Autumn 5 - Newsletter - 01/10/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Our playgrounds are in need of toy donations such as, buggies, prams, scooters, hobby horses, tough toy cars, diggers, dolls, baby dolls. If you have anything else that you think we could use, please email the school office who will speak with teachers and lunchtime staff to see if we can use.

We are looking for some kind and friendly people to come and work with our children at lunchtime; we are happy to consider a job share. Please do consider coming to work with us, see the vacancy information below.

Message from Royston Police

Further to your head teacher's message last week about car parking on the roads around your school, we received many reports from neighbours and parents. We have visited during school drop off and want to inform you that the owners of the vehicles that were parked illegally have been sent notices of intended prosecution. We are taking things extremely seriously as the safety of your children is paramount. We will be visiting during drop offs and pick ups regularly.

Kind regards, PC Lynsey Catt.

Vacancy - Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA)

Please come and join our team! We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to work from 11.55am to 1.15pm, Monday-Friday. The rate of pay is £12.65 per hour. Tasks include supervising the children during their lunchtime and play, in all weathers. First aid training will be given to applicants if they do not hold a current certificate. Previous experience of working or volunteering in school would be an advantage but not essential.

At Icknield Walk First School we take the safety of our children very seriously and all applicants will be thoroughly vetted and will be subject to DBS checks, internet searches, health checks and references. You will be asked questions about safeguarding children in your interview, and you will receive regular safeguarding training while you are working with us.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Friday 23rd October.

Please email admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk for further information and an application form. We reserve the right to interview and appoint before the closing date should the right candidate apply. Please apply early to avoid disappointment.

What's on next week

Thursday 01.10.2026

AM - Year 4 Recorder club

3.30-6.00pm - Parent Teacher Consultation evening - virtual online

3.15-4.15pm - Labtots

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder club

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 02.10.2026

PM - Year 4 Falcon class swimming

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

Monday 05.10.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

3.15-4.15pm - It's Your Cue Drama Club for years 3 and 4 in Year 3 classroom

Tuesday 06.10.2026

3.15-4.15pm -RTFC Multi Sports Club

3.30-6.00pm - Mr Taylor's IN PERSON Parent Teacher consultations in Dove class, please wait for your appointment in Swift class

Wednesday 07.10.2026

Piano and Guitar Lessons

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 08.10.2026

AM - Year 4 Recorder club

9.30-10.30am - Nursery & School open event for prospective parents - please book with the school office

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3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder club

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

3.45-4.30pm - Nursery & School open event for prospective parents- please book with the school office

Friday 09.10.2026

9.30-10.30am - Nursery & School open event for prospective parents- please book with the school office

PM - Year 4 Falcon class swimming

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

PTA discos - Nursery -Year 1 4.15-5.15pm, Years 2-4 5.45-6.45pm

Saturday 10.10.2026

9.30-11.30am - Nursery open event for prospective parents - please book with the school office

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. Please be aware that we have been lenient and will be up until half term; from 2nd November parents will be asked to remove earrings before your child comes into school. It is for safety reasons that we ask that children do not wear earrings to school.

Icknield Walk First School Open Events - October 2026



PTA News

🎄 Christmas Cards & Gifts

We're pleased to announce that we'll be using Xmas4Schools again this year to create some lovely personalised Christmas cards and gifts.

The picture sheets for the children to complete will be sent home before half term. Please make sure they are completed and returned to school, along with all the correct information, by Tuesday 3rd November. This gives us enough time to send everything off for printing ready for Christmas. 🎅 🎄

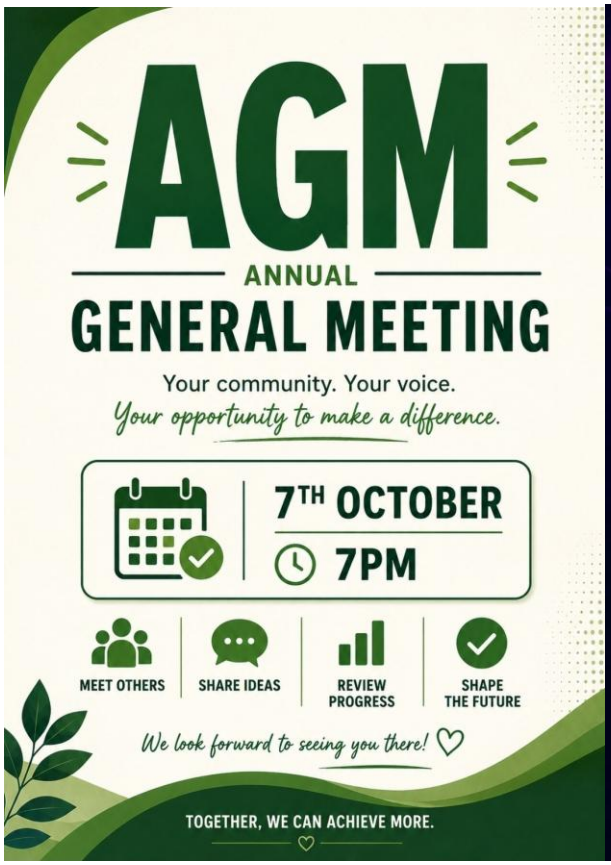
🔔 PTA Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 7th October at 7pm

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up! This is a chance to hear about what the PTA has been doing, find out about our plans for the year ahead and share your ideas. Whether you're already involved with the PTA or would simply like to find out more, everyone is welcome. We'd love to see you there!

