



Autumn 8 - Newsletter - 22/10/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Thank you to everyone who generously donated food for the Royston Food Bank, as part of our harvest celebrations. It was lovely to see so many Year 4 parents attending our assembly and celebrating with us.

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 and after school clubs are not permitted to park in the school car park until after 5.00pm.

Please may I also remind parents and carers that the school play equipment such as the climbing frame on year 1 playground, tyres and trim track on the field should not be used by children before or after school, and my final reminder please do not scoot or ride a bike in the school grounds, before or after school. Thank you!

On 2nd November the booking system for the Christmas performance tickets will go live at 7pm in the evening. You will receive emails soon explaining how to book.

Don't forget that school is closed next week for the half term. The school day finishes tomorrow at the usual time of 3.15pm and school opens again on Monday 2nd November. Have a lovely half term.

What's on next week

Thursday 22.10.2026

AM - Year 4 Recorder club

9.15am - Harvest assembly

3.15-4.15pm - Labtots in Dove classroom

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder club

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

4.30-6.30pm - KJAR Open event for Year 4 children and their parents

Friday 23.10.2026

PM - Year 4 Eagle class swimming

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

Monday 26.10-Friday 30.10.2026

HALF TERM - School closed

Monday 02.11.2026

Return to school after the half term break

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

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

Tuesday 03.11.2026

3.15-4.15pm -RTFC Multi Sports Club

Wednesday 04.11.2026

Piano and Guitar Lessons

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 05.11.2026

AM - Year 4 Recorder club

3.15-4.15pm - Labtots in Dove classroom

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder club

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 06.11.2026

PM - Year 4 Eagle class swimming

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

Home Packed Lunches

If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home, please make sure the lunch does not include any nuts or nut products such as peanut butter or Nutella, as your child may be sitting next to a child that has a severe nut allergy. We are a nut free school. It is important for parents to note that as we are a 'healthy school' we aim for healthy home packed lunches, so please do not include fizzy drinks, sweets, or chocolate bars. Biscuits and snacks in the lunchbox should be from the biscuit aisle not the sweet aisle. Please also ensure that lunch bags/boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Vacancy - Teaching Assistant (TA)

We are looking to appoint a warm and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to work in our friendly school, supporting the learning and development of our wonderful children. The hours for this position are part-time (8.30am-1.15pm), term time only, you may be asked to work on some INSET days. This post is a fixed term contract until July 2027, with the possibility of it becoming permanent.

We are looking for someone with a solid grasp of English and maths (grades C or 4 at GCSE) and who is able to confidently use a computer for word processing and emailing. We are looking for someone who enjoys working with children and has the personality to build supportive, professional relationships with all our pupils, parents and staff.

The successful candidate will mainly work with Year 1 children, although you may be asked to cover in different classes on occasions. Experience of children with SEN would be beneficial. You would be joining a dedicated team of staff who ensure the children in our care have a really positive school experience every day. If you think you have what we are looking for, we very much look forward to hearing from you.

To apply for this post please complete the Hertfordshire support staff application form online through www.teachinherts.com or email admin@icknielddwalk.herts.sch.uk and request an application pack.

We reserve the right to interview and appoint before the closing date should the right candidate apply. Please apply early to avoid disappointment.

We are an equal opportunities employer, and we are committed to the safeguarding of all children and young people in our care and you will be asked about safeguarding at an interview. The appointment is subject to enhanced DBS checks, references and basic internet searches.

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 Icknieldd 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.

Please email admin@icknielddwalk.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.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

Our admissions process opened on 1st October for children born between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024. Please visit our website and view the admissions page for further information, link below:

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

RECEPTION & MIDDLE SCHOOL PLACE ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

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 2027.

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 2027.

PTA News

FIREWORKS

We're pleased to announce that **tickets for our Fireworks event are now on sale!**

This is our biggest event of the year, and we can't wait to welcome you and your families for a fantastic evening!

On the night, you'll be able to buy glow products, hot drinks, snacks and, of course, chips from **Just Chips!**

Volunteers needed!

As with all our events, we need volunteers to help make sure everything runs smoothly and, most importantly, safely.

As a thank you, **all volunteers will receive free entry!** Family members will still need to purchase their own tickets. Whatever job you volunteer for, you'll still have the opportunity to watch the fireworks display with your friends and family.

