



Autumn 7 - Newsletter - 16/10/2025

What's on

On Thursday 23rd October at 9.15am, we will have our annual Harvest Assembly. Parents of year 4 children are invited to attend. From Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd October, we will be collecting donations of tins or packets of food for the Royston Food Bank. Please bring your donations to the classroom doors.

Day & Date	Time	Event & Year
Thursday 16.10.2025	9.30-10.30am 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 in Eagle class
Monday 20.10.2025	-	Learning logs return to school
Tuesday 21.10.2025	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Skills Sports Club
Wednesday 22.10.2025	- 3.00pm 3.15-4.15pm 6.00-7.00pm	Piano & Guitar lessons PTA Uniform sale in the dining room Outdoor Project club Meeting for Reception parents – help your child to read and write
Thursday 23.10.2025	am 9.15am 3.15-3.45pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 4 Recorder club Harvest assembly – parents/carers of Year 4 invited to attend Year 3 Recorder club in the school hall – collect from dining hall Lab Tots in Dove classroom
Friday 24.10.2025	-	School closed to pupils
Monday 27.10.2025 to Friday 31.10.2025		HALF TERM
Monday 03.11.2025	- -	Return to school after half term Learning logs go home today
Tuesday 04.11.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm	Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Multi Skills Sports Club
Wednesday 05.11.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm	Piano & Guitar lessons Outdoor Project club
Thursday 06.11.2025	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 07.11.2025	am pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 1 Toy workshop – non-parent event Year 4 Eagle class swimming starts It's your cue drama club for year 4s in Eagle class

Message from Mrs Sherwood

This week, our doors have been open to prospective parents of children who will be starting reception or nursery in September 2026. We still have availability for tomorrow's open events so if you know of a neighbour, family member or friend whose child needs a school place or nursery place from September 2026, do suggest that they come along and have a look. Thank you to all the year 4s who have been our

tour guides, they have done an amazing job, and we have had lots of lovely feedback from our visitors. Please see the poster below for more information.

We are looking forward to our harvest assembly which will take place on Thursday 23rd October. We are collecting tinned and packet food for Royston Food Bank, please donate if you can, each classroom will have a donation box from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd October. Parents and carers of Year 4 children are invited to attend the assembly on 23rd October at 9.15am.

We reminded parents and carers via the school newsletter at the end of the summer term of our school uniform expectations, with the aim that all children returning to school in September would be dressed in line with our uniform policy. There are still a few children who are not dressed in our correct uniform, if you are not sure what our policy entails, please have a look via the school website

<https://icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk/parents/policies-and-forms/> or ask the office for a copy. After the half-term, we will be enforcing our uniform policy and contacting any parents/carers whose child is not in the correct school uniform. If you are struggling with this in any way, please contact the school office and we will find a way to help you.

Next half term (from 3rd November) a number of year groups will have gym as one of their PE lessons. Children will be expected to do gym in bare feet, however if your child has a verruca, please can you provide some grip socks for them to wear (socks with rubber grips on the sole).

We have heard from Hertfordshire County Council that there will be no Holiday Food Voucher Scheme for benefits related FSM Children, at half term. Should you require additional support, please check [support with cost-of-living](#) page on the Hertfordshire County Council website.

Please can I remind everyone to park with consideration for all our neighbours who surround our school. We have had reports from neighbours that parents and carers who park in the surrounding area are blocking driveways and parking inconsiderately. We have instructed our neighbours to contact the police if the problems are recurring. Can I also remind everyone that the school car park is for staff only unless an arrangement has been made with the school office. Breakfast club parents and carers are asked to park on the left-hand side of the school car park and are not permitted to park after 8am, unless an arrangement has been made with Breakfast Club. Parents and carers of children who attend Fair Play after school club are not permitted to park in the school car park until after 5.00pm.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who gave their feedback about the recent photography session that took place for individuals and siblings. The company was highly recommended by other schools, so we are sorry that you were disappointed. Your comments have been noted.

On Wednesday 22nd October at 6pm there will be a meeting presented by Miss Pinner (Foundation lead) and Mrs White (Reception teacher and English subject lead) for parents and carers of Reception children. If your child is currently in Year 1 and you missed this event last year, you are welcome to attend. At the meeting Miss Pinner and Mrs White will show you techniques to help your child with their reading and writing at home. We look forward to seeing you.

Our term dates for 2026/2027 were sent home this week by email and are also available via our website.



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



Scan to book or
call us on the number below



Poplar Drive, Royston, Herts, SG8 7EZ
admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk Tel: 01763 243392 icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk

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://icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk/about-us/admissions/>

RECEPTION & MIDDLE SCHOOL PLACE ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Applications open 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.

Sports Stars



Ellie from year 2 has moved up to level 4 in her swimming. Well done Ellie that is fabulous!



