



Summer 11 - Newsletter - 02/07/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the Reception sports and open event yesterday. The children did really well with their sporting activities and engaged so well with all the learning activities in the reception garden. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attend and thank you to all the staff for all of their hard work in organising this.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the Nursery open event today. The children were all having a lovely time celebrating their 4th birthdays. The nursery and the grounds look really exciting and engaging. Thank you to the staff for all of their hard work with this event and organisation.

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.

Just a reminder that we do not have fridges for children to store their packed lunches in and in the warmer weather school can get very hot, so please can I ask that parents and carers of children who bring a home packed lunch to school to include a cool block (ice pack) in their child's lunch bag/box, especially during the warmer months.

As the holidays are approaching, I know that parents and carers will be starting to think about new uniform for September. Our branded school uniform is available to purchase from Schoolyard or you can purchase plain uniform from supermarkets or high street stores. Pre-loved uniform items are available to purchase from the PTA, who will be holding a sale on 15th July from 3.00pm in the dining room. Please check our uniform policy before purchasing so that you can ensure that you purchase the correct uniform. <https://icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk/parents/uniform/> Our uniform policy also mentions hair styles and earrings. If your child is having their ears pierced during the holiday, please have them pierced at the beginning of the holiday so that the ears are healed enough by September and that the earrings can be removed each day before school.

What's on next week

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 - CANCELLED due to Mrs Atkins being unavailable

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 03.07.2026

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

9.15 am - KS1 & 2 (Years 1-4) Sports morning - parents and carers of Year 1 - 4 children 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

Monday 06.07.2026

Learning Logs return to school

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gym club

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

Tuesday 07.07.2026

am - Years 3 & 4 attending Schoolympics at KJAR - non-parent event

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 08.07.2026

Piano lessons

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 09.07.2026

Herts Transition Day - Children to spend time in their new classrooms. Year 4s - spend the day at KJAR

No Year 4 Recorder Club

2.30pm - Afternoon refreshments for volunteers

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder Club

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 10.07.2026

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

Volunteering in school

Herts Music Service - Instrument lessons

Herts Music Service can offer instrument lessons to children from Year 3. If your child is currently in Years 2 and 3 and would like to learn an instrument, please go to the Herts Music service website for more details.

Link as follows:

Woodwind, Brass and possibly String lessons available as well as Piano and Guitar. In certain cases, reduced fees may be available.

All queries should be directed to Herts Music Service.

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 sports day from 8.45am until the sports are about to start. Cold drinks and hot drinks will be available. 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

Events in and around Royston and other useful information



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A CHILD-LED DRAMA CLUB WHERE CHILDREN CREATE AND PERFORM THEIR OWN PLAYS.

- DRAMA GAMES, TECHNIQUES AND IMPROVISATION
- CHARACTER BUILDING AND STORYTELLING
- VOICE & MOVEMENT EXERCISES
- CREATING CHARACTERS, STORIES AND PERFORMANCES FROM THEIR OWN IDEAS
- 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

www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

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

SUMMER OF FUN 2026

UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER MEMORIES

NATURE NINJAS **SCREEN-FREE ADVENTURES** **NERF TOY STORY ACTION**
 WIZARDS OF THE WILD HARRY POTTER DAY
ULTIMATE WATER DAY
CAMPFIRE COOKOUT **DRAGON TRAINING MISSIONS** **STAR WARS**
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT **FRESH AIR & SPACE TO BE WILD**
ADVENTURE & IMAGINATION **DEN BUILDING** **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"

Little Acorns
 Pre-School

SPACES AVAILABLE
FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Places available for
TWO & THREE
 YEAR OLDS

Please contact us for more information
preschoolmanager@littleacornsroyston.co.uk
07426 386454

Stand-by-me
 Bereavement Support

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
 FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

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

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

FIND OUT MORE

[e: hello@stand-by-me.org.uk](mailto:hello@stand-by-me.org.uk)
 t: 07469 255139/07444 201197
 w: www.stand-by-me.org.uk

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

3rd Nov to 8th Dec ages **2-19**

Online Course ID 859

Wednesdays 7.00 – 9.00pm

4th Nov to 9th Dec ages **2-19**

F2F Course: ID 858

Longdean School

Hemel Hempstead



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



Wednesdays 7.45 – 9.30pm

4th Nov to 9th Dec

Online Course ID 862

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.

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.

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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A CHILD-LED DRAMA EXPERIENCE WHERE CHILDREN
CREATE THEIR OWN CHARACTERS, STORIES AND
PERFORMANCES.

4-DAY DRAMA HOLIDAY CLUB

**MONDAY 27TH –
THURSDAY 30TH JULY
2026**

9:30AM – 12:30PM

**ICKNIELD WALK FIRST
SCHOOL**

AGES 7-10

£65 FOR ALL 4 DAYS

LIMITED TO JUST 10 PLACES!

WWW.THISISBLOB.CO.UK

CREATE YOUR OWN CHARACTERS

BUILD YOUR OWN STORY

BRING IT TO LIFE THROUGH DRAMA

SHARE YOUR WORK WITH FAMILY ON
THE FINAL DAY

NO SCRIPTS. JUST IMAGINATION

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE CONTACT
ALISHA:
itsyourcue25@gmail.com

Groups and workshops coram family lives

Autumn 2026

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 5th October to 16th November, 7pm to 9pm OR
Friday 6th November to 11th December, 9.30am to 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6th October to 17th November, 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4th November to 9th December, 7pm to 9pm

Are you a dad who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Wednesday 21 October 9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

Monday 9 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Wednesday 25 November 7pm to 9pm

It's a Dad's Life Online Workshop

Thursday 26 November 7pm to 9pm

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Online Workshop

Wednesday 2 December 9.30am to 11.30am

For more info, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential.



We build better family lives together

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MTF TENNIS SUMMER CAMPS

www.mftennis.com

SESSION DATES	AGE & TIME
W/C 27 TH JULY	TOTS : 9.15-10AM
W/C 3 RD AUGUST	RED, ORANGE, GREEN & YELLOW : 1-4PM
W/C 10 TH AUGUST	

BOOKINGS OPEN

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