



Spring 10 - Newsletter - 19/03/2026

News from the Governors

At the most recent school governors meeting, we reviewed the results from the parents' survey. We were so pleased that 100% of parents felt their child was taught well in school and that every parent also stated that their child was safe in school.

We looked at and discussed the individual comments. We are going to look for ways to further support parents who wish to know how best to support their children with their learning. In the meantime, we encourage you to look at the website to see what the children are learning each term, or to quickly chat to the class teacher if you are unsure of what to do to support your child. You can't go far wrong if you read to them every day and encourage them to read too!

As happens every year, the children in years 3 and 4 also completed a questionnaire. The results were equally encouraging, with 99% of children saying that school encourages them to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally, which is a clear reflection on our work in Personal and Social, Health Education and our No Outsiders programme.

We are also pleased to see a reflection of the work we have done with the children around well-being. With 99% of the children noting that school enables them to look after their physical, emotional and mental health.

Thank you so much for taking the time to give us feedback, and for your positive comments. As always, if there is anything worrying you, please talk to the class teachers or make an appointment to talk to someone from the Senior Leadership Team. We all want to work with you to ensure that your child's school experience is as happy and productive as possible.

What's on

Thursday 19.03.2026

am - Year 4 Recorder Club

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder Club

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 20.03.2026

Red Nose Day - tell a joke and bring your red nose (if you have one)

2.30pm - Year 3 Continents and Countries Event - parents and carers of Year 3 are invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - Kings & Queens Chess Club

3.15-4.15pm - It's Your Cue Drama Club for Year 4s in Eagle classroom

Monday 23.03.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Reception Gymnastics club

3.15-4.00pm - Year 1 Phonics club

Tuesday 24.03.2026

Piano Lessons (taking place today rather than Wednesday for this week only)

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 25.03.2026

No Guitar Lessons

2.45pm - Reception Wren assembly - parents and carers of Wren class invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project club

Thursday 26.03.2026

am - Year 4 Recorder Club

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder Club

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 27.03.2026

Nursery closes at 11.30am (last day of term)

1.15pm - Year 4 Vikings event - parents and carers of Year 4 invited to attend

School closes at 2.00pm (last day of term)

Monday 13.04.2026

Nursery and School closed to pupils

Tuesday 14.04.2026

First day of term for pupils

Learning logs go home

Wednesday 15.04.2026

No Guitar Lessons

Piano Lessons

No Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 16.04.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

No Recorder Clubs

Friday 17th April

pm - Eagle class swimming

2.30-3.30pm - Art Exhibition for parents and children (more information to follow)

Red Nose Day - Tomorrow

Tomorrow during Talking Circles the children will be able to tell a joke to their group. If they have a red nose and would like to bring it with them to school, they may wear it during Talking Circles.

Sports Stars



Aiden recently achieved his 400m swim certificate. Fantastic news Aiden, swimming is a life skill, keep it up!



Frankie has recently joined the Tottenham Hotspur pre-academy as a Goalkeeper and trains at their training facility in London twice a week. At the weekend he had the opportunity to play his first matches for Tottenham Hotspur. Well done, Frankie, your parents told us that your performance was great over the six games! Keep it up!

Lost & Found

There were some items left behind at the school discos on Friday. The PTA have handed them to the school office and the items are as follows:

- Girls peach denim jacket, age 6-7, brand George by Asda.
- Black Nike zipped hoodie, size M (137-147 cm).

Please collect from the school office. Thank you.

Correspondence home this week

- Years 2, 3, 4 - Running club - letters going home via classes today.

PTA News

Icknield Walk First School PTA

Glazed Creations
Adult Painting
Evening

Bar & nibbles

24th April
7pm

£10

Held at school.
Choose an item to buy and paint.
Free drink on arrival

Tickets for sale online at:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>
On Sale from 4th April

💡 Did you know...?

Many companies match the charitable donations or fundraising efforts of their employees!

This means you could double (or even triple!) the impact of your contribution to the school—simply by contacting your employer.

For example, employees of Johnson Matthey who volunteer with the PTA—even for just one hour—can help unlock **match funding of the total amount raised at an event (up to £1,000 per employee!)**

And they're not the only ones—lots of companies offer similar schemes, including Barclays, NatWest, GSK, Tesco, Microsoft, PwC and Vodafone.

✨ It's a quick and easy way to raise even more money for the PTA, helping us continue to enhance the children's school experience.

👤 ♀ **Can you help?**

If you're able to volunteer—even for just an hour—please let us know if you work for a company that offers match funding. We'll provide everything you need to apply and maximise the support.



NURSERY ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Applications are now live for a September 2026 start.

Please fill in an application form online by following the link below, we will start to allocate places from 15th January 2026. We will continue to accept applications and offer places throughout the year until we are full.

Please call the school office on 01763 243392 if you would like to discuss your child's application, we are always happy to help.

