



Autumn 5 - Newsletter - 02/10/2025

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Tomorrow Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting school to take individual and sibling portrait photographs throughout the school day. All children should wear their school uniform; hair accessories should be school colours and kept minimal.

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October 2025 - we will be having a non-uniform day and asking the children to wear something yellow, it could be as little as their socks or a hairband. The usual non-uniform day rules apply; children will need sensible shoes to allow them to move around school safely and be able to play in the playground. They will also need a coat. We are not collecting money on this occasion; it is just to raise awareness around mental health to support children's wellbeing on World Mental Health Day.

The PTA had their AGM yesterday evening. Sally Marchant stepped down as chair (but luckily for the PTA is still on the committee). I would like to thank her for all her hard work and support as Chair. Rachel Thomas has taken the post as PTA Chair, Sam Treharne will continue to be the Secretary and Louise Thacker continues as Treasurer. I look forward to working with them, to raise money for the school and provide children and parents with exciting social events.

The PTA have free tickets available for the school discos. Some parents have kindly paid extra to help other parents who are unable to afford to purchase tickets for their children. Children who are eligible for pupil premium will have priority. If you are unable to pay for your child's disco ticket and your child is eligible for pupil premium, please order your child's ticket via the booking system <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta> and then at the checkout please use OCTDISCO25 as a promo code in the box at the end, and that will give you 100% discount on the price. If your child is not eligible for pupil premium and you need help to purchase your child's disco ticket, please speak with Mrs Kimsey or Mrs Stevens at the school office.

What's on

Day & Date	Time	Event & Year
Thursday 2.10.2025	am 3.15-3.45pm 3.15-4.15pm 3.30-6.00pm	Year 4 Recorder club Year 3 Recorder club in the school hall – collect from dining hall Lab Tots in Dove classroom Online video Parent & Teacher Check in consultations – prebooked appointments only
Friday 3.10.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm	Individual & Sibling portraits with Carmel Jane Photography It's Your Cue Drama club for Year 4s in Eagle classroom
Monday 6.10.2025	-	Learning logs to go home
Tuesday 7.10.2025	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Skills Sports Club – please collect from Falcon classroom this week only
Wednesday 8.10.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm 6.00pm	Piano & Guitar lessons Outdoor Project club Grafham Water Residential Trip meeting for parents/carers of Year 4 only
Thursday 9.10.2025	am - 3.15-3.45pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 4 Recorder club Years 3 & 4 attending Cross Country event at KJAR – non-parent event Year 3 Recorder club in the school hall – collect from dining hall Lab Tots in Dove classroom
Friday 10.10.2025	- pm 3.15-4.15pm 4.15-5.15pm 5.45-6.45pm	Non-school uniform day – Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day Flu vaccinations for Reception classes and those children who were absent on 26/9 It's Your Cue Drama club for Year 4s (this week this club will take place in a classroom) PTA Disco for Nursery to Year 1 PTA Disco for Years 2, 3 & 4
Monday 13.10.2025	9.30-10.30am 1.30-2.30pm	Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents
Tuesday 14.10.2025	9.30-10.30am 3.15-4.15pm 3.45-4.15pm	Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents Multi Skills Sports Club Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents
Wednesday 15.10.2025	- 9.30-10.30am 1.30-2.30pm 3.15-4.15pm	Piano & Guitar lessons Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents Outdoor Project club
Thursday 16.10.2025	9.30-10.30am am 3.15-3.45pm 3.15-4.15pm 3.45-4.15pm	Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents Year 4 Recorder club Year 3 Recorder club in the school hall – collect from dining hall Lab Tots in Dove classroom Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents
Friday 17.10.2025	9.30-10.30am 1.30-2.30pm 3.15-4.15pm	Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents Nursery & Reception Open Event for prospective parents It's Your Cue Drama club for Year 4s (this week this club will take place in a classroom)

Individual and Sibling portrait photographs

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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 wearing their school uniform, either in the morning at 9.20am or during the afternoon at 1 pm. Nursery children with siblings in the school will be photographed with their sibling. 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 their photo and not attend a full nursery session.

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

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code : JRS59YEWVV
3. Include your child's full school register name.

Don't miss out - pre-register today!

FLU - Nasal spray immunisations - 10th October

Vaccination UK will be visiting school again on Friday 10th October to undertake flu immunisations for children in Reception and for those children that were absent from Years 1-4. The immunisation is a nasal spray. Please note, your child will only receive the vaccine IF you have registered your child with Vaccination UK and given consent.

If you did not give consent for the original date of the vaccinations but now you would like your child to have the vaccine. Please complete the link below. Your child will then be added to the list for 10th October.

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hertfordshire>

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**.

Icknield Walk First School - Open events



Early Years Open Events

Is your child starting nursery or reception
in September 2026?

