



Spring 7 - Newsletter - 26/02/2026

Message on behalf of Mrs Sherwood

Welcome back after the half term.

We would like to welcome Mrs Bernie White, as one of our school cleaners and also as a Midday Supervisory Assistant, she will be working with the older children on the large playground.

Year 4 eagerly went to Grafham Water yesterday. Staff report that they are all having lots of fun.

We were contacted by the police this week to say that they had been to carry out a spot check in Poplar Drive on Monday morning following their visit before half term. The police officer reported that the driving was impeccable, and they were pleased with the change after their last visit. The officer was a little concerned as quite a lot of children were walking/scooting in the road directly leading into school. They appreciated that it is a "slow" road, but they strongly advise that children should always keep to the paths. Please remind your children to stay on the paths and our teachers will also be talking with the children about this.

We were informed this week that children have been urinating on grass areas around the school after leaving their classrooms at home time. If your child should need the toilet before leaving the school site, please come into school via the car park doors and use the disabled toilet. Alternatively, remind your child that they can ask to use their classroom toilet before leaving their classroom at home time.

What's on

Thursday 26.02.2026

No Recorder Clubs

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

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

Monday 02.03.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Reception Gymnastics club

Tuesday 03.03.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 04.03.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project club

Thursday 05.03.2026

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 06.03.2026

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

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.

Parent/Carer Survey - please complete by end of 27.02.26

The governors would be very grateful if you could take some time to complete their 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 they 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> Survey closes midnight tomorrow.



🔪 Tickets for the disco and Mother's day sale are now available at:

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

🎉 CASHLESS Disco – 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@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk

🌸 Mother's Day Gift Shop 🌸

Also coming up soon is our Mother's Day Gift Shop.

This will take place during school hours on the 11th March. The cost is £4 per child and the children will have the opportunity to choose a special gift for their mum or a special grown-up from a huge range of options.

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

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.

Hertfordshire County Council - SEN Transport Survey

Hertfordshire County Council are consulting on proposed changes to Hertfordshire's post-16 home-school/college transport policy.

From September 2026, we are proposing that Personal Travel Budgets (PTBs) become the standard support offer for eligible 16–18-year-olds.

These changes aim to increase independence for young people with SEND, with any savings reinvested into improving SEND services in Hertfordshire. A simplified appeals process will remain available for families who feel supported travel is essential.

The consultation runs 18 February – 12 April 2026. Please share your views by completing the short survey:

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ptbconsultation>

Findings will be discussed at the Education, SEND and Inclusion Panel on 6 May, before a recommendation is made to Cabinet. If approved, changes would be introduced gradually and would not affect current 16–18-year-olds.

Thank you for taking part.

Kind Regards

SEN Transport Team, Admissions & Transport, Childrens Services, Hertfordshire County Council

Events in and around Royston and other useful information

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

ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL IN ASSOCIATION WITH CREATIVE ROYSTON PRESENT

Welcome to Royston

FREE ENTRY

Discover your... *Free!*

- RAFFLE EVERY HOUR
- FACE PAINTING
- SPIDERMAN AND ELSA PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
- ENTERTAINMENT FROM CLUBS

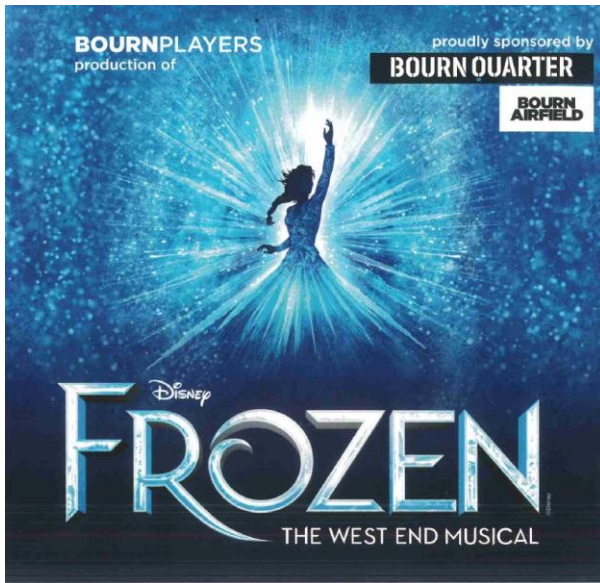
NEXT HOBBY
NEW TEAM
CREATIVE SIDE
NEXT COMMUNITY

CADS - DRAMA SOCIETY
ROYSTON ROCKETS BMX
WOMEN SING
REVOLUTION RECORDS
ROYSTON CRICKET CLUB
ROYSTON CAVE
ROYSTON ARTS SOCIETY
PRIORY QUILTERS
HORSEBOX COFFEE
FULL LIST OF ATTENDEES ON CREATIVEROYSTON.ORG

ROYSTON REPAIR CAFE
ROYSTON ROTARY CLUB
CAMBRIDGE WINE ROYSTON
ROYSTON TENNIS CLUB
ROYSTON TOWN FC
ROYSTON CYCLING CLUB
ROYSTON WRITERS CIRCLE
ROYSTON TOWN YOUTH FC
ROYSTON PICKLEBALL CLUB

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST 2026 | 11AM-3PM
ROYSTON TOWN HALL

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PERFORMANCE HALL - COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

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



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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT WWW.BOURNPLAYERS.ORG.UK

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez	Book by Jennifer Lee	Originally directed on Broadway by Michael Grandage	Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee
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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

Parent & Carer Support Summer Term 2026



Courses will be delivered on zoom



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 Not half term 27/5
Online Course ID 832

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

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



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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www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
Just search for:
Icknield Walk First School PTA

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Over **£60m** raised for UK good causes

£0 extra cost to anyone

Please remember to use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) when you do any of your online shopping.

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 \(thegrid.org.uk\)](https://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/>