



Spring 11 - Newsletter - 26/03/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

This week we are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Bailey, who works in Year 1 and Reception and to Miss Waterson, Swift class teacher. We wish them both all the very best for the future and we will miss them.

Just to let you know that unfortunately I am still not well enough to be back in school full time. If your children mention they have seen me, I have been popping in and out for meetings, I can't keep away! I will be back after the Easter break. I hope you all have a lovely holiday.

News from the Governors

Following our recent parent governor election, we would like to thank all three parents who ran for election, Patrick Key, Kevin Marchant and Jonny Midgley. On this occasion, Patrick Key won the vote and we would like to welcome him to the governing body and we look forward to working with him. Condolences to Jonny Midgley and Kevin Marchant. Thank you to Kevin for all of his hard work during his time as a parent governor. Thank you to Jonny Midgley, who volunteers regularly at school, for his time and we wish them both all the very best for the future.

What's on

Thursday 26.03.2026

am - Year 4 Recorder Club

No 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

No Year 4 swimming

CANCELLED - 1.15 pm - Year 4 Viking event - parents and carers of Year 4 are invited to attend

School closes at 2.00pm

Monday 30.03.2026 - Friday 10.04.2026

Easter Holiday - Nursery and School closed to all

Monday 13.04.2026

Nursery and School closed to pupils

Tuesday 14.04.2026

Nursery and School returns for the Summer term

Learning logs go home

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 15.04.2026

No Guitar Lessons

Piano Lessons

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gym club

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

2.45-3.15pm - Art Exhibition for parents and children

Multicultural Art Exhibition

Further on our email sent last week we can confirm the finer details of our Art Exhibition on Friday 17th April.

Year group art will be displayed in the following classrooms:

- **Year 4 art in Falcon class**
- **Year 3 art in the PE hall**
- **Year 2 art in Swan class**
- **Year 1 art in Robin class**
- **Reception art in Wren class**
- **Nursery art in the nursery area**

To allow teachers time to set up their galleries we would appreciate it if you could collect your child from the classes below from **2:45-3:15 pm**. You may then begin your tour and take your child when you are

ready. We ask that where possible you walk around the outside of the school, (with the exception of the hall) and go class to class using the external doors. After school club will take those that will be attending on a tour. We hope you and your children enjoy viewing our multicultural art.

Collection Class:

- Year 4 children from Eagle class
- Year 3 children from usual classes
- Year 2 children from Lark class
- Year 1 children from Owl class
- Reception children from Finch class
- Nursery children from nursery as usual

Breakfast Club

Did you know that we have a breakfast club?

Find out more by clicking on the link: <https://icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk/parents/wraparound-care/>

PTA News

Ickniel 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

Ickniel Walk First School PTA

60TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

13TH JUNE

12-5PM

FREE ENTRY

INFLATABLES
PONY PETTING
CRAFTS & STALLS
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
REFRESHMENTS
SPORTS & FOOD

Ickniel Walk First School Poplar Drive, Royston, SG8 7EZ

Registered Charity 1110107

60th anniversary festival

After careful consideration, we have changed the times of the Anniversary Festival on the Saturday 13th June. It will now start at 12pm and will finish at 5pm.

There will be food, refreshments, inflatables, craft stalls, football, activities, pony petting, bar, competitions and lots of sunshine.

Glazed Creations – Adult Painting Evening

Join us on 24th April for a relaxed evening with a large prosecco, a paintbrush and the chance to show off your artistic skills. These social evenings are a lovely opportunity for adults to come along with friends or attend on their own and enjoy some creative time.

Tickets go on sale from 4th April

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

Could you be a young carer?

If you help look after a friend or family member who needs extra support - you may be a young carer and there's one easy place to get help.



WELCOME

- Be part of a young carers community
- Friendly welcome from the young carers team

Support for the whole family

- Friendly chats to consider everyone's needs
- Check ins to make sure you're doing ok
- Help as you grow up and move into new stages of life

A new young carers webpage

- Clear information on what help you can get
- Links to opportunities, activities & wellbeing support
- Designed by young carers for young carers

Get involved

- Conference designed by young carers, workshops, fun sessions, meeting others
- Opportunities to have your say
- Work with SEND Youth Councils

Additional support

- Support in your school / college
- Meet other young carers
- If you're eligible for free school meals, you can get discounts with a **Herts Card**
- Free activity camps in school holidays - **HAPpy Camps**

How to get support

- Ask an adult in your family to help you get in touch
- Speak to your teacher or a trusted member of staff
- Visit the website or call 01992 658469

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers




Groups and workshops Summer 2026



Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group
Thursday 14th May to 25th June, 7pm - 9pm
If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group
Wednesday 13th May to 24th June, 7pm - 9pm | Monday 1st June to 6th July 9.30am to 11.30am
Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group
Friday 5th June to 10th July, 9.30am to 11.30am
Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop
(Date to be confirmed)
This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop
(Date to be confirmed)
This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop
(Date to be confirmed)
This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more information about our programmes, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.




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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.

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.

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.

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.


