



Autumn 9 - Newsletter - 06/11/2025

What's on

Day & Date	Time	Event & Year
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	Odd Sock Day – wear odd socks to school with your uniform 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
Monday 17.11.2025	-	Learning logs return to school
Tuesday 18.11.2025	3.15-4.15pm	Multi Skills Sports Club
Wednesday 19.11.2025	- 3.15-4.15pm	Piano & Guitar lessons Outdoor Project club
Thursday 20.11.2025	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 21.11.2025	3.15-4.15pm	It's your cue drama club for year 4s in Eagle class

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Thank you to everyone who voted for us with the blue tokens in Tesco over the last few months. I am pleased to tell you that we came first, with the most votes and Tesco have given us a donation of £1,496.00 from their Stronger Starts scheme. The donation will be used to purchase equipment to use in our outside classroom, such as gardening gloves, clipboards, magnifying glasses, nature kits and a wooden storage chest. We are so pleased and grateful to you all!

Next Friday, 14th November we will be having an odd sock day, we will be encouraging the children to come to school in odd socks to mark anti bullying week, with a reminder to be kind to each other and tell an adult if someone is being unkind. Children will be required to wear their usual uniform but odd socks rather than school-coloured socks.

Our Reception need some items, if you have any of the items listed below and you can donate to us, please send an email to the school office.

Many thanks.



Reception are looking for the following. Can you help?

Plastic, flexible pipes, play tool sets, a planter for us to grow herbs and spices, a water butt with a small shelf for it to sit on, lots of pestle and mortars, peat free soil or compost, gravel, levelled log seats and kids age 4-6 helmets.

Poppy Appeal

Tomorrow is the last day that 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.

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 opened 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

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

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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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Events in and around Royston and other useful information



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



BITESIZE WORKSHOPS

Answering common parenting questions in short, practical, interactive online workshops
FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire



Eventbrite page

	How Do I Get My Child To Eat Better?	No matter how restrictive your child's diet is, there are things you can do to help
	Thu 4th Dec 2025, 10-11 am	https://tinyurl.com/mhvjmf8
	What Is Going On In My Teenager's Head?	How & why adolescent development affects teen behaviour
	Thu 15th Jan 2026, 7-8pm	https://tinyurl.com/37h2fm55
	Why Does My Child Give Up So Easily?	Build resilience in your child and encourage them to have a go, or keep trying
	Mon 19th Jan 2026, 7-8pm	https://tinyurl.com/44r7kuee
	How Do I Get My Child To Listen To Me?	Improve communication by encouraging your child to listen to you and talk to you
	Thu 29th Jan 2026, 7-8pm	https://tinyurl.com/2fb7yiw2
	How Can My Child Learn To Manage Their Feelings?	Teaching emotional regulation to young people
	Mon 23rd Mar 2026, 10-11 am	https://tinyurl.com/2wa9ektd
	How Do I Talk To My Teen/Preteen About...?	Having difficult conversations with your son or daughter about sex, drugs & social media
	Wed 25th Mar 2026, 7-8pm	https://tinyurl.com/2av34fbm

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/cc/bitesize-parenting-for-parents-in-herts-3853843>

   info@supportinglinks.co.uk
www.supportinglinks.co.uk

Funded by Hertfordshire County Council for all parents & carers in Herts. 

**DYNAMOS
CRICKET**

Royston Cricket
Club are
providing Free
Dynamos
sessions for Girls
aged 8-11

**Free Girls only
sessions
available**

dynamoscriccket.co.uk

Join us at: King James Academy Royston

Session dates: Sundays from 9th November
to 14th December

Session timings: 10.30 to 11.30 am

Contact: David May
drmoystoncricket@outlook.com or
07801235814

To book your free sessions please register via
the QR code



Details of how to get your free place are
included in the registration details.

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FAMILIES**

**FREE Healthy Lifestyle support
for families in Hertfordshire**

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes
start on w/c 19/01/26 in person 12/01/26 online



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
BOREHAMWOOD Aberford Park Community Centre, WD6 1PN 4:30 - 6:30pm	WATFORD Holywell Community Centre Chaffinch Lane, WD18 9QD 5:30 - 7:30pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:30 - 7:30pm	WALTHAM CROSS St Joseph's Church 204 High Street, EN8 7DP 4:30 - 6:30pm
** NO SESSION **	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JS 5:00 - 7:00pm	HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	** NO SESSION **
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Sign up today!



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Our programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

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/>

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