



# Spring 5 - Newsletter - 05/02/2026

## Message from Mrs Sherwood

After half term, we will be sharing the NSPCC's Speak out Stay safe assembly with the children in year 1 – 4. Reception teachers will share the message of the programme with the Reception children but it will be adapted for their age group.

Speak out Stay safe is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Please let us know if your child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after this assembly.

The children in year 2 will also take part in a workshop with a volunteer from NSPCC to talk further about speaking out and staying safe.

If you would like to know more about the Speak out Stay safe programme, please visit [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

### ***Dates for your diaries:***

**Wednesday 11th March**, 3.30-4.30pm - parents and carers are invited to view your child's workbooks in their classrooms with your child.

**Wednesday 18th March**, 6.00pm - Maths evening for all parents and carers of Years 3 and 4.

Please do take a minute to view the school blogs, which are available on our school website. These are updated regularly and show some of the interesting learning activities the children have been engaged in.

## What's on

### **Thursday 05.02.2026**

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 06.02.2026**

No Year 4 Eagle class swimming due to leisure centre closure

3.15-4.15pm - Kings & Queens Chess Club in the dining hall

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

**Monday 09.02.2026**

Learning logs return to school

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

**Tuesday 10.02.2026**

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

3.30-6.00pm - Parent Teacher consultations (IN PERSON) for all except Swift class in the school hall

**Wednesday 11.02.2026**

Guitar and Piano lessons

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project

**Thursday 12.02.2026**

am - Year 4 Recorder Club

NO Year 3 Recorder Club - due to parent teacher consultations

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

3.30-6.00pm - ONLINE VIDEO Parent Teacher consultations for all except Swift class

**Friday 13.02.2026**

pm - Eagle class swimming

2.45pm - Year 1 Robin class assembly - parents and carers of Robin class are invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - Kings & Queens Chess Club in the dining hall

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

**Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED**

## Parent-Teacher Consultations

On Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February, parent-teacher consultations will be taking place. At these meetings you will be able to chat with your child's class teacher to see how your child is getting on and also ask any questions that you may have.

We will be holding two sessions: in-person appointments on Tuesday 10th February, 3.30-6pm, and video call (online) appointments on Thursday 12th February, 3.30-6pm.

**Unfortunately Miss Waterson is currently absent from school. Therefore, Year 3 Swift class parent-teacher consultations will not be taking place next week, we will rearrange these when possible. If you have any pressing concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sherwood via the school office.**

A reminder of how to book appointments is available on our website under the Quick Links section on the front page.

The booking system is live (link to the booking system can be found on the front page of our website, under the quick links section) or follow this link: <https://icknielwalk.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please note only one appointment is available per child; you must choose either online or in person on the days listed above. Parents who do not live with their children should refer to the 'Separated Parent' policy, which was sent by email last week and can also be found on our website.

If you have any problems booking your appointments, please contact the school office.

The booking system will close at 8.00am on Monday 9th February.

Parents and carers will have an opportunity to view their child's workbooks after school on Wednesday 11th March, 3.30-4.30pm.

## News from the Governors

We would be very grateful if you could take some time to complete our survey.

The survey can be completed by each parent/carer for each child you have attending our school. All feedback received is noted by the governing body and responses are anonymous. As always, if you have any queries or concerns about your child, please do contact the school office so that we can direct your concern to a member of staff who can help you.

Please click on the link to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YLP9Q9K> by 27th February 2026.

## FOUND

We have had three 3D printed items handed into school office, two of which are fiddle toys. If you are missing anything, please do let the school office know.

## PTA News

### Uniform Sale – Tuesday 10th February

We're pleased to announce that our next uniform sale will take place on Tuesday 10th February, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

The sale will run alongside Parents' Evening, so if you're unable to attend during school pick-up, you'll still have the opportunity to browse and buy uniform later in the afternoon.

All items will be available for £1 per item, including both logo and non-logo uniform. All items are in very good condition.

If you have any uniform you'd like to donate, please drop it off in the blue bin inside the bike shelter. Items should be bagged (not loose).

Thank you for your continued support ❤️

Next time you need to reorder name labels for your child's belongings, please consider using **Stikins** 🏷️

**Stikins** generously gives 30% commission to schools, PTAs and nurseries on all approved named-label sales made by parents throughout the year, with a cheque sent to us every November.

📄 Last year alone we received just over £110.00, simply from parents ordering labels they needed anyway!

How to order:

- 1 Go to 🖱️ <https://www.stikins.co.uk/order/>
- 2 Before you get to CHECKOUT, you'll see the question: "Do you have a school fundraising number?"
- 3 Click YES
- 4 Enter our fundraising number: 10432

Thank you for supporting our school — every order really does make a difference 🧡

## 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.

## Vacancy - Cleaner

We have a vacancy for a cleaner to join our dedicated and friendly team as soon as possible.

We need a cleaner (early morning or afternoon or early evening) during term time for two hours and fifteen minutes each day, some additional holiday cleaning will also be required.

The rate of pay is £12.65 per hour.

At Icknield 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.

Previous cleaning experience would be an advantage but not essential.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Friday 13th February 2026.

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

For more details, please contact the school office on 01763 243392 or email [admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk).