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

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
6th May to 17th Jun
Online Course ID 832

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



Courses will be delivered on  zoom

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Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
6th May to 17th Jun
Online Course: ID 836

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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The Friends of The Field Heath

EASTER Egg hunt

Join us on
Sunday 29th March
2pm - 4PM
 For some egg-tastic fun
 signs from the heath cafe car park

www.friendsoftherfieldheath.org.uk
 Charity Number 1192972

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The **Outdoors Project**
 Inspiring Adventure Clubs For Kids

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

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NERF
EASTER TREATS
BIG WILD EGG DAY
ARMPIT CRACKING TIMES
FUDGE
EASTER EGG HUNTS
CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN
GIANT BUBBLES

MAKING CORE MEMORIES GREEN SPACES AMAZING ACTIVITIES

FRESH AIR NO SCREENS CIRCUS BOOK NOW!!!

LOCATION	STUDLANDS RISE, ROYSTON
DATES	MON 30 MARCH - MON 13 APRIL
TIME	9 AM - 3 PM
AGE RANGE	SCHOOL YEARS 1-6
PRICE	£39.50 A DAY

"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND" ★★★★★

- 100% OUTDOORS
- MAKING FRIENDS
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- BUILDING CONFIDENCE
- ENERGETIC & ENGAGED STAFF
- FLEXIBLE BOOKING
- OFSTD REGISTERED
- CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSE

ROYSTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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
 OR
 £60 FOR ALL 3 DAYS

AGES 5 - 12

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MF TENNIS
EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

MONDAY 30th MARCH - THURSDAY 2nd APRIL

TOTS GROUP 9.15am - 10am	MINI TENNIS & JUNIOR AGE GROUPS 1pm - 4pm
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FUN GAMES & ACTIVITIES
 book now at www.mftennis.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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
 SUMMER TERM 2026

FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

- WATER DAY: NOODLE BALL
- 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 CLUBS 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)

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

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Where curiosity sparks & young minds shine!

- Hands-on Experiments / Activities
- Creative Problem Solving
- STEM Learning made fun
- Builds Confidence, Teamwork, Imagination

Give your child the chance to explore, discover, & **LOVE** learning beyond the classroom

Weekly 1hr sessions; max 20 per class
 Thursdays @ Icknield Walk First 3:15pm
 £182 Summer Term 2026

www.labtots.com info@labtots.com



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



Scan me!

MORDEN MAGPIES U9 25/26 ARE RECRUITING PLAYERS

JOIN US
MORDEN MAGPIES FC

Open to boys and girls in Year 4 (Sept 2025-26)
Training Wednesdays 6.15-7.15pm Steeple Morden Recreation Ground
Games take place on Saturday mornings
Contact: U9: Kelly 07810 442234 - mordenmagpies.co.uk


POSITIVE. EXCITING. FUN.

Home Start

Home-Start's Got Talent – NEXT Saturday!


Our **HSGT Talent Show** is nearly here – taking place **next Saturday** at King James Academy, Royston. This promises to be a *fantastic* afternoon with brilliant local acts, community spirit, and a huge opportunity to support our work. As our final event of the financial year, let's come together and make it a truly great finish! **Book tickets**

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



 **Literary Lunch – Tuesday 14th April** We're delighted to welcome **author Sarah Harrison** for a wonderfully entertaining **Literary Lunch** at **The Old Bull Inn, Royston**. Expect poems, stories, humour and a delicious buffet lunch. If you enjoy books, laughter, or simply a lovely afternoon out – this one's for you!

Book your tickets here:

<https://buytickets.at/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/2112617>

 **Bollywood Dance Party – Saturday 18th April** Ready to shimmy, sparkle and dance the night away Bollywood-style? Join us at the **Bollywood Dance Party** for an evening of colour, rhythm, and an **Indian banquet** to round off the fun! If you're looking for a night out with friends or fancy trying something new, this is guaranteed to be a highlight! **ook tickets here:**

<https://buytickets.at/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/2112911>

  **Aquathon – Friday 26th April** There's still time to enter a team! Our **Aquathon** returns on **26th April, 6–9pm**, with **6 lanes available between 8–9pm**. Gather friends, family, colleagues or we can help match you with a team. It's energetic, sociable, and a brilliant way to support Home-Start.

Please contact me directly if your are interested in entering a team: angie.ward@hsrsc.org.uk

Beezee Families - Easter antics: Have an eggcellent break!

Beezee FAMILIES

Hello Easter Holidays!

Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started:

Activity 1:
Get active as a family
 Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video

Activity 2:
Try a mini "mission"
 A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves

Activity 2:
Keep it simple with food
 Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns

Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!

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

Scan here or Click the link 

hertmaximusuk.co.uk

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

Beezee by maximus

Ready to unlock the secrets of healthy eating on a budget?

Date: Time:

Join us for a **FREE** one-hour workshop to get practical tips from our nutritionists. During your time with us you can:

- Discover low-cost healthy swaps
- Understand the importance of meal planning
- Get tips to stick to your shopping list and budget
- Learn about different cooking methods
- Ask questions and get free resources!

Secure your **FREE spot today**

Click me to sign up

 heloherthfordshire@maximusuk.co.uk

 01707 248648



24-05-22

Beezee by maximus

Sign up to our FREE masterclass

How to support children with a limited diet?

Date: Time:

This one hour session will be led by our nutritionists who can help you understand more about limited diets and offer their expert support. By signing up, you can:

- Share challenges and tips with like-minded parents/carers
- Join an informal, inclusive and non-judgemental atmosphere
- Get lots of practical tips you can use for your family

This is available to all parents, whatever your child's age.

Secure your **FREE spot today**

Click me to sign up

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Over 8,000 retailers including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Icknield Walk First School PTA for FREE when you use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to shop with them.

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/>