



Summer 13 - Newsletter - 16/07/2026

What's on next week

Thursday 16.07.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class - Last club

Friday 17.07.2026

pm - Falcon class swimming - Last lesson

pm - Swift class swimming - Last Lesson

3.15-4.15pm - It's Your Cue drama club in Eagle class - Last club

Monday 20.07.2026

3.15-5.00pm - Year 4 Leavers' party

Tuesday 21.07.2026

5.30pm - Year 4s arrive to their classroom ready to change for their performance

5.30pm - Hall doors open for Year 4 performance

6.00pm - Year 4 Leavers' performance starts

Wednesday 22.07.2026

Last day of term - Nursery finishes at 11.30am and School finishes at 2.00pm.

Year Group Meetings for Parents - September 2026

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Year Group meetings in September. At these meetings, the teachers will give an overview of the year ahead for your children including topics, activities etc. Please add the date for your child's year group to your calendar and try to attend.

- **Reception** - Tuesday 15th September, 2.45pm in the school hall
- **Year 1** - Monday 7th September, 2.45pm in Robin classroom
- **Year 2** - Wednesday 9th September, 2.45pm in Lark classroom
- **Year 3** - Thursday 10th September, 2.45pm in Dove classroom
- **Year 4** - Tuesday 8th September, 2.45pm in Eagle classroom

If you are unable to attend your child's year group meeting, please don't worry, notes will be available upon request a few days after the meeting.

News from the Governors

Last week, Tim Johnson, who is both our PE and DT Governor, visited the school to meet with the leads for both subjects, Vanessa Stubbs and Ruth MacLeod.

Initially meeting Mrs Stubbs, Tim complimented her on the terrific success of both Sports Days recently, adding his thanks for the great support of the PTA in providing refreshments on both days, before discussing the curriculum in detail.

"As always," Tim said, "I could see that Mrs Stubbs has structured the PE provision to optimise the opportunities for our pupils across a wide-range of activities, and I was very glad to hear that again IWFS will be awarded the platinum grade for PE - a wonderful achievement."

Tim then met with Mrs MacLeod and gained a real understanding of how DT is delivered across each year group.

"We discussed the ongoing usage of Tinkercad as a design technique," Tim said, "And it was interesting to hear that with some flexibility in how this is being taught, it is proving a very useful tool. I can see through Mrs MacLeod's enthusiasm and drive that DT is in a very healthy position and provides the youngsters with a variety of interesting tasks over the school year."

"Thank you to both subject leaders for all their hard work," he added "and to all of the teaching staff who keep our children focused and engaged in both topics."



In partnership with The Reading Agency, Hertfordshire Libraries are proud to present this year's Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat.

The challenge aims to keep children reading throughout the summer holidays and rewards them for reading for pleasure. Your children can sign up for FREE at any Hertfordshire Library from 4 July 2026. The Challenge finishes on Saturday 5 September 2026 (or Sunday 6 September if your local branch is open).

Children are encouraged to read any 6 library books over the summer holidays. This could include listening to an e-audiobook, reading independently, or reading with parents or carers – any reading is good reading in our book! There are also some reading and library related challenges as part of Read to the Beat. These challenges are listed in the packs that children receive when they sign up for the challenge and children can complete them to earn reward stickers if they choose to.

Uniform for the new school year

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://icknielwalk.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.

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Volunteering in School

We need volunteers to help in school every day. Reading or doing some maths with children during the mornings 9-9.30am and helping in the library during the afternoons. All volunteers need to have a DBS, which the school can apply for. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the school office on admin@icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk.

We also need some volunteers during the summer holidays to do some painting in the Year 3 area, if anyone could spare a few hours, please let us know by sending an email to the school office.

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

School Library Books

Please return all school library books by end of school tomorrow to your child's classroom. Thank you.

Sports Stars

Congratulations to Hadley from Year 1 who has recently moved up to level 3 in his swimming lessons. Well done, Hadley, keep it up!

