



Summer 2 - Newsletter - 23/04/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood



The Puffin staff and Siona Lambie (governor) have been really busy tidying the Puffin garden and making some special areas for the children to play. They came in over the holidays and transformed the garden with resources which were donated by some generous Royston residents. Thank you to the staff and to Siona for giving up your free time and to those who donated.

Last Wednesday, the children celebrated MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) Day by learning about different countries. Looking at language, cultures and traditions. They also took part in a Cuban dance workshop, led brilliantly by Jasmine Woollison. The children (and staff) really enjoyed dancing the cha-cha-cha! We would

like to thank Jasmine for giving up her time to work with all of the children in school. If you or your child are interested in Ballroom or Latin dance lessons please take a look <https://www.supastudios.co.uk/>

Thank you to everyone that came to our art exhibition last Friday we hope you enjoyed looking at the range of work and that your children were rightly proud of all they had achieved.



What's on this week

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

Monday 29.04.2026

Learning logs return to school

3.15-4.00pm - Running Club for Years 2-4

3.15-4.00pm - Year 1 Phonics Club

Tuesday 28.04.2026

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 29.04.2026

Guitar & Piano Lessons

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gym club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 30.04.2026

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Class Group Photographs - TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Pret-a-Portrait will be coming into school to take class group photographs.

This year, the photographers will take a traditional style class group photograph rather than the panoramic style taken in previous years. The traditional style photograph is set up as rows of children on chairs or benches with class staff at the end of the rows. The traditional style photograph is being taken as a number of parents have requested this style for a few years, we will review after this year!

Year 4 will also have a panoramic photograph taken on Friday 1st May. We have organised this additional photo shoot for year 4 so parents can purchase either traditional or panoramic (or both if they wish) as Year 4 children will have had the panoramic style class group photographs during their Icknield Walk First School journey - this will give parents the opportunity to complete the set! This will be for this year's Year 4 only!

All styles of group photograph will be available to purchase a few weeks after the photography day. Cards will be sent home with your child on 24th April with details of how to purchase.

Children should be dressed in their school uniform, please keep hair accessories to a minimum and if worn, please ensure these are school colours.

Nursery parents have received a message from Miss Pinner with details about their group photograph, but as a reminder:

All nursery children are invited to be in the photo, which will be taken in the morning at 9.20am. If your child already attends nursery on a Friday morning, please drop your child off as you normally would and the nursery team will ensure they have their class group photo taken.

If your child does not attend on a Friday morning and you would like your child to be in the class group photo, please wait by the outdoor classroom (next to the bike sheds) at 9.10am, we will collect your child on our way to have our class photo taken and bring them back to you on our way back to nursery. Please note that if your child attends a Friday afternoon session, you will need to bring them back for their afternoon session as they will be unable to stay for the morning.

If you do not bring your child in at the above time, they will not be able to be in our class photo.

To celebrate the school's 60th Birthday, Pret-a-Portrait have kindly offered to make a special 60th Birthday montage free of charge to the school. The photographers will take photos of pairs/small groups for this print. An electronic copy of the montage will be available to parents too. The montage print will be displayed in the school office area and will be shared on the website and with the press. Every child will have a photo on the montage, but each image will be very small (we do have nearly 350 children). If you **do not** want your child to be included in the 60th Birthday montage, please inform your class teacher by tomorrow morning.