If you can spare some time to help, please join our WhatsApp volunteer group here:

👉 <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HyjoexpmeI0F4sgXKvcSJN>

Buy your tickets here:

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

We really appreciate all the support we receive. These events wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our **Xmas4Schools Christmas card** information and design sheets will be sent home next week.

Please make sure your child's completed design sheet is returned to school in time for us to send everything off for printing by **3rd November**.

TEA TOWELS

While we're on the subject of Christmas, we'll also be selling School Tea Towels.

The children will create their own portraits during school time, which will then be brought together to create a special tea towel featuring the children's artwork.

They make a lovely keepsake and a perfect Christmas gift for family members — and the best bit is that the artwork will be done in school, so that's one less thing for you to worry about! 🎁

Tea towels will be available to purchase in time for Christmas.

Sing, Make, Play: Music Safari

Looking for a fun and creative after-school activity for your child?

Our Sing, Make, Play: Music Safari sessions are designed especially for children in Years 1 and 2 and provide a fantastic introduction to music through singing, movement, percussion, games and creative activities.

Children develop confidence, musical skills and friendships in a welcoming and supportive environment, whether they are already enthusiastic about music or simply keen to try something new.

📍 **Royston Music School, King James Academy Senior Site**

🕒 **Tuesdays, 3:45pm - 4:45pm**

🎵 **For children in Years 1 & 2**

💰 **£65 per term**

We're proud to offer local music-making opportunities in Royston, but groups like these rely on local families getting involved. By supporting SMP Music Safari, families are helping to ensure these valuable opportunities remain available within the community for years to come.

Special Half-Term Offer

Why not give it a try after half term? New starters can join Music Safari for the remainder of the autumn term at **half price**. Children will still have plenty of time to settle into the group, make new friends and take part in our **end-of-term concert on 10th December**, making this the perfect opportunity to get involved.

To register, please visit:

<https://UKHERTFORDSHIRE.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1067#/Course/76/0/5089/1067>

Music is even more fun when shared with others! Children are welcome to join with a friend, although many come along on their own and quickly become part of the group.

If Tuesdays in Royston aren't convenient, we also offer similar Sing, Make, Play sessions at our Hitchin and Stevenage music centres.

Please contact Hertfordshire Music Service for further information by sending an email to:

roystonmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk or by visiting our website: www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk

Working Together for a Safe and Happy Halloween



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As Halloween approaches, **Hertfordshire Constabulary** is working closely with **North Herts Community Safety Partnership** and **Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service** as part of the Community Safety Partnership to ensure that everyone in our community can enjoy the festivities safely and peacefully.

Halloween is a fun and exciting time of year for many families. However, for some residents, particularly elderly or vulnerable members of our community unexpected knocks at the door, loud noises, and groups gathering can cause a great deal of anxiety, distress, or intimidation.

To keep our neighbourhoods safe and inclusive, we are asking all residents, parents, and young people to follow our **"Be a Good Neighbour"** guidance this year:

For Trick-or-Treaters and Parents

- **Respect the Signs:** Only knock on doors where you see clear signs that visitors are welcome, such as Halloween decorations. If a home is displaying a **"No Trick or Treaters"** sign, please respect their privacy and move on without knocking.
- **Stay Safe and Visible:** Young children must always be accompanied by an adult. Stick to well-lit areas, wear bright colours, and carry a torch.
- **Keep It Friendly:** Pranks that cause damage, alarm, or distress are illegal and constitute anti-social behaviour. Local police and partners will be patrolling key areas and will deal with any intentional disruption or criminal damage robustly.
- **Know Where Your Children Are:** If your older children are going out with friends, please speak to them about respect, community safety, and what boundaries you expect them to keep.

For Householders

- **Unexpected Callers:** You are under no obligation to open your door if you feel unsure or uncomfortable. Use your spyhole or door chain, and keep your door locked.
- **No trick or treating:** You can find further information or download a no trick or treating please poster from the Herts Police website [Halloween and Bonfire Night | Hertfordshire Constabulary](#)
- **Look Out for Each Other:** If you have an elderly or vulnerable neighbour, consider checking in on them ahead of Halloween night to ensure they feel safe and have a plan.

