



Spring 9 - Newsletter - 12/03/2026

World Book Day Visit



KS1 and KS2 were visited by Royston Fire Service, who were dressed as book characters for World Book Day, there was even a dinosaur, which was very exciting! They read the children a fire safety story which the children enjoyed. Foundation Stage teachers were given story books by the fire service to read to their classes.

Next Page Books, a bookshop in Hitchin, has kindly given the school a book for each child from this year's World Book Day book list. The children will be bringing these books home this week.

Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March

On Friday 20th March during Talking Circles the children will be able to tell a joke to their group. If they have a red nose and would like to bring it with them to school, they may wear it during Talking Circles.

Reminders

- Please may we remind parents and carers to ask their children to keep away from areas where we have contractors working on site. We ask that children do not play on any of the play equipment or be on the school field before or after school.

- Reception teachers have asked that we remind parents and carers that Reception children and their siblings should not be touching or playing with any of Reception equipment before the classroom doors open in the morning or after school. This equipment is set up ready for the children's lessons. There was an incident this week; while waiting to go into class, children were playing with a ball in the Reception garden, which led to a younger sibling being hurt!

Thank you for working with us.

What's on

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

2pm - Year 1 Nature Event - parents and carers of Year 1 are invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - Kings & Queens Chess Club in Falcon classroom

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

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

5.45-6.45pm - PTA School discos for Years 2, 3, 4.

Monday 16.03.2026

Learning logs return to school

3.15-4.15pm - Reception Gymnastics club

3.15-4.00pm - Year 1 Phonics club

Tuesday 17.03.2026

2pm - Year 2 Medieval event - parents and carers of Year 2 are invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 18.03.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gymnastics club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project club

6pm - Maths evening for all parents and carers of Years 3 and 4 in Falcon classroom.

Thursday 19.03.2026

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 20.03.2026

Red Nose Day - tell a joke and bring your red nose

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 classroom

Correspondence sent home this week

- **Year 3 Swift** - Parent Teacher consultation booking information (sent by email)

PTA News

School Disco

There is still time to buy your child's ticket for the disco tomorrow evening. Both discos are cashless and, along with great music, there will be arts and crafts, tattoos, glow items and refreshments. We're looking forward to a fantastic evening of fun!

Tickets available from <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>

60th Anniversary Festival

This year our school turns 60 and we're excited to celebrate this special milestone! Please save the date and join us on **Saturday 13th June from 2pm** for our **60th Anniversary Festival**.

We are currently looking for an **event sponsor**. In return, your company logo will appear on all posters and promotional material, and you will have the opportunity to display a banner or sign-written vehicle at the event.

If you run a **craft stall** and would like to be part of the festival, please get in touch via pta@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk.

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.

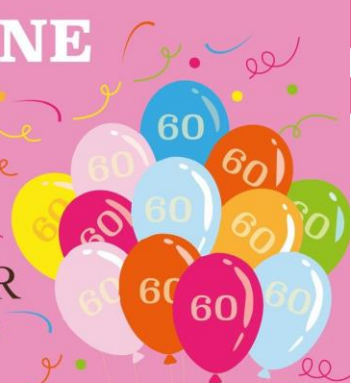
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60TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

13TH JUNE

2-6PM

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**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

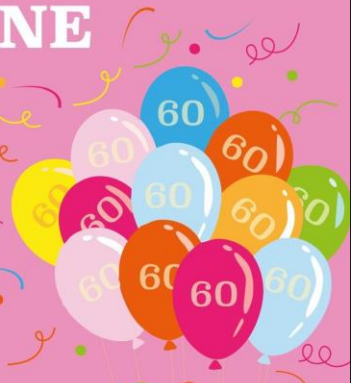
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SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 13TH 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



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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

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




Girlguiding
Royston district

Spring Fayre

Saturday 14th March 2026
10 am – 12 pm
Royston Town Hall

Raising funds for Girlguiding
Royston District

Free Entry

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?

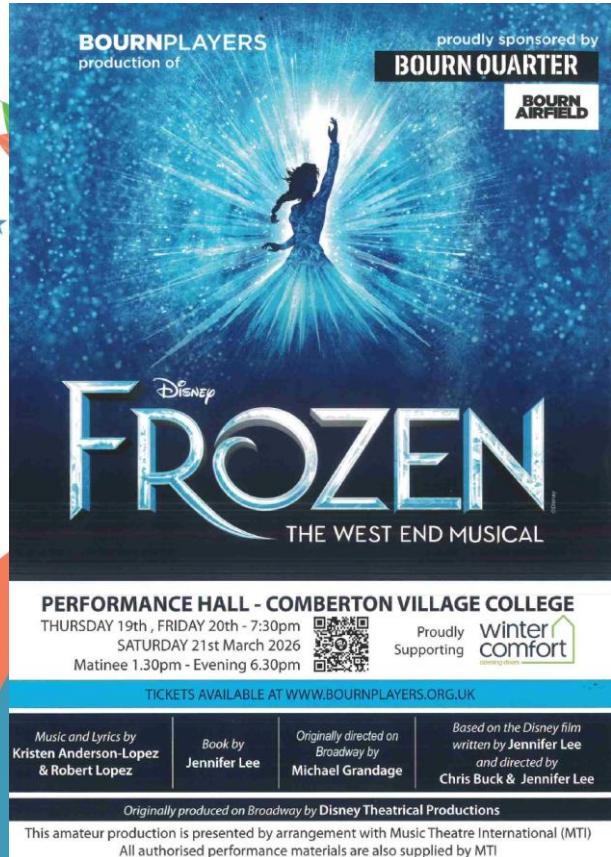
- ★ Helping Anxious Children manage School and Daily Challenges
Presented by Rachel Lambie
MA, MBACP, HCPC
Nessie's CEO
- ★ 'Neurodiversity & Anxiety'
Presented by Elisa Ferriggi
Nessie's Supervisor & Autism/ADHD Specialist Therapist
- ★ Meet Nessie Psychotherapists
Chat informally with our psychotherapists 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
proudly sponsored by **BOURN QUARTER**
BOURN AIRFIELD

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

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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

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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FUDGE
EASTER EGG HUNTS
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GIANT BUBBLES

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

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28th March – 12th April

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- 👤 Parent or guardian must attend

HOW TO BOOK
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🎤 **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>

ROYSTON CRICKET CLUB
Est. 1790



Royston Cricket Club
A club for all ages and abilities:
2 adult Saturday teams
Midweek friendly team (Wednesdays)
Youth teams from 9 to 18 years old
U11 Girls only team
All Stars and Dynamos from 5 to 11 years old on Sundays
Training Tuesdays (adults and juniors)

Royston Cricket Club offers the opportunity for children from 5 years old onwards to take part in fun cricket-based activities, whilst learning new skills. The All Stars and Dynamos programmes take place on Sunday mornings at our Therfield ground.



Date: Sun, 10 May - Sun, 28 Jun 2026
Time: 09:30 - 10:30
Age: 8 - 11 years old
Price: £50.00
Gender: Mixed



Date: Sun, 10 May - Sun, 28 Jun 2026
Time: 12:00 - 13:00
Age: 8 - 11 years old
Price: £50.00
Gender: Girls



Date: Sun, 10 May - Sun, 28 Jun 2026
Time: 11:00 - 11:45
Age: 5 - 8 years old
Price: £50.00
Gender: Mixed



For more details, please visit: royston.play-cricket.com/home or scan the QR codes to register for the All Stars or Dynamos programmes
Alternatively, email: drmroystoncricket@outlook.com

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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/>