[Icknield Walk First School Nursery application form for Nursery](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you are in receipt of qualifying benefits and have not yet registered for Free School Meals, or wish to check your eligibility please register online at [Free school meals | Hertfordshire County Council](#). Even if your child currently receives universal free meals in Reception to Year 2 you should still complete the application as other education benefits will be automatically registered. Registering for FSM could result in extra funding coming into school to support learning and additional activities for all students, which the

school might not otherwise be able to afford. It really makes a difference to our budget and thus to children's learning opportunities.

Please be assured that the whole process is confidential and there is no way for your child to be identified when having their free lunch. Please use the eligibility checker link above or contact Sue Barrett or Sarah Childs in the office and they will support you.

Events in and around Royston and other useful information

Spring Term Online Workshops 2026 for parents in Hertfordshire



Sibling Rivalry - Online via MS Teams
This parenting workshop promotes cooperation and manages conflict between siblings.
Friday 13 March 9.30 to 11.30

Anxiety around ADHD - Online via MS Teams
This workshop helps parent/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.
Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm or Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Empowering Parenting - Online via MS Teams
A workshop to equip parents with practical tools, resources and strategies to enhance parenting skills and navigate parenting challenges effectively.
Friday 20 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Its a Dads Life - Online via MS Teams
A workshop for dads to help build strong attachment and relationships with their child.
Tuesday 24 March 7pm to 9pm

For more information, you can scan our QR code to make a referral or call Louise and Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701** or email services@familylives.org.uk.



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Anxiety around ADHD



The workshop helps parents and carers navigate:

- What is ADHD
- Understanding why a child with ADHD may also have anxiety
- Explore strategies to help support you and your child
- Signposting to other support that is available

Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm or Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am
Online via MS Teams



To book your place, call **Lesley** on **020 4522 8701**, email services@familylives.org.uk or scan our QR code to use our online referral form



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Its a Dads Life

Free Online Workshop for Dads

For many dads, managing their children's behaviour can prove a particularly challenging time when raising children. This workshop aims to empower dads with the knowledge and skills to develop deeper connections with their children and enhance their parenting journey.

When

Tuesday 24 March 2026

7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online via MS Teams



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To book your place:

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- Or call Lesley on 020 4522 8701

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SUPPORTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN: A NIGHT OF INSIGHT & CONNECTION



Join us for an informal and empowering night for parents/carers and professionals supporting children with anxiety or neurodiverse needs.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ★ Helping Anxious Children manage School and Daily Challenges
Presented by Rachel Lambie MA, MBACP, HCPC
Nessie's CEO
- ★ 'Neurodiversity & Anxiety'
Presented by Elisa Ferriggi
Nessie's Supervisor & Autism/ADHD Specialist Therapist
- ★ Meet Nessie Psychotherapists
Chat informally with our psychotherapists for free mini-consultations on the night.
- ★ Refreshments available on the night!

TICKETS:



£10

Per Person

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

7:00PM - 9:00PM

ROYSTON TOWN HALL

Parent & Carer Support Summer Term 2026



FREE COURSES for parents and carers in Hertfordshire

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.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
14th Apr to 19th May
Online Course: ID 834

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
3rd Jun to 8th Jul
Online Course: ID 835

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.



Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
6th May to 17th Jun
Online Course ID 832 Not half term 27/5

Mondays 8.00 - 9.30pm
1st Jun to 6th Jul
Online Course ID 833

Courses will be delivered on zoom



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
6th May to 17th Jun Not half term 27/5
Online Course: ID 836

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
14th Apr to 19th May
Online Course ID 831

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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FUDGE EASTER EGG HUNTS
CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN
GIANT BUBBLES**

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TIME 9 AM - 3 PM
AGE RANGE SCHOOL YEARS 1-6
PRICE £39.50 A DAY

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- 👤 Parent or guardian must attend

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TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL
THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

9AM - 3PM
£25 PER DAY
OR
£60 FOR ALL 3 DAYS

AGES 5 - 12

SCAN ME

OR VISIT ROYSTONTOWNFC.KTCKTS.COM

 **Home-Start's Got Talent (It's back!)**

Saturday 28th March | 2:00pm (doors open 1:30pm) | King James Academy, Royston A community **talent show** celebrating local performers of all ages, expect laughter, surprises, and “how on earth did they do that?!” moments. Most importantly, **all proceeds support local families** through HSRBSC.

