



Spring 6 - Newsletter - 12/02/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

After the half term, for at least the first two weeks, I will be absent from school, as I am going into hospital for surgery during the half term holiday. I will be unable to answer emails during this time. The senior leadership team and SEN staff will be happy to help you in my absence. During this time, please direct all queries/concerns via the school office, who will pass your message to the staff member on duty. All being well, I will be back in school in March.

This week, we say goodbye to two of our cleaners, Ms Whyman and Mr Stamp, we wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their hard work in school. After 23 years of working at for our school, we also say goodbye to Mrs Reeder, who has been an LSA and MSA. Thank you for everything over the years and good luck for the future. Mrs Tough who is a TA and MSA will be retiring on 26th February after working at our school for 17 years, we wish Mrs Tough a very happy retirement.

We will be sharing the NSPCC's Speak out Stay safe assembly with the children in year 1 – 4 after half term. 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.

Correspondence sent home this week

- **Year 3** - Swift - Teaching staff news
- **Year 3** - Dove - Teaching staff news
- **Year 4** Eagle- Teaching staff news
- **Year 4** - Grafham Water Trip - reminders and additional information
- **All** - Parent Governor Election

What's on

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 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

Monday 23.02.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Reception Gymnastics club

Tuesday 24.02.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 25.02.2026

Year 4 leave for Grafham Water

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project club

Thursday 26.02.2026

No Year 4 Recorder Club

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

No Year 3 Recorder Club

Friday 27.02.2026

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

3.30pm - Estimated return time for Year 4 from Grafham Water

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.

Year 4 - KJAR - Transition activities

Year 4 visited King James Academy Royston (KJAR) last week as part of their transition activities for moving on to KJAR in September.

The children had the opportunity to use the design and technology rooms and the chemistry labs. They carried out experiments with Skittles and then made hummus and had a good time tasting it.

Thank so much to the staff of KJAR for organising such a busy and fun morning and making our children and staff so welcome.





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**.

Sports Stars



Benjamin in Year 3 has passed his Stage 4 swimming and has been graded to a yellow belt in Taekwondo. Well done Benjamin!



Charlie was awarded his 15m badge in swimming, and Olivia completed the first stage in swimming and moved from red hats to orange hats! Fantastic news Charlie and Olivia!



Maia from Year 3 has received her Level 5 swimming certificate. My goodness Maia, well done, keep it up!



Martha from Year 1 has graduated to level 2 swimming. Wow, that's fantastic!



Sophie from Year 4 won best gymnast this term. Well done Sophie! Keep up the good training.



Violet in Year 2 has successfully completed Level 4 and now moves up to Level 5 in her swimming lessons. Keep it up Violet!

PTA News

🎉 CASHLESS Disco – Friday 13th March 🎉

Our next **CASHLESS** Disco is taking place on Friday 13th March.

Session times:

🕒 Nursery, Reception & Year 1 – 4.15pm–5.15pm

🕒 Years 2, 3 & 4 – 5.45pm–6.45pm

Tickets cost £6 per child, which includes entry to the disco and £3 to spend on glow items, snacks, and tattoos. Drinks are free.

If you have any questions, or if you would prefer to pay by cash, please contact:

✉️ pta@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk

If you are struggling to pay the full amount, please speak to the school office in confidence – support may be available.

🌸 Mother's Day Gift Shop 🌸

This will take place during school hours on 11th March, and all children will have the opportunity to choose a special gift for their mum or a special grown-up in their life.

🖋️ Tickets for both events go on sale from 21st February at:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>



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 6th March 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.

BeeZee Families



Show your heart some love this February

It's National Heart Health Month and we're here to help you and your family take gentle, everyday steps to look after your hearts together. Little changes to what you eat and how you move as a family can make a big difference. Here's some simple, fun tips to help everyone get involved.

Activity 1:
Move a little together, every day
Whether it's a mini dance off in the kitchen or a short family walk, small bursts of movement will keep everyone's hearts happy.



Activity 2:
Fill your plates with colourful foods
Boost meals with colourful fruit, veggies and wholegrains to grab kids attention.



