



Autumn 8 - Newsletter - 22/10/2025

What's on

Day & Date	Time	Event & Year
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 – Friday 07.11.2025	-	Poppies and Poppy goods available to purchase
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 am 3.15-4.15pm	Year 1 Toy workshop – non-parent event Years 3&4 tag rugby – non-parent event It's your cue drama club for year 4s in Eagle class
Monday 10.11.2025	2.45pm	Year 2 Swan class assembly – parents and carers of Swan class invited to attend
Tuesday 11.11.2025	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Skills Sports Club
Wednesday 12.11.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm	Piano & Guitar lessons Outdoor Project club
Thursday 13.11.2025	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 14.11.2025	- pm pm 3.15-4.15pm	Children in Need Day – wear odd socks to school Stay & Play session in Nursery for prospective parents and children – book via school office Reception – visit from local author – non-parent event It's your cue drama club for year 4s in Eagle class

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Thank you to all the Year 4 parents and carers that came to our Harvest assembly this morning and thank you to everyone who donated food for the Royston Food Bank.

After the half-term break, 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. Please remind yourself of our school uniform policy by clicking on the following link: <https://icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk/parents/policies-and-forms/>

From 3rd November, a number of year groups will have gym as one of their PE lessons in the week. Children will be expected to do gym in bare feet, however if your child has a verruca, we would be grateful if you provided some grip socks for them to wear (socks with rubber grips on the sole).

I would like to remind you again about the Easy Fundraising app. As you are starting your Christmas shopping, please consider downloading the app. This will mean that when you are buying items for Christmas online (details below), you will be raising money for school at the same time. For every purchase you make from a range of suppliers, Easy Fundraising will donate money to our school. At present, there are around 40 people registered and donations so far total around £340.00, if everyone registered just think how much we could raise. Thank you.

Raise funds for us for **FREE**

with  **easyfundraising**



Join as our supporter today at:
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
Just search for:
Icknield Walk First School PTA

8,000+ retailers will donate to us whenever you shop with them





Start at the
easyfundraising
website or app



Click out
to where you'd
like to shop



Checkout:
prices are exactly
the same!



The retailer sends
a % of your spend
to easyfundraising



They pass
it on to us
:)

Plus, you'll get...



Exclusive retailer offers



Competitions



A warm feeling inside!

Over
£60m
raised for UK good causes

£0
extra cost to anyone

Poppy Appeal



During the week commencing 3rd November we will be selling poppies and poppy goods. If your child would like to purchase something from the poppy appeal, we are asking for a minimum donation of £1.00 per item. Please send this money in a named envelope and hand to your child's class teacher at the beginning of the school day. Items will be available for purchase during the school day at a time convenient for the class. We have a limited number of items for sale and have divided the products equally between all year groups, items usually sell out quickly.

Story Meadow with Marion Zielentino

Author Marion Zielentino will be visiting our school to work with Reception children on 14th November and Years 1& 2 on 21st November. Marion is going to read her new book to the children. Parents can purchase her book, which can be collected on either of the above dates (please see poster below for more information).



Author Visit
14th & 21st November
Icknield Walk First School

We're excited to share that local children's author, Marion Zielentino, is sharing 'Billy Bunny and the Woodpecker Nest' with the children of Icknield Walk First School.

During this free visit the story will be shared in assembly using natural arts and crafts, teddies and audience participation to bring it to life!

Order your book:

To preorder your copy please head to storymeadow.co.uk. Children will receive their signed copy to take home at the end of the day!

Books are £9.99 and can be signed with any personal message.

Marion will also be available on the playground afterschool if you wish to purchase them on the day.

Let the magic continue:

Children can also listen to the readalong on the Story Meadow podcast along with plenty of other adventures.

Listen for FREE on Spotify any time!

storymeadow.co.uk

BOOK  **PODCAST** 

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.

PTA News

Xmas4schools

BEAUTIFUL FUNDRAISING
PRODUCTS FROM CHILDREN'S
ORIGINAL ARTWORK!

XMAS 4 SCHOOLS

It's that time of year again!

Sorry to mention Christmas in October, but just to remind you that the **closing date for entries is Wednesday 5th November**, as all designs need to be sent off for printing shortly after.

We hope your child enjoys working on their design over the half-term holiday and we look forward to seeing them back in school on **Monday 3rd November**.

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.

FIREWORKS

You can still buy tickets to the fireworks display on the 15th November.

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

Tickets for fireworks can be purchased @ <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>



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.

Icknield Walk First School Poplar Drive, Royston, SG8 7EZ
Registered Charity 1110107

Events in and around Royston and other useful information



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

MEMORIES TEAMWORK CREATIVE GREEN SPACES MAKING FRIENDS

BOOK OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS NOW

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

★★★★★

The Outdoors Project



**OCTOBER HALF TERM
HOLIDAY CLUBS**

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON



CAMPFIRE COOK
"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND!"

"IT'S A LIFESAVER FOR WORKING PARENTS!"

NERF SHARP SHOOTER

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 Kubd & 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 & scariest 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!

"LOTS OF GOOD OLD FASHIONED GET DIRTY PLAY!"

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

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 Balk**, 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.

DRAWN TOGETHER THE 2025[®] BIG DRAW FESTIVAL

North Hertfordshire College
Hitchin Campus
Tuesday 28th October
9.30 am till 1pm

Enjoy lots of **FREE**,
creative hands-on
activities to inspire artists
of all ages!

Free, drop-in, and open to
everyone!

(children under 12 must be with an adult)

Draw, create, and be inspired

We can't wait to see you!

Find out more:
www.nhc.ac.uk/Big-Draw



Light Party

No tricks Just treats

sweets, games, disco, craft, food,
and lots of fun

Friday 31st October 2025

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!**

email: lightparty@ct-royston.org.uk



Take the 'scare' out of school holidays!

Beezee Families is our FREE healthy lifestyle programme, designed to help you learn more about healthy eating and finding habits that work for you. Check out these fun spooktacular activities to keep your little monsters entertained this half term.

Activity 1:

Munchable Mummies

Give making these boo-tiful munchable mummies a go!



Activity 2:

Get crafty with your recycling

Use toilet roll tubes to make your own devilish decorations, create a haunted house out of an old cereal box or print off this fun bat cutout to make your own ghoulish garlands!



Activity 3:

Walk this way

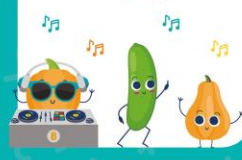
Get the family all wrapped up and explore the great outdoors this autumn.



Activity 4:

Learn a brand-new dance routine

Get you and the kids dancefloor-ready for the Halloween party season!



Want more healthy lifestyle support?
Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or
Click the link



hft.maximusuk.co.uk

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.



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

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](#)

Neurodiversity Support Hub

Lumi Nova - Fun digital therapy for childhood anxiety - [https://luminova.app/](#)

Mind Hertfordshire Network - [https://www.withyouth.org/](#)