What We Are Doing

The Community Safety Partnership will be deploying **increased high-visibility patrols** across the neighbourhood during the Halloween period to act as a reassuring presence and immediately tackle any anti-social behaviour. Local businesses have also been asked to monitor and restrict the sale of items like eggs, flour, and fireworks to unaccompanied youths.

How to Contact Us

- To report non-emergency anti-social behaviour, please use our online reporting tools [Report | Hertfordshire Constabulary](#) or call **101**.
- Halloween is one of the busiest nights of the year for emergency services. Please reserve the **999** line strictly for situations where a crime is in progress, property is in immediate danger, or there is a threat to life.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us make this an enjoyable, safe, and respectful season for the entire community.

After School Activities - IWFS



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
AUTUMN TERM 2026

FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

- HEDGEHOG HOMES
- SLIME SCIENCE | JOURNEY STICKS
- GHOSTBUSTERS GAMES
- NERF MISSIONS
- SURVIVAL SKILLS | SHELTER BUILDING
- BUSHCRAFT FIRE LIGHTING
- WEATHER MONSTER CRAFTS
- SNOW MAKING FUN | TEAM CHALLENGES
- OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GAMES

ICKNIELD WALK FIRST SCHOOL
WEDNESDAYS 3:15 - 4:25PM
YEARS 1-4
16TH SEPTEMBER - 9TH DECEMBER
12 WEEK TERM | PRICE: £96

The Outdoors Project

MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SAILINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



LabTots
Small Hands. Big Discoveries

ICKNIELD WALK FIRST SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB
AUTUMN TERM 2026

TIME DETECTIVES
EXPLORE • INVESTIGATE • DISCOVER

Join Proff for...

THIS TERM WE WILL...

- ★ Explore real-world mysteries
- ★ Investigate the past and how we know what happened
- ★ Use scientific skills and thinking
- ★ Get hands-on with amazing materials
- ★ Make observations, ask questions and solve problems
- ★ Bring together science, history, engineering, geography, art, maths and more!

THURSDAYS
Reception to Year 4
3:15pm - 4:15pm
1 hour session
(If you fall outside this group - contact Proff directly)

£198 for the term
Monthly payment options available via BACS
£49.50 per month

BOOK NOW!
www.labtots.com
Places are limited and always popular!

DON'T MISS OUT!
Miss the fun...
Miss the education...
Miss the advantage!
SCIENCE BUILDS BRIGHTER FUTURES

Children who explore today, shape a brighter tomorrow.



ROYSTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY PROGRAMME



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

ICKNIELD WALK SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

(DAYS)	(TIMES)	(VENUE)
Mondays	15:15 - 16:15	Icknield Walk First School
(YEAR GROUPS)	(DATES)	
Year 1-4	02.11.26 - 07.12.26	

BOOK NOW: <https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school>

CONTACT: SAM@ROYSTONTOWNFC.CO.UK

Football Feet Years 1-4



Thursdays - 3.15pm

Contact:

footballfeetkb@gmail.com

"IT'S YOUR CUE..."

A CHILD-LED DRAMA CLUB WHERE CHILDREN CREATE AND PERFORM THEIR OWN PLAYS.

- DRAMA GAMES, TECHNIQUES AND IMPROVISATION
- CHARACTER BUILDING AND STORYTELLING
- VOICE & MOVEMENT EXERCISES
- CREATING CHARACTERS, STORIES AND PERFORMANCES FROM THEIR OWN IDEAS
- EXPLORING REAL-WORLD THEMES-FROM EVERYDAY LIFE TO BIG IDEAS ABOUT FAIRNESS AND CHANGE, ALL THROUGH THE POWER OF DRAMA

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
3:15PM - 4.15PM

ICKNIELD WALK FIRST SCHOOL

7-9 YEAR OLDS - YR 3 & YR 4

£7 PER SESSION

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/XBTVURCT7ZDA4SHR8](https://forms.gle/XBTVURCT7ZDA4SHR8)

SCAN HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

WWW.THISISBLOB.CO.UK

CONTACT ALISHA HERE:
itsyourcue25@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>



ROYSTON TOWN FC COMMUNITY PROGRAMME



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

ICKNIELD WALK SCHOOL MULTI-SPORTS

(DAYS)	(TIMES)	(VENUE)
Tuesdays	15:15 - 16:15	Icknield Walk First School
(YEAR GROUPS)	(DATES)	
Year 1-4	03.11.26 - 08.12.26	

BOOK NOW: <https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/after-school>

CONTACT: SAM@ROYSTONTOWNFC.CO.UK

North Hertfordshire College - The Big Draw



The Big Draw is back this half term!