Sakura in Year 4, took part in a swimming programme in the summer holidays. She found it very enjoyable and improved her swimming immensely. Well done Sakura!



Tilly from year 1 has achieved her goldfish 1 swimming badge and Mia from nursery has achieved her 20 metre swimming badge.

Fantastic news girls, keep it up!!

If you would like to nominate your child to be a sports star, please send an email to the school office with a photograph and details of your child's achievement. Sports stars appear in the newsletter once every half term and children can only be sports stars once in a school year.

PTA News



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

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.

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RAG BAG COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Rag Bag collection — we were overwhelmed by the number of bags we received! It was such a wonderful sight to see so many contributions.

We're delighted to share that we raised **£115** — absolutely amazing! Your support truly makes a difference.

DISCO

We hope everyone who joined us for the disco on Friday had a wonderful evening. There was no shortage of dancing, and the tattoo table was a big hit as always! A huge thank you to all the teachers and parent helpers who volunteered their time and energy to make the event run so smoothly.

FIREWORKS

You can still buy tickets to the fireworks display on the 15th November: <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>

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

BEAUTIFUL FUNDRAISING
PRODUCTS FROM CHILDREN'S
ORIGINAL ARTWORK!

It's that time of year again!

We know it's still October, but the Christmas card design sheets will be coming home next week. Please encourage your children to work on their designs over the half-term holiday and return them to school by **Monday 3rd November**.

The **closing date for entries is Wednesday 6th November**, as all designs need to be sent off for printing shortly after.

This year we're again working with *Xmas 4 Schools*, who can print your child's artwork on a range of lovely gifts — including **Christmas cards, A3 poster calendars, tea towels, mugs, and gift labels**. And £1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school.

More information will be emailed out next week.



Stand-by-me
Bereavement Support

Are you a parent/carer supporting a bereaved child?

Our Parent/Carer workshop can:

- Help you understand how young people grieve
- Teach you strategies to support them
- Meet other parents/carers who are supporting bereaved young people

Wednesday 19th November
Hitchin Youth Trust Building
6:30 – 8:30pm
Limited spaces available

Book your place today



Or email
hello@stand-by-me.org.uk

Stand-by-me Bereavement Support, 111 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP Charity Registration: 1161035

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

HARRY POTTER DAY

WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE

NERF BUSHCRAFT

CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN

MISSION SPOOKTACULAR

ROSY CHEEKS

NO SCREENS SUPERHERO STAFF

HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT

CAMPFIRE TREATS

CHILDHOOD AMAZING ACTIVITIES

TEAMWORK CREATIVE GREEN SPACES

MEMORIES MAKING FRIENDS

BOOK OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS NOW

"0% SCREEN TIME, 100% FRESH AIR, FUN, GAMES & ADVENTURING WITH NEW FRIENDS"

★★★★★





**OCTOBER HALF TERM
HOLIDAY CLUBS**

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON



CAMPFIRE COOK
"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND!"

NERF SHOOTER
"IT'S A LIFESAVER FOR WORKING PARENTS!"

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 Kubbs & 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 & slimeiest 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!

VIKINGS RULE
"LOTS OF GOOD OLD FASHIONED GET DIRTY PLAY!"

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE
"IT'S A LIFESAVER FOR WORKING PARENTS!"

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

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 club@royston-methodist.org.uk

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



Royston Football Club's after school clubs for the next half term are now live.

Please click on the link to book: <https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school>

Any questions or problems, please contact: **Danny Baulk**, Community Officer, Royston Town FC on: 07511008363

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Mondays 7.45 - 9.15pm
5th Jan to 9th Feb
Online Course: ID 804

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
4th Feb to 18th Mar
F2F Course: ID 802
St Albans (venue tbc)

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
5th Feb to 19th Mar
Online Course: ID 803

TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why children & adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
6th Jan to 10th Feb
Online Course: ID 805

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children **2-19**, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.



Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
6th Jan to 10th Feb
Online Course ID 797

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
3rd Feb to 17th Mar
Online Course ID 796

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Thursdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
8th Jan to 12th Feb
Online Course ID 799

Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am
5th Feb to 19th Mar
Online Course ID 798

Thursdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
5th Feb to 19th Mar
Online Course ID 800

TALKING ANXIETY in FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **3-12**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.30am
4th Feb to 18th Mar
Online Course ID 801

TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children **0-19**, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
7th Jan to 11th Feb
Online Course: ID 806

Mondays 7.45 - 9.15pm
2nd Feb to 16th Mar
Online Course: ID 807

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on: **07512 709556** or **bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk**

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund. Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request.

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AGES 5-12 | £4.5/CHILD

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October Half Term

FRENCH CLUB

27th, 28th, 29th and 30th October

MELDRETH PRIMARY SCHOOL
High St, Meldreth, Cambridge SG8 6LB
9.30 A.M. - 4.00 P.M.

AGES 4-12 | £4.2/CHILD

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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/>