Buy your tickets here:

<https://buytickets.at/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/2065078>

 **How you can help**

Come along (bring a mate / your other half / the whole cheering squad)

Share the dates with friends, neighbours, work WhatsApp groups, you know the drill

Support from afar, if you can't attend, a donation is always warmly appreciated

Tickets: Home-Start's Got Talent:

<https://buytickets.at/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/2065078>



EASTER HOLIDAY COURSE



ICKNIELD MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

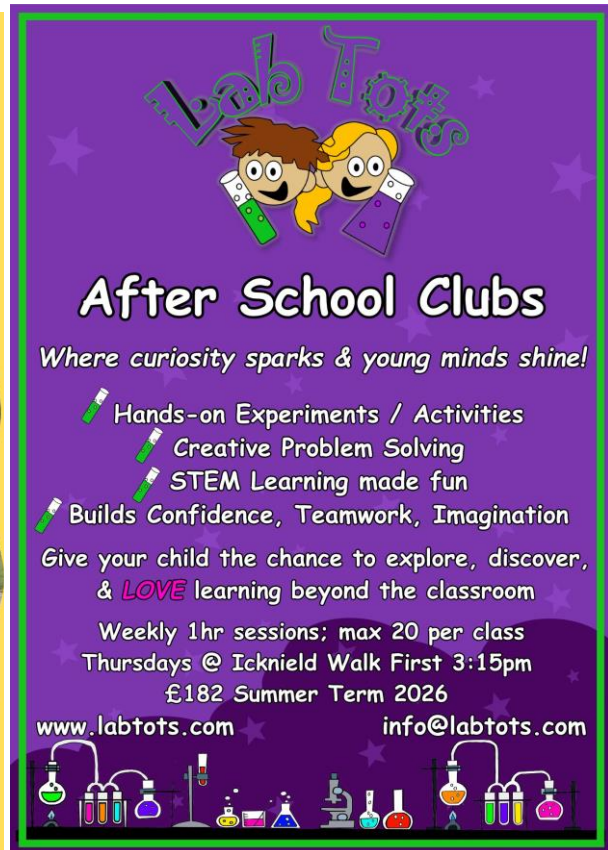
9AM - 3PM

£25 PER DAY
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9:00-16:00
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- Bubble parties

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BUSHCRAFT SOLAR FIRELIGHTING
MINI ROBOT BUILDING | CIRCUS SKILLS
TOY STORY SLIME & GAMES
DRAGON SLINGSHOT MAKING
MINECRAFT TREASURE HUNT
NERF WILD WEST | BUSHCRAFT DENS
MARSHMALLOW CATAPULT MAKING
THE KEY INGREDIENT: LOTS OF FUN!

WATCHING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE GROW & NEW FRIENDSHIPS FORM AT OUR CLUB IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS WE DO.

**ICKNIELD WALK
FIRST SCHOOL**
 WEDNESDAYS 3:15 - 4:25PM
 YEARS 1-4
 22 APRIL - 8 JULY 2026
 PRICE: £88 (11 WEEK TERM)

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



Exciting news!



This year's **Royston in Blue** event is on
 Sunday 28th June 2026.

The **5km fun run/walk** is a wonderful family event to take part in, to raise funds for The Teenage Cancer Trust.

It will be held at the Therfield Heath in Royston at 11am.

Last year the community of Royston and surrounding villages raised over £20,000 for The Teenage Cancer Trust.

We hope you can join us on the day.

You can look on the Royston in Blue Website

<https://roystoninblue.co.uk/>

or

Our link to RaceBest is

<http://racebest.com/races/7z2xa>

or



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ROYSTON CRICKET CLUB

Est. 1790

Royston Cricket Club
A club for all ages and abilities:
 2 adult Saturday teams
 Midweek friendly team (Wednesdays)
 Youth teams from 9 to 18 years old
 U11 Girls only team
 All Stars and Dynamos from 5 to 11 years old on Sundays
 Training Tuesdays (adults and juniors)

Royston Cricket Club offers the opportunity for children from 5 years old onwards to take part in fun cricket-based activities, whilst learning new skills. The All Stars and Dynamos programmes take place on Sunday mornings at our Therfield ground.

DYNAMOS
CRICKET

Date: Sun, 10 May - Sun, 28 Jun 2026
 Time: 09:30 - 10:30
 Age: 8 - 11 years old
 Price: £50.00
 Gender: Mixed

DYNAMOS
CRICKET

Date: Sun, 10 May - Sun, 28 Jun 2026
 Time: 12:00 - 13:00
 Age: 8 - 11 years old
 Price: £50.00
 Gender: Girls

ALL STARS
CRICKET

Date: Sun, 10 May - Sun, 28 Jun 2026
 Time: 11:00 - 11:45
 Age: 5 - 8 years old
 Price: £50.00
 Gender: Mixed

For more details, please visit: royston.play-cricket.com/home
 or scan the QR codes to register for the All Stars or Dynamos programmes
 Alternatively, email: drmroystoncricket@outlook.com

Little Acorns Preschool

Now taking September
2026 Preschool Applications.

Enrolling children from the age of 2, before
and after September 2026

For more information, please email poppy.
Preschoolmanager@littleacornsroyston.co.uk



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Want to know more, [see this handy intro](#)

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

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 -

The Sleep Charity - <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/>