



What's on next week

Wednesday 22.07.2026

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

Thursday 23.07.2026 - Friday 28.08.2026

School closed - Summer Holiday

Monday 31.08.2026

School closed - Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 01.09.2026

School closed to pupils - Inset Day

Wednesday 02.09.2026

School closed to pupils - Inset Day

Thursday 03.09.2026

Return to school for pupils

Monday 07.09.2026

2.45pm - Year 1 Parent meeting in Robin class - parents of Year 1 invited to attend

Tuesday 08.09.2026

2.45pm - Year 4 Parent meeting in Eagle class - parents of Year 4 invited to attend

Wednesday 09.09.2026

2.45pm - Year 2 Parent meeting in Lark class - parents of Year 2 invited to attend

Thursday 10.09.2026

2.45pm - Year 3 Parent meeting in Dove class - parents of Year 3 invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - Labtots

Friday 11.09.2026

3.15-4.15pm - Kings and Queens Chess Club for Years 1-4 in the dining hall

Monday 14.09.2026

Learning logs go home today

Tuesday 15.09.2026

2.45pm - Reception parent meeting in the school hall - parents of Reception children invited to attend

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.

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.

Earrings

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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.

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

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, Friday 26th September 2026.

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.

PTA News

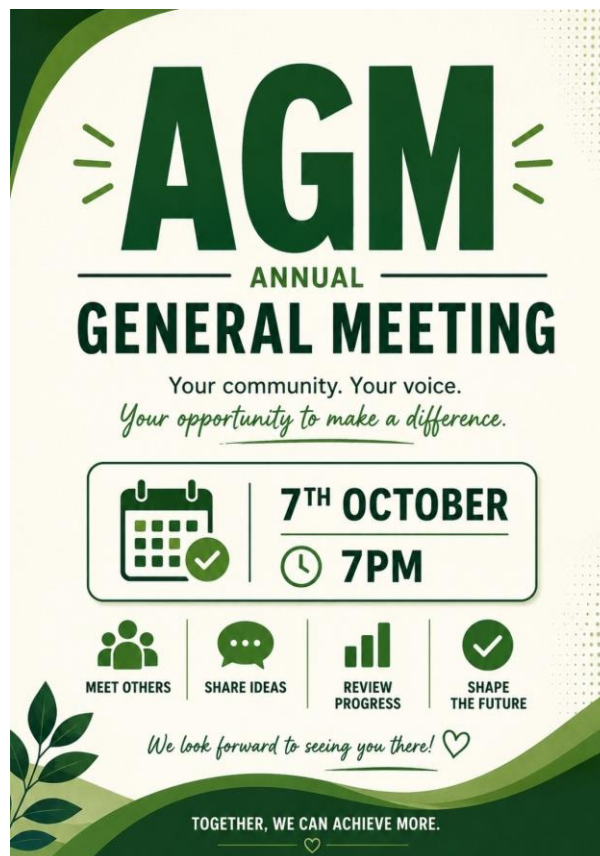
Save the date for the AGM - 7th October!

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.

A colorful poster for Hertfordshire Music Service's 'Music Safari (KS1)'. The top left features the Hertfordshire Music Service logo. The main title is 'START YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY!' in large, bold, black letters. Below it, a banner says 'SING, MAKE, PLAY presents: MUSIC SAFARI (KS1)'. The central illustration shows a lion playing a drum, an elephant playing maracas, a giraffe playing a xylophone, and a zebra playing a drum, all in a savanna setting. To the right, a box titled 'Session Specifics' lists '£65 PER TERM' and 'KS1 FUN SESSIONS' which 'EXPLORE GENERAL MUSIC SKILLS, CREATIVITY, & UNDERSTANDING THROUGH SINGING, ACTIVITIES & GAMES!'. Below this, a box titled 'Logistics & Registration' provides 'Time: TUESDAYS 3.45-4.45PM', 'Venue: KJAR SENIOR SITE, ROYSTON', and a 'JOIN THE MUSICAL SAFARI! SIGN UP HERE' button. At the bottom, it asks 'Is your child in Year 1 or 2?' with two checkboxes: 'Do they love to sing?' and 'Do they want to learn an instrument?'. The final text on a scroll says 'JOIN OUR AFTER-SCHOOL MUSIC CLUB! WHERE CHILDREN LEARN TO READ, WRITE, PLAY and COMPOSE MUSIC WHILE HAVING FUN!'. The registration link 'https://shorturl.at/ncnh9' is at the bottom right.

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 **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 & GAMES **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"



"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 OF THE BOX

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.

30/7



20/8



Thanks for a lovely session and handling the anxiety so well and making us safe and welcome! both my little loves have said they'd like to come back and try more!

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 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.



**OUTSIDE
OF THE BOX**

WE THINK DIFFERENTLY

Outside of the Box CIC

www.outsideofthebox.uk

Thinking Differently

Reducing Isolation

Supporting Families

Community Interest Company registration number 15514091



MFTENNIS SUMMER CAMPS

www.mftennis.com

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

BOOKINGS OPEN

LET'S GO!





CUFC SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS AND KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMPS





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



TIMES:
9AM - 4PM

SIGN UP NOW →



REDEEM AT
SELECTED
VENUES ONLY



LOCATIONS:

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

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



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




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

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

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





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





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

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**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 - SAILINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Royston Police Station Open Day

Royston Police Station will be holding an open day on *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/](#)