Summer Term Dates for your diaries

Day & Date	Event	Time	Class/Year
Monday 20 th April	Year 3 Swift class Parent/Teacher consultations – ONLINE	3.00-5.30pm	Year 3 Swift
Wednesday 22 nd April	Guitar lessons start Year 4 Viking event – new date Year 3 Swift class Parent/Teacher consultations – IN PERSON Outdoors Project Club starts	All day 2.30pm 3.30-5.30pm 3.15-4.15pm	Year 3 & 4 Year 4 Year 3 Swift Years 1-4
Thursday 23 rd April	Year 4 Recorder club Year 3 Recorder club Football Feet	AM 3.15-3.45pm 3.15-4.30pm	Year 4 Year 3 Years 1-4
Friday 24 th April	Pret-a-Portrait Class group photographs	All day	All
Friday 24 th April	Nursery stay and play session for children starting nursery in September 2026.	1.15-2.15pm	New nursery children
Monday 27 th April	Learning logs return to school	-	Rec-Year 4
Friday 1 st May	Pret-a-Portrait Year 4 class group photographs	am	Year 4 only
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed	-	All
Tuesday 5 th May	Learning logs go home	-	Rec-Year 4
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 1 trip to Hunstanton	Children to arrive at school for 8.15am	Year 1
Thursday 7 th May	Reception Health Checks with School nurses	-	Reception
Friday 8 th May	Last swimming lesson – Year 4 Eagle class First swimming lesson – Year 4 Falcon class	pm pm	Year 4 Eagle Year 4 Falcon
Tuesday 12 th May	Nursery trip to Knebworth Year 2 Football Festival at Royston Town FC – non-parent event Year 4 six-a-side boys football tournament at Royston Town FC Years 3&4 six-a-side girls football tournament at Royston Town FC	All day Am 3.30-5.30pm 3.30-5.30pm	Nursery Year 2 Year 4 Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 13 th May	Year 1 Multi skills sports – non-parent event	1.30-2.30pm	Year 1
Friday 15 th May	First swimming lesson – Year 3 Dove	pm	Year 3 Dove
Monday 18 th May	Learning logs return to school	-	Rec-Year 4
Tuesday 19 th May	Reception Finch assembly – parents/carers of Finch class invited to attend.	2.45pm	R Finch
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 2 Multi skills sports – non-parent event	1.30-2.30pm	Year 2
Friday 22 nd May	Year 2 Lark class assembly – parents/carers of Lark class invited to attend.	9.00am	Year 2 Lark
Friday 22 nd May	Nursery stay and play for children starting nursery in September 2026.	1.15-2.15pm	New nursery children
25 th – 29 th May	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	-	ALL
Monday 1 st June	School closed to pupils – Inset day	-	All
Tuesday 2 nd June	Learning logs return to school	-	Rec-Year 4
Tuesday 2 nd – Friday 5 th June	New children starting Reception in September 2026 stay and play sessions this week – book via school office.	-	New children starting in Sept 2026
Tuesday 2 nd & Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 4 Bikeability level 1 course	All day	Year 4
Wednesday 10 th June	Nursery meeting for parents of children starting nursery in September 2026.	2.15pm	New nursery parents
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June	New children starting Reception in September 2026 stay and play sessions this week – book via school office.	-	New children starting in Sept 2026
Wednesday 10 th June	Tennis Tournament for selected Year 4s	-	Year 4
Thursday 11 th June	Year 2 trip to Banham Zoo	All day	Year 2
Friday 12 th June	Non uniform day – bring a bottle for the PTA tombola. Last swimming lesson – Year 3 Dove class	- pm	All Year 3 Dove
Saturday 13 th June	PTA 60 th Birthday Festival – free entry	12 noon -5pm	All
Monday 15 th June	Learning logs return to school	-	Rec-Year 4
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th June	Nursery stay and play for children starting nursery in September 2026. Book your place with the school office.	10.00-11.00am 1.15-2.15pm	New nursery children.
Wednesday 17 th June	PTA Father's day sale during school hours.	-	All
Thursday 18 th June	Reception trip to Cambridge Arts Theatre	pm	Reception
Friday 19 th June	Year 3 Swift class swimming – first lesson	pm	Year 3 Swift
Monday 22 nd June	Learning logs go home	-	Rec-Year 4
Wednesday 24 th June	Years 1-4 Sports day Reception meeting for parents of children starting Reception in September 2026.	9.15am 2.15pm	Years 1-4 New Reception parents
Monday 29 th June	Year 1 Owl class assembly – parents/carers of Owl class invited to attend.	2.45pm	Year 1 Owl
Wednesday 1 st July	Reception Sports and event – parents/carers invited to attend. Back up date for KS1 & 2 Sports day Year 3 Swift class assembly – parents/carers invited to attend.	9.15am 9.15am 2.45pm	Reception Years 1-4 Year 3 Swift
Thursday 2 nd July	Nursery event (more details soon) – parents and carers of Nursery children invited to attend. Last Football Feet	2pm 3.15-4.30pm	Nursery Years1-4
Monday 6 th July	Learning logs return to school	-	Rec-Year 4
Tuesday 7 th July	Years 3 & 4 school olympics at KJAR – non-parent event	9.00-12 noon	Years 3 & 4
Thursday 9 th July	Transition Day Thank you refreshments for Volunteers Last Recorder clubs	- 2.15pm	Year 4 Volunteers Years 3 & 4
Friday 10 th July	Last swimming lesson – Year 3 Swift class	pm	Year 3 Swift
Monday 13 th July	Annual Reports to be sent home	-	Rec-Year 4
Wednesday 15 th July	Meet your child's new teacher/discuss your child's report with your child's current teacher	3.30-4.30pm	All
Friday 17 th July	Last swimming lesson – Year 4 Falcon class Year 2 Mexico day – non-parent event	Pm All day	Year 4 Falcon Year 2
Monday 20 th July	Year 4 Leavers' party	3.15-5.00pm	Year 4
Tuesday 21 st July	Year 4 Leavers' performance	6.00-7.00pm	Year 4
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of term Nursery closes at 11.30am School closes at 2.00pm		