Join us at NHC Hitchin Campus on **Tuesday 27 October, 9:30am–1pm**, for our Big Draw family fun event.

It's a great opportunity for families to spend time together, get creative and enjoy a community event during the half-term break.

<https://www.nhc.ac.uk/discover/our-community/big-draw/>

Swimming Crash Courses available

Royston Leisure Centre is running a week of **Swimming Crash Courses** from **Monday 26th to Friday 30th October** for **£24 per course**.

Course Times:

- **9:00am** – Stage 1
- **9:30am** – Stage 2
- **10:00am** – Stage 3
- **10:30am** – Breaststroke Clinic

These intensive sessions are a fantastic opportunity for children to:

- Build confidence in the water
- Improve their swimming skills
- Accelerate their progress through the stages
- Try swimming lessons for the first time

Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

To find out more or to book a place, please call **Royston Leisure Centre** on **01763 255190** and a member of the team will be happy to help.

BeeZee Bodies

 Ready to turn over a new leaf this autumn?    

Beezee by Maximus offers **free support for Hertfordshire families**, children and young people to make healthy lifestyle changes that last.

 **Nutrition** - learn about healthy eating and balanced meals

 **Being Active** - discover fun ways to move more

 **Healthy Habits** - build positive habits and resilience

 **Wellbeing** - support your own and your family's physical and emotional health

Through fun activities, practical advice and expert guidance, we'll help children, young people and your family gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to make healthier choices together.

 Take a look at the attached postcard to find out more and register today [Beezee Hertfordshire - Free Healthy Lifestyle Programmes](#)

 You can also give the attached recipes a try too over the half term holidays.

We look forward to supporting your family's healthy lifestyle journey!

Beezee in Hertfordshire

T: 01707 248648

[Beezee Hertfordshire - Free Healthy Lifestyle Programmes](#)



Ready to turn over a NEW leaf?

Sign up to one of our FREE healthy lifestyle services today to start your journey.

Beezee FAMILIES

- Free, fun, family-focused support
- Learn about healthy eating
- Get moving more
- Connect with other families.

Beezee YOUTH

- 13-17 year olds can talk about topics that matter to them
- Build confidence
- Get expert support
- Join a safe space.

Beezee by maximus



Spooky stuffed peppers

Ingredients

Makes 6

- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 500g lean beef mince (or meat-free alternative)
- 2 x 500g tomato passata
- 250g pouch cooked grains of choice (rice, quinoa, bulgur wheat etc)
- 3 orange peppers
- 3 green peppers
- 6 pitted black olives
- 120g grated mozzarella

Method

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a large pan. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and sauté for 2 minutes.
2. Add the beef mince and cook until browned.
3. Stir in the passata and leave to simmer for 5 minutes.
4. Add your grains of choice and stir until well combined. Leave to simmer for a further 5 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, preheat your oven to 200°C/gas mark 6 and start to prepare the peppers.
6. Cut off the tops of the peppers, setting aside. Use a metal spoon to deseed the peppers.
7. Using a small knife, carefully carve faces into the orange peppers to look like a jack o'lantern. For the green peppers, carefully carve Frankenstein faces and olive-sized holes on either side of the face. Place a black olive in the holes on either side of the green peppers to create Frankenstein's bolts.
8. Split the mince filling equally between the 6 peppers and fill.
9. Top the filling of each pepper with 20g grated mozzarella and replace the tops of the peppers.
10. Place the peppers standing up on a baking tray. Bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes, then serve.

Beezee top tip:

Want to make these peppers look extra spooky? When cutting off the top of the pepper, you can cut in a zig-zag pattern for a monster-like look!