Activity 3:
Get Kids Involved in the Kitchen
Let them wash veggies, pick toppings or help stir. It makes healthy eating fun and helps them learn habits that stick.



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Your heart works hard for you, so let's show it some love as a team!

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

Scan here or Click the link



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




Ready to start making healthy habits as a family?

Sign up for Beezee Families today and find **FREE** healthy lifestyle support that's right for your family. We can help you with healthy eating, getting more active, and having fun while doing so! You can:

- Join us for 12 weeks of in-person group sessions**
- Log in for 10 weeks of online group sessions, plus 2 check-in calls**
- Get two appointments and an action plan with a dedicated Wellbeing Co-Ordinator**
- Learn at your own pace by enrolling onto the Academy**

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Our in-person and online group programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.


Events in and around Royston and other useful information




CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP

"Where feelings are shared and memories made"

SATURDAY
28TH FEBRUARY
10 - 12 NOON
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BOOK ESSENTIAL

 Creative activities to help share feelings

 Memory making activities

 Meet other children and families who understand, and make new friends along the way.

Email: hello@stand-by-me.org.uk
Or Call: 07469 255139

A FREE workshop for children Years 1 - 6 and their caregivers who have experienced the death of a loved one.



SUPPORTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN

A friendly, informal evening with talks from our specialist psychotherapists, opportunities to chat with the team, and enjoy local cheeses and a glass of wine (soft drinks also available).


Two clear and helpful talks:

- 'Helping Anxious Children manage School and Daily Challenges'
- 'Neurodiversity & Anxiety'

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH
7PM - 9PM
ROYSTON TOWN HALL

TICKETS:

£20
Per Person



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM CLUBS
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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!

ANIMAL AMBASSADOR

"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND"
★★★★★

"NO SCREENS. JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE"
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For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

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

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

★★★★★
"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 CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN
NERF
SUPERHERO STAFF WILD WEST SHOWDOWN
FRESH AIR GOOD TIMES ADVENTURE NO SCREENS
MAKING FRIENDS CAMPFIRE
ROSY CHEEKS COOKOUT
CHILDHOOD MEMORIES & BUSHCRAFT SKILLS

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

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★★★★★

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THURSDAY 19th, FRIDAY 20th - 7:30pm
SATURDAY 21st March 2026
Matinee 1.30pm - Evening 6.30pm



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Book by
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Originally directed on
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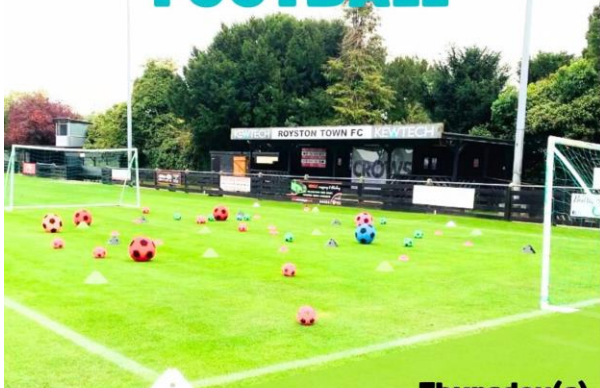
Based on the Disney film
written by **Jennifer Lee**
and directed by
Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI



RTFC TOTS FOOTBALL



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

charlie@roystontownfc.co.uk

£4 per session

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GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL Camp

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

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

£25 PER DAY



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FEBRUARY HOLIDAY COURSE



ICKNIELD MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

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FEBRUARY**

**WEDNESDAY 18TH
FEBRUARY**

**THURSDAY 19TH
FEBRUARY**

9AM - 3PM

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OR

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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!

Home Start - fancy a fun night out? Quiz Night in Buntingford! 🧠 🎉

📅 Saturday 28th February

🕒 7pm for 7:30pm start

📍 Seth Ward Community Centre, Buntingford

👥 Teams of up to 6

🍷 £15 per person (includes a traditional **Ploughman's Supper**)

🏆 Prize for the winning team + raffle

🍹 Bar (cash & card accepted)

Purchase your tickets here:

<https://buytickets.at/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/2012655>

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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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/>