Learning logs go home today

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

Tuesday 15.09.2026

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

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi Sports Club

Wednesday 16.09.2026

Piano and Guitar Lessons

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

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 17.09.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Labtots

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

7pm - Parent/Teacher consultation booking system goes live

Friday 18.09.2026

PM - Year 4 Falcon class swimming

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

3.15-4.15pm - It's Your Cue Drama Club in Year 4 classroom

Earrings

Please remember to remove earrings each morning before school. If your child's ears were pierced during the summer holidays and have not yet fully healed, please cover the ears with micropore tape before sending your child to school. Once healed, remove the earrings before school and put them back in again when you get home. We will be lenient for the first week or so but please do all you can to ensure that earrings are removed as soon as possible. It is for safety reasons that we ask that children do not wear earrings to school.

Year Group Meetings for Parents - September 2026

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Year Group meetings. 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 3** - Thursday 10th September, 2.45pm in Dove 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.

Recorder Clubs

Mrs Atkins will be starting recorder clubs next Thursday (17th September).

Year 4 club will take place in the morning and Year 3 club will take place from 3.15-3.45pm in the school hall.

All children will need their own descant recorder, which are available from Amazon.

If your child would like to join, please email the school office with your child's name and class.

All children who would like to join will be accepted and can turn up to the clubs from next Thursday.

Individual and Sibling photographs - Pret-a-Portrait

Individual and Sibling portrait photographs will be taken by Pret-a-Portrait on Friday 25th September throughout the school day. All children should wear their school uniform; hair accessories should be school colours and kept minimal.

Nursery children who attend on a Friday will be photographed during their nursery day and nursery children who do not attend on a Friday are invited to pop in to have their

photograph taken, either in the morning at 9.30am or during the afternoon at 1.10pm. Nursery children with siblings in the school will be photographed with their sibling if the nursery child attends either of the photography sessions. Please inform Miss Pinner what session your child will be attending. Please note that if your child does not attend Nursery on a Friday, they can only come in for the photography session and not attend a full nursery session.

All children with siblings who attend Icknield Walk First School will be photographed both together and individually.

Check-in parent and teacher meetings/consultations

We will be holding our initial check-in parent and teacher meetings in the week beginning 28th September. At these meetings you will be able to chat with your child's class teacher to see how your child is getting on and also ask any questions that you may have. For those that have not booked appointments before, please read our 'how to guide', which can be found on the front page of our website under the quick links section.

We will be holding two sessions. In person appointments in the school hall will be available on Tuesday 29th September, 3.30-6pm and video call (online) appointments will be available on Thursday 1st October, 3.30-6pm. Nursery appointments will be from 3.50-5.30pm for both video and in person sessions.

The booking system goes live on Thursday 17th September from 7pm (link to the booking system can be found on the front page of our website, under the quick links section) or click on the following link: <https://icknieldwalk.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

1. Only one appointment available per child.
2. Only the parent or carer that is contact 1 on our database can book the appointments.
3. If you are new to the school, you will need to make an account to book the appointments.

If you have any problems booking your appointments, please send an email to the office staff at : admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk

There will be an opportunity for you to view your child's workbooks in their classroom with your child, on Wednesday 2nd December, 3.30-4.30pm.

Flu immunisations - Nasal spray - IMPORTANT

Vaccination UK will be visiting school on **Tuesday 29th September** to undertake flu immunisations for children in Reception to Year 4. The immunisation is a nasal spray. Please note that Vaccination UK will be in direct contact with all parents via email asking for you to

register your child for the vaccine. Your child will only receive the vaccine IF you have registered your child with Vaccination UK and given consent.

Please contact Vaccination UK with any queries that you may have by sending an email to: Hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk or by calling **01462 427 008**.

Volunteering in School - Reading, Maths, Library

We actively encourage and welcome parents, carers and grandparents to help in school every day. Most classes need reading and maths helpers during the mornings 9-9.30am and help in the library during the afternoons. Volunteers often report that it is great to see how well the children progress and enjoy being part of the life of the school. All volunteers need to have a school DBS, which the school will apply for. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office on admin@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk.

