



## Spring 8 - Newsletter - 05/03/2026

### Message from the School office



We would like to thank Mr Midgley who runs the Outdoors Project club and Mrs Barnes, both parents of children in our school, for providing forest school lessons for our year 1 classes. As you will see from the photographs above, the children are really enjoying the lessons.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent/carer survey for the governors. The governors will be analysing the results of the survey at their meeting on Monday.

On Wednesday 11th March, parents and carers are invited to view their child's workbooks with their child in their classrooms. Teachers will be present but please note that this is not a parents evening. Should you have any queries after the event, please send an email to the school office, who will direct your email to the relevant teacher.

Mrs Stubbs will be holding a Maths evening for parents of years 3 and 4 on Wednesday 18th March. The event will take place in Falcon class, starting at 6pm. One of the items that Mrs Stubbs will focus on will be timetables.

Please may we remind everyone to be careful of pedestrians when scooting and riding to school. Some parents have mentioned that children on scooters and bikes have knocked younger children while passing them. Please remind your children to be considerate of others.

*Milk* - please be aware that any changes that you make with Dairylink relating to your child's school milk order can take them up to two weeks to implement. All queries relating to milk should be directed to the Dairylink, using the following link: <https://www.dairylink-uk.com/order-milk>

Thank you for working with us.

## What's on

### 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

### Monday 09.03.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Reception Gymnastics club

### Tuesday 10.03.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

### Wednesday 11.03.2026

Mother's Day sale within school hours

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project club

3.30-4.30pm - parents and carers are invited to view your child's workbooks in their classrooms with your child.

### Thursday 12.03.2026

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 13.03.2026

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

4.15-5.15pm - PTA School discos for Nursery, Reception & Year 1

4.45-5.45pm - PTA School discos for Years 2, 3, 4.

**Dates for your diaries:**

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

## Correspondence sent home this week

- **Year 3 Dove** - Swimming - email and paper copy
- **Year 4 Falcon** - Swimming - email and paper copy
- **Years 3 & 4** - Maths event information

## PTA News

Icknield Walk First School PTA

**SCHOOL DISCO**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Nursery, Reception & Year 1 at **4:15 - 5:15pm**  
Year 2 - 4 at **5:45 - 6:45pm**

Fun activities, disco glow, refreshments  
and sweets on sale

**TICKETS £6**  
(includes £3 of tokens to spend at cashless disco)

Tickets for sale online at:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>  
on sale from 21st February

Registered Charity 1110107

Icknield Walk First School PTA

**Mother's Day  
Gift Shop**

**11<sup>th</sup> March**  
Taking place during school hours

**£4 a gift**

Tickets for sale online at:  
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>  
On Sale from 21st February

Registered Charity 1110107

🔪 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@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@icknielwalk.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.

Ickniel Walk First School PTA

Bar & nibbles

Glazed Creations  
Adult Painting  
Evening

24<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 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](mailto:admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk).

# Events in and around Royston and other useful information

*Little Acorns Preschool*

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**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



**Little Acorns**  
Pre-School

## 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:



 **THURSDAY 26TH MARCH**

 **7:00PM - 9:00PM**

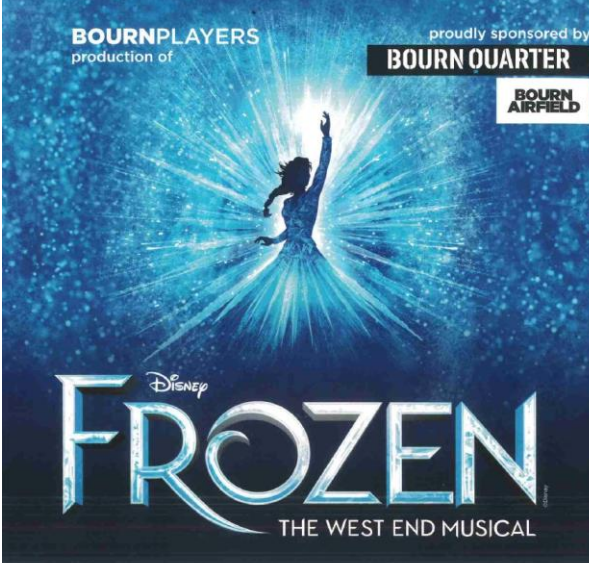
 **ROYSTON TOWN HALL**

**£10**  
Per Person

**BOURNPLAYERS**  
production of


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**BOURN QUARTER**

**BOURN AIRFIELD**



**Disney FROZEN**  
THE WEST END MUSICAL

**PERFORMANCE HALL - COMBERTON VILLAGE COLLEGE**  
THURSDAY 19th, FRIDAY 20th - 7:30pm  
SATURDAY 21st March 2026  
Matinee 1.30pm - Evening 6.30pm

 Proudly Supporting **winter comfort**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.BOURNPLAYERS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BOURNPLAYERS.ORG.UK)

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



**Girlguiding**  
Royston district

**Spring Fayre**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**10 am – 12 pm**  
**Royston Town Hall**

Raising funds for Girlguiding  
Royston District

**Free Entry**

**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**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Apr to 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Online Course: ID 834**

**Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Jun to 8<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**6<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> Jun** Not half term 27/5  
**Online Course ID 832**

**Mondays 8.00 - 9.30pm**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Jun to 6<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**6<sup>th</sup> May to 17<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Apr to 19<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

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

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# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

**CAMPFIRE COOKOUT  
FIRELIGHTING  
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EASTER TREATS  
BIG WILD EGG DAY**

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FUDGE EASTER EGG HUNTS  
CLASSIC CHILDHOOD FUN  
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**LOCATION** STUPLANDS 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

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## easter at church farm

28th March – 12th April

Visit **Church Farm Ardeley**  
*A real working farm!*

**Easter Farm Day Pass**  
Includes:  
Easter Themed Activity Book  
Woodland Play Area  
Easter Bunny Riddle Trail  
Farm Bingo & spot the Easter Bunny  
See the Lambs, Rabbits & Farm animals  
Walk around the farm

**Additional Activities**  
Meet the Easter Bunny  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Lamb Bottle Feeding  
Goat Walking  
Tractor & Trailer Rides  
Fairy Trail

Book online [www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk](http://www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk)

**CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY**  
A Free Range Experience

### 🏠 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>

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Just search for:  
**Icknield Walk First School PTA**

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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 \(thegrid.org.uk\)](#)

North Herts Family Support Services - [www.hertsfamilycentres.org](http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org)

[www.supportinglinks.co.uk](http://www.supportinglinks.co.uk) - Workshops/training courses for parents/carers of children (up to age 25).

BeeZee Bodies - [www.beezeebodies.com](http://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/>

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