First day of **Autumn** term 2026 – Thursday 3rd September 2026

All above information can be found on our school website: www.icknielwalk.herts.sch.uk

Please check our school newsletters regularly for time/date changes and additional events, which may be added throughout the term.

Allocation of Reception and Middle School places

Hertfordshire County Council have allocated places for September 2026 intake for Reception and Middle schools. Please remember to accept your places by the deadline set.

Correspondence sent home this week

- **All** - Summer term dates - via email
- **Year 1** - Seaside trip reminder - paper copy and via email
- **Year 3 Swift** - swimming letter - paper copy and via email

PTA News

Ickniel Walk First School PTA

Bar & nibbles

Glazed Creations
Adult Painting
Evening

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 tomorrow 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>



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!



Icknield Walk First School PTA

60TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

13TH JUNE

12-5PM

FREE ENTRY

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

Icknield Walk First School Poplar Drive, Royston, SG8 7EZ

Registered Charity 1110107

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!

Could you be a young carer?

If you help look after a friend or family member who needs extra support - you may be a young carer and there's **one easy place to get help.**

WELCOME

- Be part of a young carers community
- Friendly welcome from the young carers team

A new young carers webpage

- Clear information on what help you can get
- Links to opportunities, activities & wellbeing support
- Designed by young carers for young carers

Support for the whole family

- Friendly chats to consider everyone's needs
- Check ins to make sure you're doing ok
- Help as you grow up and move into new stages of life

Get involved

- Conference designed by young carers, workshops, fun sessions, meeting others
- Opportunities to have your say
- Work with SEND Youth Councils

Additional support

- Support in your school / college
- Meet other young carers
- If you're eligible for free school meals, you can get discounts with a **Herts Card**
- Free activity camps in school holidays - **HAPPY Camps**

How to get support

- Ask an adult in your family to help you get in touch
- Speak to your teacher or a trusted member of staff
- Visit the website or call 01992 658469

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers

Groups and workshops

Summer 2026

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

Thursday 14th May to 25th June, 7pm - 9pm

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

Wednesday 13th May to 24th June, 7pm - 9pm | Monday 1st June to 6th July 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.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 5th June to 10th July, 9.30am to 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop

Thursday 25th June, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Tuesday 7th July, 7pm to 9pm

This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Thursday 11th June, 9.30am to 11.30am

This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

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. 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.