Come and see our amazing school, book your visit today

Monday 13th to Friday 17th October

Morning and afternoon sessions available each day

Education and wrap-around care 7.45am-6pm with school holiday care



[Click here to book
your visit](#) or call us on
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Poplar Drive, Royston, Herts, SG8 7EZ
admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk Tel: 01763 243392 icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

Our Reception and Nursery are now on Facebook and Instagram as Icknield Walk Reception and Nursery, give us a follow and share with your friends who may be prospective parents.

Message from the School office

When corresponding with the school office via email, please ensure that your child's name and class are in the subject line of the email so that the office can deal with your email quickly and efficiently. Many thanks.

PTA News



RAG BAG

Due to sickness, the drivers were not able to collect the rag bags on Tuesday, therefore we now have until next week to collect more. Watch out for WhatsApp messages to find out which day we will be accepting more donations.

BINGO

Thank you to everyone who came along to the bingo night last Friday. It was good fun to host and we received a lot of positive comments. We made over £650 profit, so thank you very much.

Thank you to everyone from the local businesses who donated the fabulous raffle prizes, they increased raffle ticket sales on the night.

Thank you to Flintshack for the very tasty pizzas.

FIREWORKS

Tickets for the Fireworks are now on sale. Please go to <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>

DISCO

Tickets for the Disco are still on sale. <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta> If you can be available to help either at the 1st disco and/or the 2nd disco, please join

https://chat.whatsapp.com/CtSWUSsWQC2DCXdN98NgTD?mode=ems_copy_t for more information.

If you have any questions about the fireworks or the disco, please get in touch with you Whatsapp year rep and they will be happy to help.

The Outdoors Project is running a special kids and adults bushcraft session in support of the Icknield Walk PTA.

1.5 hours of outdoors fun - whittling toasting sticks, practising bushcraft fire lighting, and cooking over the fire!

2.30pm on Sunday 5th October at Icknield Walk First School - £15 per child (adults go free) - all proceeds will go to the PTA.

Spaces are limited to 15 children. Thank you to the school for the generous use of the grounds.

Book via www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/cambridge-royston (select other events and find the event at Icknield).

Extra curricular activities/Events in and around Royston/Useful information





The Outdoors Project
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CAMPFIRE COOK
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND!"
★★★★★

"IT'S A LIFESAVER FOR WORKING PARENTS!"
★★★★★

NERF SHARP SHOOTER
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON



VIKINGS RULE
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"LOTS OF GOOD OLD FASHIONED GET DIRTY PLAY!"
★★★★★

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER
BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE: SURVIVAL SKILLS & CAMPFIRE TREATS
A bushcraft adventure all about fire - how to make it, cook on it & respect its wild power. Discover ancient fire making techniques, learn how to spark & build your own campfire, cook up tasty seasonal treats, build a shelter & take on survival challenges just like wilderness explorers. A full day of hands-on bushcraft, outdoor skills & discovery - perfect for curious kids who love nature & adventure!

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER
WAY OF THE VIKING: VIKING CRAFT, GAMES & CHALLENGES!
Live the Viking way for a day! Join your clan, take a Viking name, create your own Viking pottery, learn how to build an effective shield wall, & then switch from craftsman to warrior as you rise to the challenge with ancient Viking games Kubb & Jomswilker!

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER
WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE
Bringing the magic of Harry Potter to life! Join this adventure where imagination runs wild. Brew bubbling potions in Potions Class, whistle & enchant your very own wand & join the Quidditch tournament for the house cup. A spellbinding day of fun, creativity, & adventure

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER
NERF: MISSION SPOOKTACULAR
Are you ready? Forage for resources, defend your vault, rescue teammates, & take on the ultimate Nerf survival adventure with epic games like Swamp Rescue, Zombie Apocalypse & Hunger Games! An action-packed outdoor day full of action, fun, strategy & teamwork - with a spooky twist! (Age 6+ recommended)

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS, TREATS & CAMPFIRE FUN!
Get ready for the spookiest, silliest & slimiest day of the holidays! Make gooey slime, decorate Day of the Dead sugar skulls, brew Mayan hot chocolate over the campfire & join a zombie scavenger hunt. All topped off by a visit to the Witch, Goblin, & Bog Troll to solve riddles, crack the Halloween mystery... & earn sweet rewards. A mix of hands-on fun, laughter & imagination!






Book for 1 day or multiple days. Find out more at www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL CAMP

October Half Term

A fun-filled day of football, games, matches and new friends! Open to all abilities.

