



Summer 10 - Newsletter - 25/06/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Yesterday, the classes for September were sent by email, as a reminder, please see below.

Please remember that photographs and videos that are filmed at school events (sports day, assemblies, performances) by parents and carers, should NOT be shared on social media or outside of your family, this is because some of our children are very vulnerable. Some schools have introduced a no photograph and filming policy, which means parents/carers are not allowed to take photographs or videos of their children at school events at all, we do not want to have to do the same. Please be considerate of the reasons why we ask you to only share your photographs and videos with family and not on social media or outside of your family.

Current Class	Class from September	Class Teacher/s
	Nursery	Miss Pinner - Cygnets Miss Hills - Ducklings
Nursery	Wren	Mrs MacLeod Mrs Lynn on Fridays Miss Wright Mrs Willis Miss Hallett Miss Distin/Ms Holt
Nursery	Finch	Mrs White Mrs Gore Mrs Maitland Mrs Ceiciene Miss Distin/Ms Holt
Reception Wren	Robin	Miss Freeman Mrs Huttleston Mrs Ceiciene Miss Kavanagh Mr Partridge
Reception Finch	Owl	Mrs Woollison Mrs Costin Mrs Ceiciene Miss Kavanagh Mr Partridge
Year 1 Robin	Lark	Miss Brown Mrs King
Year 1 Owl	Swan	Mrs E Stevens (Mon and Tue) Mrs Hyde (Wed-Fri) Mrs Hannigan
Year 2 Swan/Lark	Swift	Mrs Williams Mrs Alford Mrs Pitts
Year 2 Swan/Lark	Dove	Mr Taylor Ms Bonnfait Mrs Alford/Mrs Pitts
Year 3 Swift	Eagle	Mrs Jacklin Mrs Lynn covering SENCO release (Tues & Wed) Mrs Rushton
Year 3 Dove	Falcon	Mrs Stubbs Miss Day

What's on next week

Thursday 25.06.2026

am - Year 4 Recorder club

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder Club - CANCELLED

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 26.06.2026

pm - Falcon class swimming - CANCELLED

pm - Swift class swimming - CANCELLED

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 29.06.2026

2.45 pm - Year 1 Owl class assembly - parents and carers of Owl class are invited to attend.

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gym club

3.15-4.15pm - It's Your Cue drama club in Swift class for Year 3s

Tuesday 30.06.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 01.07.2026

Piano & Guitar lessons

8.45am - PTA serving refreshments in the dining room before sports day begins - cash only

9.15 am - Reception Sports and Open event - parents and carers of Reception children are invited to attend

2.45pm - Year 3 Swift class assembly- parents and carers of Swift class are invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 02.07.2026

am - Year 4 Recorder club

2.00 pm - Nursery open event - parents and carers of Nursery are invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder Club

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 03.07.2026

8.45am - PTA serving refreshments in the dining room before sports day begins - cash only

9.15am - Sports day for Years 1-4 - parents/carers of children in years 1-4 are invited to attend

pm - Falcon class swimming

pm - Swift 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

Reception Sports & Event

Sports Day for Reception will be on Wednesday 1st July with a 9.15am start. All children need to arrive at school dressed in their PE kit ready for Sports day and the children will stay in their PE kit for the day.

Please ensure that the children have the following with them:

- a filled water bottle
- a sun hat
- sun screen applied before coming to school.

After sports day is finished, please head to the Reception garden for their special event, the children look forward to welcoming their parents and carers.

Sun Protection Procedures

- Everyone needs a named water bottle in school - every day.
- All children need a named hat to wear when outside in the sunshine (these can be purchased from Schoolyard or local supermarkets).
- Children need their own named sunscreen which should be given to the class teacher and kept in school. Sun sticks or roll on sunscreens can be easier for the children to handle themselves. Please practise with your child to help them apply their own sunscreen as the staff are not allowed to rub in sun screens and children are not allowed to rub them on each other.
- We do not encourage the use of sunglasses, however if you wish for your child to wear them at playtime because they have hay fever, please make sure they are named. If your child does wear sunglasses, we will encourage them to choose a quiet activity at playtime.

PTA News

Sports Day Refreshments - we will be serving refreshments before each sports day from 8.45am until the sports are about to start. Cold drinks and hot drinks will be available before sports day 3rd July. All £1. Cash is preferred although card can be accepted.

Message from the School Office

School dinner prices and Breakfast Club prices will be going up from September.

Nursery meals: £2.71

Years 3 & 4 (KS2) meals: £3.65

Breakfast club 7.45 am start: £6.90

8.00 am start: £5.30

Dinner Money

Please do not forget to top up your child's dinner money, which should always be in credit. The amount owed can be seen on School Gateway but should you need any more details, please contact finance@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk

Breakfast Club Fees

A reminder that all breakfast club fees are now due. Please make sure you are keeping breakfast club fees up to date. If you are unsure of your balance, please contact finance@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk.