PTA News

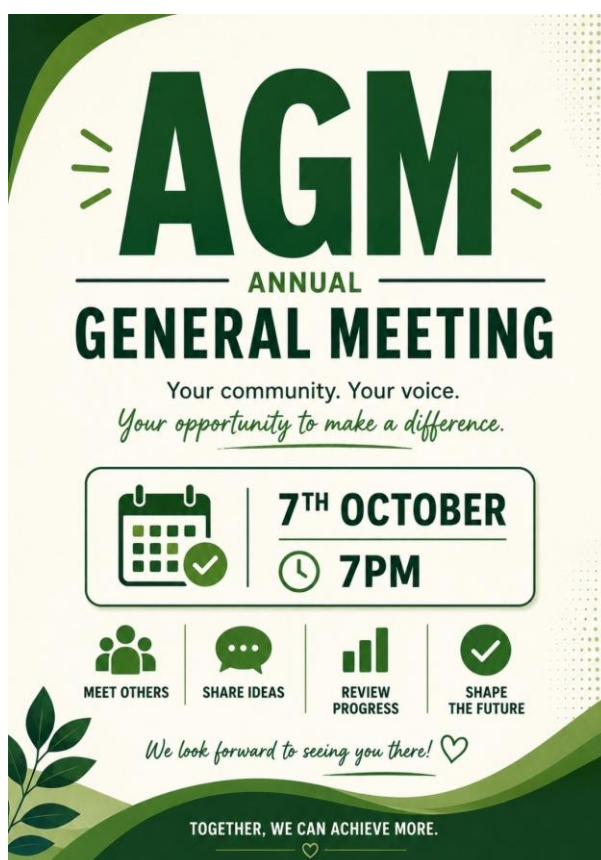
Save the date for the **AGM - 7th October!**

As we look ahead to another exciting year, we invite all parents, carers and members of our school community to our **PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 7th October.**

The AGM is a great opportunity to hear about everything we've achieved over the past year, discuss plans for the next academic year and hear from the school about their ideas of how they'd like to spend the rest of the money to enrich the children's school experience.

It's also a chance to have your voice heard, offer suggestions for future events and fundraising, and find out how you can support in whatever way suits you. Whether you'd like to get more involved, volunteer occasionally or simply come along to see what the PTA is all about, everyone is very welcome.

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible!



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.



Hertfordshire Music Service

START YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY!

SING, MAKE, PLAY presents:
MUSIC SAFARI (KS1)

Is your child in Year 1 or 2?

Do they love to sing? Do they want to learn an instrument?

JOIN OUR AFTER-SCHOOL MUSIC CLUB!

WHERE CHILDREN LEARN TO READ, WRITE, PLAY
and COMPOSE MUSIC WHILE HAVING FUN!

Session Specifics

- £65 PER TERM
- KS1 FUN SESSIONS
- EXPLORE GENERAL MUSIC SKILLS, CREATIVITY, & UNDERSTANDING THROUGH SINGING, ACTIVITIES & GAMES!

Logistics & Registration

Time: TUESDAYS 3.45-4.45PM
Venue: KJAR SENIOR SITE, ROYSTON

**JOIN THE MUSICAL SAFARI!
SIGN UP HERE**

Registration Link:
<https://shorturl.at/ncnh9>

Vacancy - Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA)

Please come and join our team! We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant to work from 11.55am to 1.15pm, Monday-Friday. The rate of pay is £12.65 per hour. Tasks include supervising the children during their lunchtime and play, in all weathers. First aid training will be given to applicants if they do not hold a current certificate. Previous experience of working or volunteering in school would be an advantage but not essential.

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.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon, Tomorrow - Friday 17th July.

Please email admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk for further information and an application form. We reserve the right to interview and appoint before the closing date should the right candidate apply. Please apply early to avoid disappointment.