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AUTISM & ADHD SUPPORT



WEEKLY ONLINE WORKSHOP AND SUPPORT

10AM-12PM EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME

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FREE :Workshop topic presentation opening to online support on any topic

HELP


SUPPORT

GUIDANCE

Topic List:

- 28 April- Speaker: Charley Crowe SASS: Transitions – Between school years and phase transfers
- 5 May - Speakers: HPCI - Kate Hudson & Lynn Turnbull - White Paper Consultation
- 12 May - EBSA - Emotionally Based School Absence
- 19 May - Executive Function Dysfunction

Scan this QR code to access our support and zoom links



www.angelsupportgroup.org.uk

PADDINGTON
Performing arts Holiday club
May half term



Thursday 28th May
Stage Right Studios, Royston

£19 pp
£18pp early bird (book by May 4th)

- DANCE - ACT - SING - CRAFT - FUN -

Time travel

Shows, films, crafts, games and more from the past, present and future...

Thursday 28th May - 9:30pm
Stage Right Studios

Ages 5 (year 1) to 16
£29 pp
Sibling discounts available

Early bird discount
£33 pp
Book by 4th May

All holiday clubs booking now!

Contact Jess on:
07747 608 180
royston@theatretrein.co.uk

We also offer free trials for our weekly Wednesday & Friday classes - do get in touch for more info

We accept payment by online, BACS, childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare payments

MOANA
summer holiday club

Celebrating the Moana films and the live action remake
Dance - Act - Sing - Craft - Fun!

Thursday 30th July
Stage Right Studios, Royston
9.30-11.30
Ages 4 - 6 years
£19
Early bird discount when booked by 4th June

£35pp
£32pp early bird (book by 4th June)
Sibling Discounts

SUMMER FESTIVAL

AGES 5 (YR 1) AND ABOVE
STAGE RIGHT STUDIOS ROYSTON
THURSDAY 30TH JULY
9AM - 3:30PM

Beezee FAMILIES

FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes start on 27th April 2026, with an intro call beforehand

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
HATFIELD Birchwood Avenue Primary School, AL10 0PS 5:00 - 7:00pm	CHESHUNT Oakview Primary School EN7 6LB 5:00 - 7:00pm	STEVENAGE Oval Community Centre SG1 5RD 5:00 - 7:00pm	WATFORD Chater Junior School WD18 0ND 5:00 - 7:00pm
** NO SESSION **			
ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 5 - 8) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm (ages 9 - 12) 6:30 - 7:30pm	ONLINE (10 weeks) (ages 9 - 12) 5:30 - 6:30pm	** NO SESSION **

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BZInfo@maximus.co.uk

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ALL HERTFORDSHIRE GAMES FOR ALL

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MAKING YOUR CLUB MORE INCLUSIVE

VENUE - HARPENDEN RUGBY CLUB - REDBOURNE LN, AL5 2BA
SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026 - 12PM - 1PM

ENROL YOUR CHILD NOW

FREE GAMES FOR ALL JERSEY
AGES 6 -17 YEARS OLD

PLEASE NOTE FOR FREE JERSEY REGISTRATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 04/04/26

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT - KEITH cda.hertfordshire@gaa.ie

Hertfordshire GAA Games For All initiative – a community programme that gives children with physical and neurological disabilities the chance to enjoy Gaelic games activities in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. Hertfordshire GAA are hosting their 1st Hertfordshire GAA Games For All initiative on Saturday 23rd May from 12pm - 1pm alongside the All-Herts Competition which is a 4-day event for all schools and clubs in Hertfordshire, making it the most inclusive Gaelic Games Competition in Britain GAA. The HERO program will be running on the day, which is part of Ulster GAA’s inclusion program. Each Hero will receive our Hero Certificate on the day. On the day where any child from Games For All would like to help out, they can be the following: H= Helper E= Energizer (supporter) R- Referee Assistant/umpire O- Organizer (assistant pitch co Ordinator).

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