🪩 School Disco – Friday 9th October

Get ready to dance! 🕺 💃 Our 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, disco glow, refreshments and sweets for sale. Tickets are £6, including £3 of tokens to spend at the cashless disco. Tickets are on sale online from https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta/





Year 4s moving on from Icknield Walk First School

King James Academy, Royston will be holding their open evening on Thursday 22nd October, 4.30pm-6.30pm.

Edwinstree Middle School, Buntingford will be holding their open evening on Thursday 1st October, 6pm-8pm. The head teacher will be speaking at 6.15pm. No need to book, just turn up.



After School Activities - IWFS







Football Feet

Years 1-4



Thursdays - 3.15pm

Contact:

footballfeetkb@gmail.com



Kings and Queens Chess Club

Years 1-4



After school in the dining room

FRIDAYS – 3.15pm

To register and pay, follow this link:

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

Events in and around Royston and other useful information

Groups and workshops

coram family lives

Autumn 2026

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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Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Wednesday 21 October, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Sibling Rivalry Workshop - Monday 9 November, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Workshop - Wednesday 25 November, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

It's a Dad's Life Workshop - Thursday 26 November, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop empower fathers with the knowledge and skills to develop deep connections with their children, enhancing their parenting journey.

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Workshop - Wednesday 2 December, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop is designed to support parents of pre-teens and teenagers facing challenging behaviours. It aims to equip parents with effective strategies and tools to manage the complexities of raising adolescents, fostering a positive parent-teen relationship

The two-hour workshops will be online via MS TEAMS

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Parenting when separated for parents of SEN children - online programme

Come along to our six-session programme, specifically tailored to help separated parents navigate the complexities of co-parenting and provide the best possible support for their SEND child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance co-parenting skills, support children's development and build a strong foundation for the future.

The programme includes:

- Understanding SEN and its impact on children and family dynamics
- Effective communication skills
- Managing emotions and stress
- Collaborative problem solving
- Building a supportive network
- Creating a unified parenting approach

Dates and times

Date: Tuesday 13th and 20th October, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November 2026
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am

Date: Wednesday 14th and 21st October, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November 2026
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

This will be delivered online via MS TEAMS

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Sign up to our 6-week online group

Are you a dad and feel like you are constantly nagging at your child to get what you need?

The sessions will cover:

- **Exploring what helpful discipline is.**
- **Recognising the triggers and responding more effectively.**
- **Learning new parenting tools to challenge children's behaviour**
- **How to negotiate and implement effective boundaries and family agreements**
- **How to hold boundaries and gain co-operation**

Wednesday 4th November to 9th December 2026

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams

To book your place, call **Lesley** on **0204 522 8701**, email **services@coramfamilylives.org.uk** or scan our QR code to use our online referral form

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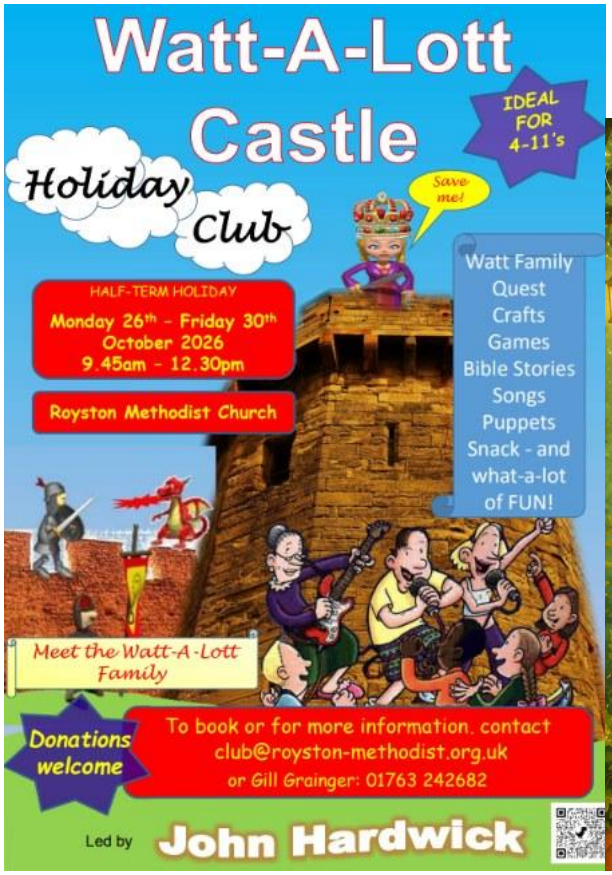
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Watt-A-Lott Castle
Holiday Club
IDEAL FOR 4-11's
Save me!
HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026
9.45am - 12.30pm
Royston Methodist Church
Watt Family
Quest
Crafts
Games
Bible Stories
Songs
Puppets
Snack - and what-a-lot of FUN!
Meet the Watt-A-Lott Family
Donations welcome
To book or for more information, contact club@royston-methodist.org.uk or Gill Grainger: 01763 242682
Led by John Hardwick