30th October 2025

LAYSTON SCHOOL BUNTINGFORD

9AM - 3PM £25 PER DAY




Sign Up using the QR Code or visit roystontown.ktckts.com



Enquiries: laura@roystontownfc.co.uk

RTFC FREAKY FRIDAY

**FRIDAY 31ST
OCTOBER**

 **GARDEN WALK**
 **9:00 - 3:00 PM**
 **£25**

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OCTOBER HOLIDAY COURSE



ICKNIELD WALK MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

TUES / WEDS / THURS

28TH - 29TH - 30TH

9AM - 3PM

**£25 PER DAY
OR
£65 FOR ALL 3 DAYS**

AGES 5 - 12

SCAN ME

**OR VISIT
ROYSTONTOWNFC.KTCKTS.COM**



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KJAR FOOTBALL CAMP

TUES / WEDS / THURS

28TH - 29TH - 30TH

9AM - 3PM

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STARSHIP DISCOVERY

Holiday club for primary school age children

★ Go on a Space
Adventure with the
★ Watt Family! ★

★ + ★
★ Games ★
★ Crafts ★
★ Puppets ★
★ Bible Stories ★
★ Songs ★
★ And ★
★ Loads of Fun! ★

Dates: 27th - 31st October

Time: 9.45am - 12.30pm

**Cost: FREE (donations
welcome)**

**Name of
Venue: Royston
Methodist Church**

**Contact: email
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THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Ages 4-5 years
9:30-11:30am
£17

Early bird discount if booked by end of September!

Stage Right Studios, Lumen Road, Royston

HALF TERM PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER
STAGE RIGHT STUDIOS, ROYSTON
9-3:30PM

AGES 5 (YR 1) PLUS
SIBLING DISCOUNTS

£30 EARLY BIRD RATES (WITH 10% OFF 30%)

KPOP DEMON HUNTERS



Christmas

SINGALONG CONCERT

Saturday 6th December

St John the Baptist Church
Melbourn St, Royston, SG8 7BP

Concert 3.30pm - 4.30pm
(Doors open 3.00pm)



Parents and Carers talk about self-harm and recovery

Please join us at an information session to learn more about self-harm and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery

Our guest speaker will be a clinician who works at *HPFT CAMHS

Where: Online over Zoom.

When: Tuesday 7th October, 7pm to 9pm

* Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

For more information or to book your place:
Call: 01992 58 69 69
Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk
Go online: www.carersinherts.org.uk/events



About Carers in Hertfordshire

We are a charity that provides information, advice and support to unpaid carers - people looking after a partner, relative or friend, who is ill, elderly, has a physical or learning disability, or misuses substances.

We support carers of all ages - young people and adults - living, working or caring in Hertfordshire. Our services are free to carers and bereaved carers, who can access support for three years after the death of the person they looked after.

We provide services to carers to help them with their caring role or have a break from caring, to improve their health and wellbeing, and to have a voice in shaping health and community services.

We are partly funded by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS in Hertfordshire. In partnership with them and other local organisations we work to ensure unpaid carers are identified, informed, supported and heard.

Carers in Hertfordshire

The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX.
Tel: 01992 58 69 69 Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk
www.carersinherts.org.uk

Our support for parents and carers.

We have a team of Carer Engagement Workers who can provide advice and information and also support you to speak up. We also:

- Give you a chance to meet and talk to other parents, carers and staff who understand;
- Give you the opportunity to represent your views to the authorities that commission and manage Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) in Hertfordshire;
- Provide free training and learning opportunities; and
- Offer a Carers' Passport Discount Card that gives savings in shops, restaurants and other venues (contact us to apply for one today!)



'Coats4Kids'



Royston Fire Station are taking part in an initiative in Hertfordshire which is called 'Coats4Kids'.

This involves people donating spare/outgrown coats to Royston Fire station which then get taken away by the charity and washed.

Then the fire station will hold a two-hour event over a weekend at the end of October / November where families can come and pick up a coat for their child.

On the day the coats will be laid out and there is no judgement at all , the crew will also get the fire engine out and make it part of the coat collection so it will be very relaxed.

We recognise that in Hertfordshire and across the county people are struggling and by taking part in this Initiative we can make a positive direct impact on our local families.

Home-Start Literary Lunch

We're delighted to invite you to a very special literary afternoon hosted by **Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire** – the **Home-Start Literary Lunch** featuring bestselling author **Freya North**, in conversation with **Jude Simpson**.

Date: Tuesday, 14th October 2025, 12.15pm **Venue:** The Old Bull Inn, Royston, SG8 9AW

Freya North is the celebrated author of **16 bestselling novels**, including the Richard and Judy Book Club pick *Little Wing* and her latest release *The Unfinished Business of Eadie Browne*. Her work has been translated into multiple languages, and she is a passionate advocate for literacy and women in writing.

Tickets are still available - to book your ticket:

<https://buytickets.at/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/1686508>

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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://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/>