Yr 2 to Yr 3 Pupils

Please do not forget to reply to the school meal pattern and fruit forms for children moving into Year 3:

School meal pattern – deadline: Friday 10th July

Fruit Snack – deadline: Wednesday 15th July

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 -Herts CC](#) .

Applying is quick and confidential. Even if you are unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to apply, as eligibility can also help the school access additional funding to support pupils.

The Government has recently expanded the criteria for Free School Meals meaning that your child could now be eligible. If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, your child will qualify for free school meals from September.

We are encouraging everyone to review the criteria and apply in time for your child's return to school in September.

Please click the link below and make your application.

[Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

If you would like us to make an application on your behalf please contact Sarah Childs in the office at finance@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk

Support IWFS Children taking part in Royston in Blue

Hoping for another year of fantastic fundraising, Icknield Walk First School are taking on Royston in Blue again!

These children really appreciate every penny and pound donated to the very worthwhile cause - Teenage Cancer Trust.

Having already raised over £3000 over the last two years, they would love to raise another fantastic amount for the cause this year!

2024 - £1086 raised

2025 - £2134 raised

2026 - £???? Can they beat last year?!

Please dig deep and spare whatever you can. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Good luck to all those taking part - you're doing great things!!

HCC - 20mph speed limit consultation for Royston



You can share your views by completing a short online survey for the *Royston* 20mph scheme. The consultation is open from **Monday 15th June 2026 to Sunday 12th July 2026** and the link is as follows: letstalktransport.hertfordshire.gov.uk/royston-20mph or use the QR code below.



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!

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- EXPLORING REAL-WORLD THEMES-FROM EVERYDAY LIFE TO BIG IDEAS ABOUT FAIRNESS AND CHANGE, ALL THROUGH THE POWER OF DRAMA

MONDAYS
3:15PM - 4.15PM

ICKNIELD WALK FIRST SCHOOL

7-8 YEAR OLDS - YEAR 3

£7 PER SESSION

TO SIGN UP OR FIND OUT MORE CONTACT ALISHA:
itsyourcue25@gmail.com

WWW.THISISBLOB.CO.UK

Little Acorns
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SPACES AVAILABLE

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Please contact us for more information

preschoolmanager@littleacornsroyston.co.uk

07426 386454

www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

★★★★★
"It's childcare during the holidays they want to go to"

SUMMER OF FUN 2026

UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER MEMORIES

NATURE SCREEN-FREE NERF NINJAS ADVENTURES
WIZARDS OF THE WILD TOY STORY ACTION
HARRY POTTER DAY

ULTIMATE WATER DAY
CAMPFIRE DRAGON STAR WARS
COOKOUT TRAINING MISSIONS
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
FRESH AIR & SPACE TO BE WILD
ADVENTURE & IMAGINATION
ACTION DEN BUILDING
& GAMES DESERT + TONNES SURVIVAL MORE

WATCHING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE GROW AND FRIENDSHIPS FORM AT OUR CLUBS IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS WE DO.

At an outdoors location near you, Ofsted Registered | Tax-Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers Accepted | Children aged 5-11 (Years 1-6)

★★★★★
"The club helped my daughter make friends and try things she'd never normally do"

★★★★★
"They come home exhausted, rosy cheeked and already asking to come back"



Our primary groups are open to all primary-aged children living in North Herts and Stevenage and who have been bereaved of a significant relationship at anytime in their childhood.

PLACES AVAILABLE IN OUR AUTUMN 2026 GROUPS

FIND OUT MORE

e: hello@stand-by-me.org.uk
t: 07469 255139/07444 201197
w: www.stand-by-me.org.uk



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

About our Groupwork programme

- Run over 6 sessions
- Provides a safe space for young people to share their experiences and emotions
- Staffed by a team of highly trained volunteers
- Builds connections through shared experiences
- Referrals accepted from parents, carers and Contact-me Schools



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
15th Sep to 20th Oct ages **10-19**
Online Course ID 864

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am ages **2-19**
3rd Nov to 8th Dec
Online Course ID 859

Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm ages **2-19**
4th Nov to 9th Dec
F2F Course: ID 858
Longdean School
Hemel Hempstead

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing 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.



Thursdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
17th Sep to 22nd Oct
Online Course ID 861

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
4th Nov to 9th Dec
Online Course ID 860

TALKING ANXIETY

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **5-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
4th Nov to 9th Dec
Online Course ID 862

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
16th Sep to 21st Oct
Online Course: ID 867
Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
3rd Nov to 8th Dec
Online Course: ID 868

TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why children & adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
15th Sep to 20th Oct
Online Course: ID 863

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: the 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.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
16th Sep to 21st Oct
Online Course: ID 865

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
4th Nov to 9th Dec
Online Course: ID 866

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

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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/>