STORY MEADOW
HALLOWEEN SPECIAL
26TH-29TH OCTOBER 2026
4-11 YRS
9:00-16:00
THERFIELD FIRST SCHOOL
OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
STORYTELLING
POTIONS
BUBBLE PARTIES
AND SO MUCH MORE!
BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE

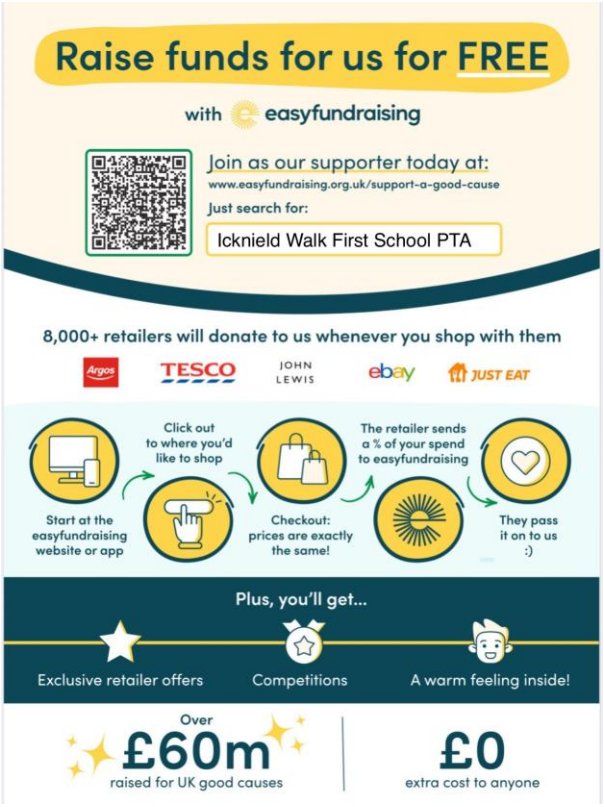

The Outdoors Project
OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS
STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON
Monday 26th October
BUSHCRAFT: FIRE MASTER
Tuesday 27th October
NERF: MISSION SPOOKTACULAR
Wednesday 28th October
GHOSTBUSTERS: SLIME LAB & GHOST HUNT
Thursday 29th October
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: ADVENTURES ON THE ISLAND OF BERK!
Friday 30th October
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS & TREATS!
★★★★★
"0% screen time, 100% fresh air, fun, games, exploring and adventuring in nature"
MILTON COUNTRY PARK WILD PLACE
Monday 26th October
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
Tuesday 27th October
WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE
Wednesday 28th October
BUSHCRAFT: FIRE MASTER
Thursday 29th October
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS & TREATS!
BOOK NOW
For more activity details, FAQs and booking information: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
Ofsted Registered | Tax-Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers Accepted | Children aged 5-11 (Years 1-6)


Light Party
No tricks ..... Just treats
sweets, games, disco, craft, food, and lots of fun
Saturday 31 October 2026
5.30 to 7.00pm
Coombes Community Centre
A fun, free event for children aged 4 – 11 and their families
Wear something fun and colourful!
CHURCHES
ROYSTON AREA
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
email: lightparty@ct-royston.org.uk


HOLIDAY PERFORMING ARTS CLUB
THEATRE TRAIN
DANCE
SING
CRAFT
ACT
PLUS
HALLOWEEN
DISCO
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
STAGE RIGHT STUDIOS, ROYSTON
9:00 - 11:00AM
For ages 4- 6 years
£19 pp
9:00-3:30PM
for ages 5 (year 1) to 16 years
£35 pp - Sibling discount available
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royston@theatretrain.co.uk | 07747 608 180


KING JAMES ACADEMY
Christmas
FAYRE
SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER
11 AM TO 3 PM
Stalls, Music & Refreshments
FREE ENTRY & PARKING
King James Academy (Senior Site)
Garden Walk
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 7JF

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Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do any of your online shopping.

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 to shop with them.

Want to know more, see this handy intro

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising 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

Neurodiversiry Support Hub

Lumi Nova - Fun digital therapy for childhood anxiety - https://luminova.app/

Mind Hertfordshire Network -

The Sleep Charity - https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/