Great British Savings - Attraction Finder

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. The UK Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer

special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, they have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit

[Find your family's summer offer — Summer Savings](#)

Events in and around Royston and other useful information



FAIRPLAY
SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB
23rd JULY - 14th AUGUST 2026

Activities:

- Football
- Cricket
- The Raptor Foundation
- Mel's Magic
- Safari Stu
- Theatre Train
- Cooking and lots more

PRICES:
£31.00 All Day 8am - 6pm
£25.00 Half Day 8am - 1pm or 1pm to 6pm
Early Bird 7.45am - 8.00am (£1.00 extra)
(External activities will incur an additional cost)

OFSTED REGISTERED - FAIRPLAY HOLIDAY CLUB
ICKNIELD WALK FIRST SCHOOL
POPLAR DRIVE, ROYSTON, SG8 7EZ
Contact number: 07905 001403
Email: fairplay@fairplaychildrensclub.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**
WIZARDS OF THE WILD HARRY POTTER DAY **TOY STORY ACTION**
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"



"IT'S YOUR CUE..."
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



**OUTSIDE
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SEN HUB - ROYSTON

Summer Activities



Kids Activities

Sensory Play — ★ £7.50
5-10 years
Tuesdays 2-3.30pm 4/8, 25/8
Thursday 10-11.30am 30/7, 20/8

8+ years
Tuesdays 2-3.30pm 28/7, 18/8
Thursdays 10-11.30am 6/8
Friday 10-11.30am 28/8

Building Morning — ★ £7.50
Wednesday 10am-12noon 29/7, 26/8

The perfect session for those who like building! There will be lots of lego to build with and other building activities. This is an informal session. Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult

Crafting — ★ £15.00
8+ years
Thursday 1-3pm 30/7 - Pom Pom Hanging ,
Thursday 1-3pm 20/8 - Hanging Sign
Friday 1-3pm 28/8 - Apron Workshop
A guided session completing a different craft project each session. All materials provided.

Adult Crafting — ★ £7.50
Thursday 6.30-9.30pm 6/8

Bring along your current project and craft in the company of others!

Family Activities

Drop-In Morning — ★ FREE
Tuesdays 10am - 1pm
28/7, 4/8, 18/8, 25/8

An informal drop-in session with/without kids to find out more about OOTB, for company, advice & more. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Games Arvo — ★ £7.50 per family
Fridays 1pm - 3pm 31/7, 21/8

Come along to this relaxed informal session and play board games with others.

To book follow this link <https://ootb.pembee.app/>
email: admin@outsideofthebox.uk

PLEASE NOTE Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Booking essential as spaces limited (excluding drop-in sessions).

Adult Sessions

Slow Stitching Workshop — ★ £25
Friday 7-10pm 24/7

A fun workshop where you can design your own slow stitch project. Materials and guidance provided. Attendance at August Adult crafting included free of charge if you need additional time to complete.

Parent/Carer Meet Up — ★ FREE
Thursday 6.30-8pm 20/8

Come along and meet with others, share ideas, seek advice, rant.....whatever you need!

This session runs monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Whilst the session is free please still book so we know who to expect.

Our activities are fully inclusive and groups are kept small. They take place in a calm and therapeutic environment.



Adult Crafting — ★ £7.50
Thursday 6.30-9.30pm 6/8

Bring along your current project and craft in the company of others!

This session runs monthly on the the first Thursday of the month.

For further information and to book follow this link
<https://ootb.pembee.app/>
email: admin@outsideofthebox.uk

NEWS JUST IN - Lending Space Pop-Up dates confirmed 21/7, 15/9, 20/10 follow our socials for more information.



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Outside of the Box CIC
www.outsideofthebox.uk

Thinking Differently

Reducing Isolation

Supporting Families

Community Interest Company registration number 15514091

MF TENNIS SUMMER CAMPS

www.mftennis.com

SESSION DATES

- W/C 27TH JULY
- W/C 3RD AUGUST
- W/C 10TH AUGUST

AGE & TIME

TOTS : 9.15-10AM

RED, ORANGE, GREEN & YELLOW : 1-4PM

BOOKINGS OPEN

LET'S GO!



CUFC SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS AND KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMPS







REDEEM AT
SELECTED
VENUES ONLY



DATES:

WEEK 1: TUE 21ST JULY - FRI 24TH JULY
WEEK 2: MON 27TH JULY - FRI 31ST JULY
WEEK 3: MON 3RD AUG - FRI 7TH AUG
WEEK 4: MON 10TH AUG - FRI 14TH AUG
WEEK 5: MON 17TH AUG - FRI 21ST AUG
WEEK 6: MON 24TH AUG - FRI 28TH AUG

LOCATIONS:

CHESTERON - SOCCER SCHOOLS
SWAVESEY - SOCCER SCHOOLS
COMBERTON - KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMPS
COLERIDGE - KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMPS

TIMES:
9AM - 4PM

SIGN UP NOW →





PLAY FOR ROYSTON TOWN YOUTH U10s!