Beezee FAMILIES

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Ghoulish gingerbread

Ingredients

Serves 8

- 115g plain flour
- ¾ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- ¼ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp ginger
- 25g soft brown sugar
- 25g olive oil spread
- 2 tbsp honey
- Icing pens to decorate

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/gas mark 5 and line 2 baking trays with greaseproof paper.
2. Place the flour, bicarbonate of soda, cinnamon and ginger into a bowl and stir.
3. Heat olive oil spread, sugar and honey until they dissolve, then stir into the dry ingredients to form a dough.
4. Roll out the dough to ½cm thick and cut out gingerbread men using a cutter. You could try other ghoulish shapes too!
5. Place the gingerbread men onto the trays and bake for 5-7 minutes until golden.
6. Decorate with a white icing pen - have fun and get creative!



Beezee top tip:

You don't have to stick to skeletons! You could try ice ghosts, mummies and zombies. Get spooky and have fun.





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Events in and around Royston and other useful information

Watt-A-Lott Castle

Holiday Club

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 26th - Friday 30th
October 2026
9.45am - 12.30pm

Royston Methodist Church

IDEAL FOR 4-11's

Save me!

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**





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!

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

★★★★★
"0% screen time,
100% fresh air,
fun, games,
exploring and
adventuring
in nature"

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!**

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
email: lightparty@ct-royston.org.uk



HOLIDAY PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

THEATRE
TRAIN
DANCE
SING



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

www.theatrettrain.com/royston/holiday-school
royston@theatrettrain.co.uk | 07747 608 180



MAKE YOUR OWN PUMPKIN HOUSE

*Miniscule, magnificent, mysterious, miraculous,
what is your Pumpkin House going to be?*

Our Make your own Pumpkin House Workshop is a rich, gloriously creative session to work with natural materials and have something truly wonderful to grace your front door.

Your group will choose a pumpkin to decorate/carve/design and bring to life. All materials are provided.

This ticket is for 1 Pumpkin Station - for up to 2 adults and 3 children.



BOOK NOW

Tuesday 27th October
Wednesday 28th October
Thursday 29th October

Slots at 10am, 11.15am,
1pm and 2.15pm



Book at the Sandringham Ticket Office or
www.sandringhamestate.co.uk/whats-on/events

Halloween Special

17th, 18th, 24th October – 1st November

This autumn we're hosting the most spook-tacular Halloween Special!

Join us for a not-so-scary adventure with a magical train ride, potion making, pumpkins, marshmallow roasting, mini golf and more!

★ **Book your autumn adventure here** ★
audley-end-railway.co.uk

A person wearing a green witch hat and a large orange pumpkin costume with a carved face is standing in a garden. There are other pumpkins and autumn leaves in the background.

Lab Tots
Science Fun for Curious Minds

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
A fang-tastic, hands-on science event for curious kids!

FIZZING COLOUR CHANGING POTIONS

UV GLOWING SLIME LAB

BONES & BODY PARTS

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER (Half Term)

11am - 12pm

Outside of The Box 16 Melbourne St, Royston SG8 7BX

£13.50 per child
Maximum 10 children

Ages 5 and up
Drop off or adults to remain if their child requires additional support

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

www.labtots.com
look for the live event

or email info@labtots.com

SCIENCE + EXPLORATION + FUN!

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WE THINK DIFFERENTLY

THINKING DIFFERENTLY
SUPPORTING FAMILIES
REDUCING ISOLATION

Outside of the Box CIC no: 15514091

October Half Term

Come and join us at our therapeutic SEN Hub in Royston for small group inclusive activities:

Creepy Crafts & Treats
Wed 28th Oct, 10am-12.30pm

Join our Halloween craft morning led by our craft maestro Helen. We will be making creepy delicious chocolates and crafting a spooky basket

Age 8+ **£15 per child**

Mini-Scientists & Nature Explorers
Thu 29th Oct, 10am-12.30pm

Join Nature Nell and Dr Dell for a two-part discovery mission! First, explore our glowing biofluorescence classroom labs. Then, grab your binoculars as we explore the sights and sounds of local birds outside.

Age 5+ **£7.50 per child**
£12.50 per family (2 adults +3 children max)
Siblings under 5 go free

Please note: For this activity - all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Scan the QR code to book:

ootb.pembee.app

Outside of the Box SEN Hub
3b The Lanterns
16 Melbourne Street
Royston
SG8 7BX
outsideofthebox.uk



Stand-by-me
Bereavement Support

ACTIVITY DAYS

Stronger Together
Through Football

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER

10:00am - 2:00pm

BALDOCK ARENA
Ages 7 - 11

FREE TO ATTEND

A fun, active day for children to enjoy football, build confidence and connect with other children who have experienced a bereavement.