# Events in and around Royston and other useful information



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## FEBRUARY HALF TERM CLUBS

*"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"*  
**Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.**

### STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON



**MONDAY 16 FEB**  
**TRIBAL ADVENTURE: BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!**  
 Join your tribe for a day of wild adventure! Work together to build your tribal woodland camp & get creative with tribal crafts. Take on castaway style team challenges & games as you learn how tribes across the world live & survive in the wild!

**TUESDAY 17 FEB**  
**CAMPFIRE COOKOUT PANCAKE DAY SPECIAL & BUSHCRAFT**  
 Join us for the perfect winter campfire cookout! Make s'mores & Pancakes over the flames, learn different bushcraft fire lighting methods & enjoy a mix of classic outdoor games. A cosy & relaxed day filled with creativity, camp vibes, tasty treats and skills to take home and share with your family!

**WEDNESDAY 18 FEB**  
**NERF: WILD WEST SHOWDOWN**  
 Let's go back in time and ride into a Wild West world of heists and outlaws! Grab your blasters, team up, and join stagecoach standoffs, bank robbery missions, and cattle corrals in a full day of action-packed Nerf games. A fast-paced, high-adventure Nerf experience! (Age 6+ recommended)

**THURSDAY 19 FEB**  
**BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT**  
 Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, and experience Minecraft like never before! (knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

**FRIDAY 20 FEB**  
**WE'RE GOING ON A YETI HUNT!**  
 Become an explorer for the day and step into a world of mystery & adventure! Track the legendary Yeti through the wild as you follow hidden clues, build clever traps, & craft your own Yeti footprints as proof of your discovery. Work together to uncover the forest's secrets, outsmart the wild's most mysterious creature, and maybe even meet the Yeti itself!





**"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND!"**  
 ★★★★★

For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: [www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)

★★★★★  
 "THIS IS A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY CLUB, FULL OF FUN & FRESH AIR"

★★★★★  
 "I LOVE THAT IT'S PHYSICAL ACTIVITY NOT BASED ON TRADITIONAL SPORTS"



Inspiring Adventure Clubs For Kids

★★★★★  
 "THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN. CAN I GO AGAIN TOMORROW?"

★★★★★  
 "LOTS OF GOOD OLD FASHIONED GET DIRTY PLAY!"

**BOOK NOW**

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

## TRIBAL ADVENTURE BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!

AMAZING ACTIVITIES RUNNING AROUND TEAMWORK

## BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT NERF

CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN

## SUPERHERO STAFF WILD WEST SHOWDOWN

FRESH AIR GOOD TIMES NO SCREENS

ADVENTURE

## MAKING FRIENDS CAMPFIRE

## ROSY CHEEKS COOKOUT

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES & BUSHCRAFT SKILLS

<b>LOCATION</b>	STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON
<b>DATES</b>	MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 20TH FEB
<b>TIME</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>AGE RANGE</b>	SCHOOL YEARS 1-6
<b>PRICE</b>	£39.50 A DAY





**"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND!"**  
 ★★★★★

- 100% OUTDOORS
- MAKING FRIENDS
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- BUILDING CONFIDENCE
- ENERGETIC & ENGAGED STAFF
- FLEXIBLE BOOKING
- OFSTED REGISTERED
- CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

# FAMILY ARCHERY SESSIONS

## HALF TERM



**BOOK NOW at**  
**SANDRINGHAM**  
**ESTATE.CO.UK**

## ROYSTON TOWN FC CROWS JUNIOR KICKERS

WEEKLY FUN AND ENGAGING FOOTBALL  
SESSIONS FOR AGES 4-6

**MONDAY(S)**  
**5:00-5:45PM**  
**KING JAMES ACADEMY**  
**SG8 7 JH**

CONTACT: [DEVELOPMENT@ROYSTONTOWNFC.CO.UK](mailto:DEVELOPMENT@ROYSTONTOWNFC.CO.UK)





# RTFC TOTS FOOTBALL



**Thursday(s)**  
**10:00-10:45am**  
**18 mth-3 years**  
**Garden Walk**  
**SG87HP**

[charlie@roystontownfc.co.uk](mailto:charlie@roystontownfc.co.uk)

**£4 per session**

**07999 900181**



## GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL *Camp*

**WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY**

**KING JAMES ACADEMY  
ROYSTON  
9-3PM  
AGES 5 - 14**

**£25 PER DAY**



VISIT [ROYSTONTOWNFC.KTCKTS.COM](http://ROYSTONTOWNFC.KTCKTS.COM)

CONTACT : [DANNY@ROYSTONTOWNFC.CO.UK](mailto:DANNY@ROYSTONTOWNFC.CO.UK)

**FEBRUARY HOLIDAY COURSE**



**ICKNIELD  
MULTI-SPORTS CAMP**

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY**



**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY**

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY**



**9AM - 3PM**

**£25 PER DAY  
OR  
£60 FOR ALL 3 DAYS**

**AGES 5 - 12**

**SCAN ME**



**OR VISIT  
ROYSTONTOWNFC.KTCKTS.COM**

## The Sleep Charity - webinars

The Sleep Charity are holding a few webinars next week that parents and carers may find helpful. You can register for the webinars and then watch them at anytime. Please click on the links for more information:

[Home - The Sleep Charity](#)

Sleep & School Readiness: Supporting Children's Learning, Wellbeing and Development [School readiness webinar](#)

Teach Sleep - Supporting Children's Sleep in the School Environment  
<https://thesleepcharity.typeform.com/to/WzWoUN0I>

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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/>