At **3.00pm on Wednesday 23rd September**, Mrs White will be holding a meeting in school for reading volunteers. This meeting will be a refresher for those who have read with children before and an introduction for those who are interested in volunteering. Mrs White will speak briefly about safeguarding and how to support children with their reading in school.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you are in receipt of qualifying benefits and have not yet registered for Free School Meals, or wish to check your eligibility please register online at [Free School Meals -Herts CC](#) .

Applying is quick and confidential. Even if you are unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to apply, as eligibility can also help the school access additional funding to support pupils. The Government has recently expanded the criteria for Free School Meals meaning that your child could now be eligible. If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, your child will qualify for free school meals from September.

We are encouraging everyone to review the criteria and apply as soon as possible. Please click the link below and make your application. [Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

If you would like us to make an application on your behalf please contact Sarah Childs in the office at finance@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk

PTA News



PTA Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 7th October at 7pm

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up! This is a chance to find out more about what the PTA has been doing, hear about our plans for the year ahead, share your ideas and have your say.

Everyone is automatically part of the PTA so you are all welcome to come along. We'd love to see you there!

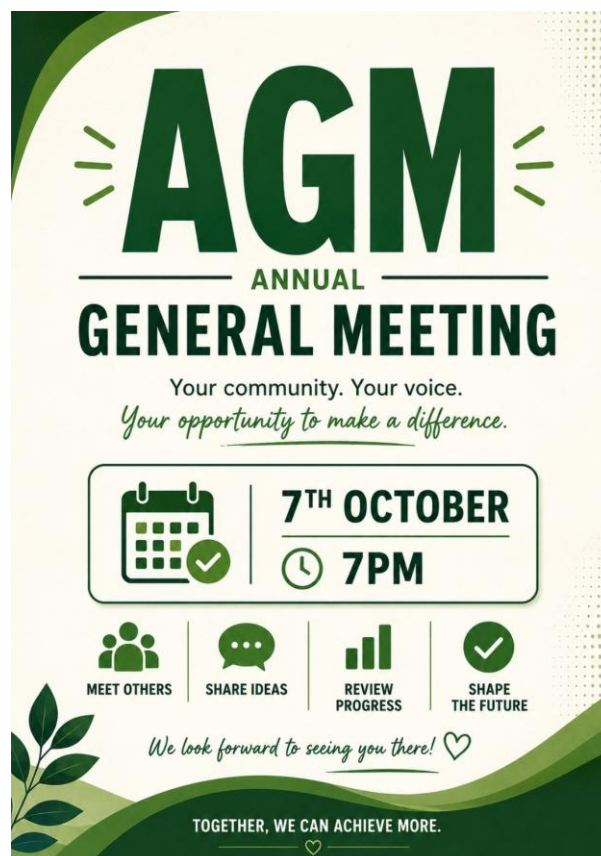
School Disco – Friday 9th October

Get ready to dance!  Our next school disco is taking place on Friday 9th October, with separate sessions for Nursery, Reception & Year 1 and Years 2–4.

There'll be music, fun activities, disco glow, refreshments and sweets for sale. Tickets are £6, including £3 of tokens to spend at the cashless disco, and go on sale online from 14th September.

Get ready to boogie!  

Tickets available from <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta/>



Icknield Walk First School PTA

SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

• Nursery, Reception & Year 1 at **4:15 - 5:15pm**

Year 2 - 4 at **5:45 - 6:45pm**

**Fun activities, disco glow,
refreshments
and sweets on sale**

TICKETS £6

(includes £3 of tokens to spend at **cashless** disco)

Tickets for sale online at:
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on sale from **14th September**

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AUTUMN TERM 2026



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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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Weekly online Workshop and Support:
Every Tuesday 10am-12pm during term time.



Each week there will be an hour long workshop on a specific topic that you can listen to and ask questions. Following this there will be an hour where we open to discussions/chats about **any topic or concern** and can offer help support and guidance.

Weekly topics are detailed on our programme.

Monthly in person support Letchworth and Stevenage:
Will be running on a Wednesday see programme for dates



Our podcasts series "Neurodiversity Chats" cover a wide range of topics, search "Neurodiversity Chats" on Spotify or Apple Podcasts or listen on our website:
<https://angelssupportgroup.org.uk/podcasts/>

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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>

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Weblinks that can help you

[NSPCC](#) - Online safety.

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[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/](#)

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