**FIND OUT MORE
& REGISTER**



In partnership
with



Charity Registration No: 1161035



KING JAMES ACADEMY

Christmas FAYRE



**SUNDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER**

11 AM TO 3 PM



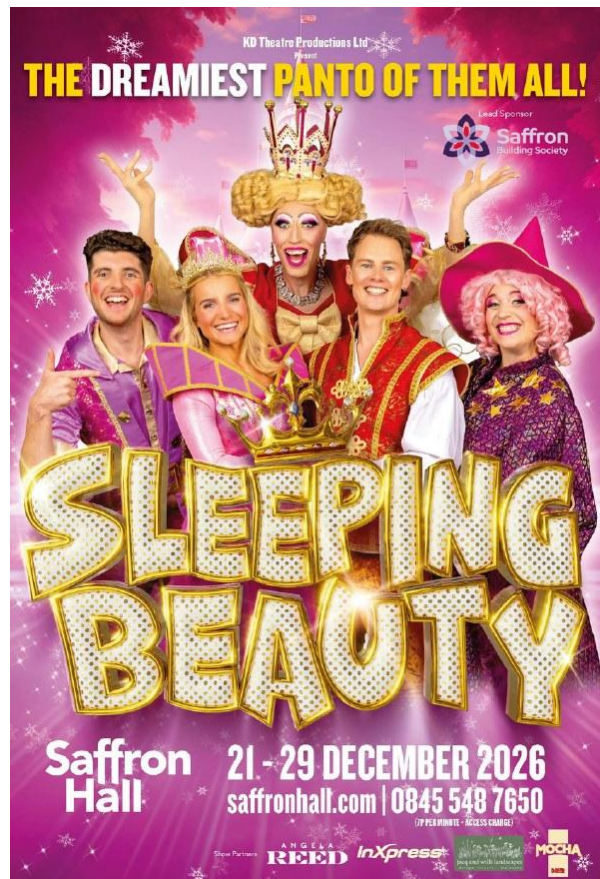
Stalls, Music & Refreshments

FREE ENTRY & PARKING

**King James Academy
(Senior Site)**

**Garden Walk
Royston
Hertfordshire
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Christmas Lights Tour - 20th December



Get ready to wrap up warm and hit your local high street - the Farmers on Christmas Lights Tour is back for its sixth year! For one night only, the tractor rally will see over 100 festive farm vehicles hit the roads of Baldock, Letchworth and Hitchin, bringing the magic a few days before Christmas. It's the biggest farm, family-friendly event of its kind in Hertfordshire and is certain to put a smile on the faces of all who stop to watch.

This wonderful event is organised by local farmers in aid of Garden House Hospice Care, with every penny raised in donations directly supporting our cause. At a time where we need our community to gather around us most, the Farmers on Christmas Lights Tour cannot be missed!

- **6.00pm Baldock:** Convoy begins in Clothall Road and onto the High Street.
- **6.45pm Letchworth:** Arrives via Pixmore Way, into Norton Way South, up Gernon Road and back down Eastcheap and Broadway Gardens.
- **7.30pm Hitchin:** Leads via Hitchin Road, ending at St Marys Car Park for the perfect finale of fairground rides, treats and thank you's.

Last year we raised over £56,000 from this event and we are committed to beating that target in 2026!

Volunteers will be visible with collection tins on the night, or you can donate through our website, via JustGiving or by texting TRACTOR to 70460 to donate £5. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

The 'Farmers Christmas Lights Tour' and Garden House Hospice are running a special 'Design a Christmas Tractor Scene' competition for local school children. We are inviting your children to take part by designing a festive scene. Please find the design sheet attached to your school newsletter, which needs to be returned to school by **Friday 27th November 2026**. Copies of the design sheet will be sent home with your child by 23rd October.

The best design will be selected as the winner and will have a special visit to their school with the tractor and a prize. As well as their prize and the visit they will also receive a copy of the special Christmas Lights Tour fiction book 'Tractor – Where Are You Going Today!'

We look forward to seeing your Christmas design... think Santas, snowmen, reindeer, twinkling lights, tinsel and baubles!

Good luck!

PS - You can also donate by using the QR code on your design sheets.

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