



Summer 1 - Newsletter - 16/04/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Welcome back to everyone, we are all looking forward to a busy and exciting term. Summer term dates for your diaries will be sent out very soon, hopefully this will help with forward planning.

Don't forget our Art Exhibition that will be taking place tomorrow afternoon (more details below).

The governors have been busy over the last few months reviewing our school values and vision, they especially wanted to capture the way in which we all work together to help the children feel safe, happy and motivated to learn.

The summary below was shared with the teachers on Monday and so now we are sharing it with you. I would like to say thank you to the governors for all their hard work in creating this document and I hope that you will agree that it really does reflect our school.

Icknield Walk First School: Our Vision, Mission and Values



Our vision: To inspire a lifelong love of learning in every child, nurturing curious, confident and compassionate individuals who thrive academically, emotionally and socially.

Our mission: To place children at the heart of everything we do. To create a safe, inclusive, creative and stimulating learning environment that empowers every child to achieve their full potential. To ensure through strong leadership, dedicated staff, active family partnerships and a supportive community, that we strive for excellence in education and personal growth.

Our values:

We are ambitious

We always try our best and believe in ourselves. Everyone is encouraged to take responsibility and to keep improving to the best of their own ability

We celebrate achievement

We celebrate everyone's efforts and progress, big and small. Every person in our school is valued and has something to offer.

We are curious

We use our imagination, ask questions and try new things. Learning is an adventure, and curiosity helps us discover more every day.

We are kind and respectful

We are kind, caring and include everyone. We listen, understand and treat others the way we'd like to be treated.

We support each other

We work together and help each other. By sharing ideas and supporting our friends, we all grow and succeed.

Delivered through 5 key strategic pillars:

1. Children & their learning

An active, varied and creative curriculum and learning approach, supporting children as individuals

2. Staff & Leadership

Our team are our most valuable resource

3. Effective Governance

A governing board committed to the school's success, acting as a critical friend

4. Community engagement

Effective and supportive relationships with parents/carers and wider community

5. Continual review of development opportunities

Ensuring we review our capabilities and continually strive for improvement

Multicultural Art Exhibition-TOMORROW

We are excited to welcome you in to school for our art exhibition tomorrow.

Just to remind you, year group art will be displayed in the following classrooms:

- Year 4 art in Falcon class
- Year 3 art in the PE hall

- **Year 2 art in Swan class**
- **Year 1 art in Robin class**
- **Reception art in Wren class**
- **Nursery art in the nursery area**

Look out for the posters in the windows to help navigate to exhibition classrooms.

To allow teachers time to set up their galleries we would appreciate it if you could collect your child from the classes below from **2:45-3:15 pm**. You may then begin your tour and take your child when you are ready. We ask that where possible you walk around the outside of the school, (with the exception of the hall) and go class to class using the external doors. After school club will take those that will be attending on a tour. We hope you and your children enjoy viewing our multicultural art.

Collection Class:

- Year 4 children from Eagle class
- Year 3 children from usual classes
- Year 2 children from Lark class
- Year 1 children from Owl class
- Reception children from Finch class
- Nursery children from nursery as usual

Each year, alongside our creative art curriculum, we dedicate time to exploring the work of artists from around the world. This provides a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of diverse cultures, traditions, and sources of inspiration, while discovering lesser-known art forms and techniques.

Each year group will display their final pieces and provide you with some information about their chosen artist.

We hope you enjoy the exhibition and look forward to welcoming you tomorrow.

Mrs Williams - Art Subject coordinator.

What's on

Thursday 16.04.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

No Recorder Clubs

Friday 17.04.2026

pm - Eagle class swimming

2.45pm - Art Exhibition for parents and children

3.15-4.15pm - Kings and Queens chess club in the dining hall

3.15-4.15pm - It's your cue drama club in Eagle class

Monday 20.04.2026

3.00-5.30pm - Year 3 Swift class parent/teacher consultations ONLINE video calls

3.15-4.00pm - Running Club for Years 2-4 (this club is now full)

3.15-4.00pm - Year 1 Phonics Club

Tuesday 21.04.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 22.04.2026

Guitar & Piano Lessons

2.30pm - Year 4 Viking event - parents/carers invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gym club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

3.30-5.30pm - Year 3 Swift class parent/teacher consultations IN PERSON in Swift classroom, please wait in Dove class to be called

Thursday 23.04.2026

am - Year 4 Recorder club

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder Club

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 24.04.2026

All day - Class group photographs for all classes by Pret-a-Portrait

pm - Eagle class swimming

3.15-4.15pm - Kings and Queens chess club in the dining hall

3.15-4.15pm - It's your cue drama club in Eagle class

7.00pm - PTA Glazed Creations evening in the school hall

Icknield Walk First School PTA

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

 **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 are now on sale at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>

There are only 50 tickets available, so don't delay.

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60TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

13TH JUNE

12-5PM

FREE ENTRY



**INFLATABLES
PONY PETTING
CRAFTS & STALLS
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
REFRESHMENTS
SPORTS & FOOD**

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Donations Needed

In preparation for our 60th Anniversary Festival on 13th June, we are collecting

-  Odd socks
-  Empty wine bottles (with lids)

From Monday, donation crates will be available at both the front and back of the school every Monday and Friday morning until 9am.

Thank you in advance for your support!



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](#)

Events in and around Royston and other useful information



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!

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



PRIMARY STEPS

Free 6-week Course for Parents and Carers
of Autistic Children in the Primary Years

Starting
soon!

In-person in Royston

Over the course of the 6 weeks you will develop a toolkit of strategies and interventions tailored to your family and specifically designed to support your child's wellbeing and social development

No diagnosis necessary

Book via Eventbrite:
SPACE Hertfordshire



Course content:

Primary Steps is family-centred, offering support with the following outcomes:

- Understanding neurodiversity
- Understanding sensory needs
- Understanding communication differences and preferences
- Supporting and modelling interactions, inventions, and strategies
- Understanding and supporting behaviour
- Supporting and promoting independence skills

Outside of the Box CIC - SG8 7BX

10:00am-12:00pm, Friday mornings April 17th,
24th and May 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd



Autism | ADHD
Neurodiverse Conditions

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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/>