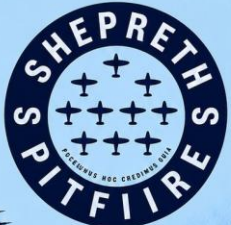
Our Under 9s team in Royston is now recruiting new players for next Season (U10s)

We are currently seeking experienced players to join our squad.

TRAINING & MATCH DETAILS:

- Weekly training sessions held in Royston
- & Saturday matches are Home & Away.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
CALL BEN ON
07359 067855



NEW PLAYERS WANTED!

SHEPRETH SPITFIRES UNDER 8'S - 66 SQUADRON

SEASON 26/27

- TRAINING: TUESDAYS 5:30PM - 6:30PM
- AT ETERNIT SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
- AGES 6-7 WELCOME!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN SHEPRETH SPITFIRES PLEASE USE THE CONTACT FORM AT
www.sheprethspitfires.co.uk



KINGDOM BUILDERS

Melbourn Baptist Church
Summer Holiday Club
27th to 31st July
10am till noon

Songs
Crafts
Games
Bible stories

For primary and preschool children.
Booking required as spaces limited
Book @ melbourn-baptist.org.uk



HOLIDAY CLUB

10am - 12 noon

Parish Church St John the Baptist

ALL ARE WELCOME

There will be:
crafts • activities • games
puzzles • stories • songs • snacks
for children aged 0-10

BOOK NOW!

- Monday August 3rd
- Thursday August 13th
- Thursday August 27th





Please note:- Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult

Teamwork | Respect | Enjoyment | Discipline | Sportsmanship



MINI & YOUTH RUGBY SEASON TRAINING STARTS SUN 6 SEP

U5S TO U18S

- Newcomers welcome
- Build fitness, confidence & friendships
- Qualified coaches & supportive volunteers
- Matches, festivals & social events
- First three sessions FREE

Royston Rugby Club,
The Heath Sports Centre,
Baldock Road
Royston SG8 5BG

For age group timings and to
register, contact:
admin@roystonrugbyclub.co.uk



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Little Acorns
Pre-School

SPACES AVAILABLE

FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Places available for
TWO YEAR OLDS & **THREE** YEAR OLDS

Please contact us for
more information

preschoolmanager@littleacornsroyston.co.uk

07426 386454

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AUTUMN TERM 2026



"MY SON HAD SO
MUCH FUN.
HE WANTS TO
GO BACK FOR
MORE TOMORROW!"



"MY DAUGHTER
WAS FULL OF BEANS
AND BURSTING
WITH LOVELY
STORIES WHEN
I COLLECTED HER"

FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

HEDGEHOG HOMES
SLIME SCIENCE | JOURNEY STICKS
GHOSTBUSTERS GAMES
NERF MISSIONS
SURVIVAL SKILLS | SHELTER BUILDING
BUSHCRAFT FIRE LIGHTING
WEATHER MONSTER CRAFTS
SNOW MAKING FUN | TEAM CHALLENGES
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GAMES

WATCHING CHILDREN'S
CONFIDENCE GROW &
NEW FRIENDSHIPS FORM
AT OUR CLUBS IS ONE OF
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THINGS WE DO.

ICKNIELD WALK
FIRST SCHOOL
WEDNESDAYS 3:15 - 3:25PM
YEARS 1-4

16TH SEPTEMBER - 9TH DECEMBER
12 WEEK TERM | PRICE: £96



MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
HOLIDAY CLUBS | BIRTHDAY PARTIES | SCHOOL WORKSHOPS | AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS | GAMES PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Royston Police Station Open Day

Royston Police Station will be holding an open day on *Saturday 26th July from 10am until 3pm*.

There will be various vehicles to look round, a chance to meet the local team, a tour of the old cell block, freebies and lots more.

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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](#)

[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/](#)