



Summer 3 - Newsletter - 30/04/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

On Friday 22nd May, we will be having a non-uniform day in aid of Heads-Up Kids (see poster below). Children are invited to wear their own clothes in bright colours to show everyone how different and diverse we can all be. The day will run as a usual school day, so please ensure that children are wearing sensible footwear, and are dressed appropriately for the weather. Heads Up Kids is a charity dedicated to promoting positive mental health through social and emotional wellbeing education. We access Heads Up Kids resources to support our PSHE lesson delivery in school. Heads Up Kids are committed to raising a generation of children with a positive attitude to mental health. Please scan the QR code below to donate.

www.headsupkids.org.uk CIO 1205781

Heads Up Kids
COLOUR CARNIVAL
2026

A Celebration of Positive Mental Health

connection calm positivity resilience

Colour Carnival is a day where as a school, we come together to celebrate, promote and learn about the importance of positive mental health.

Please come into school wearing a coloured piece of clothing and make a donation (suggestion of £1) to Heads Up Kids Charity.

Parent Information
Tips & Tools
Fun Lessons
School Seemly
Activities

Friday 22nd May
£1

Scan to donate

Cash or online donations

Donations can be made online

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/donation-form/colour-carnival-2026-heads-up-kids-in-schools>

Our Learning Topics This Term

The topic in the nursery is 'Watch Me Grow', the children will be learning about life cycles of animals and plants and will be starting their topic by having some chicks stay. They will be going on their school trip to Knebworth Dinosaur trail to explore stories. Their new role play area will be a garden centre and the children will be planting lots of seeds and hoping to grow some food of their own.

Reception has started the term by looking at mini beasts. We will be going on a hunt for them in our school grounds, identifying them and their features and looking at life cycles. For the second half of the term reception children will be focusing on Fantasy and Adventure, they will learn about pirates, search for treasure and listen to fairy stories.

For the whole of the summer term the year 1 topic will be the Seaside. The children will learn about seaside holidays in the past and the present. They will hear about Grace Darling and how she rescued many people. They will also have a visit to the seaside themselves.

Year 2 children will be following two topics. Firstly, they will be studying plants and animals. They will look at what plants and animals need to sustain life. For the second part of the term the children will be focusing on geography; contrasting living in Royston with living in Mexico. The children will write poems and information leaflets.

Year 3 children will be learning about the Anglo-Saxon invasions and the impact these had on Britain. They will also be learning about the work of Roald Dahl and writing their own stories in a similar style. In science, they will carry out investigations around plant growth as well as studying light and shadows.

Children in year 4 will be learning about Ancient Greece and writing play scripts and myths. In science they will be learning about sound and electricity. We will also be preparing the children for the transition to their next schools.

If you require more detailed information about what the children will be learning, please take a look at the curriculum area of the school website.

What's on this week

Thursday 30.04.2026

am - Year 4 Recorder club - CANCELLED TODAY

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder Club - CANCELLED TODAY

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 01.05.2026

am - Year 4 only - Class group photographs 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

Monday 04.05.2026

School closed - Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 05.05.2026

Learning logs go home

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 06.05.2026

Guitar & Piano Lessons

Year 1 trip to the Seaside

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gym club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 07.05.2026

am - Year 4 Recorder club

3.15-3.45 pm - Plant sale outside Lark class

3.15-4.15pm - Lab Tots in Dove class

3.15-3.45pm - Year 3 Recorder Club

3.15-4.15pm - Football Feet

Friday 08.05.2026

pm - Eagle class swimming - last lesson

pm - Falcon class swimming starts

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

Class Group Photographs - TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Pret-a-Portrait will be coming into school again to take panoramic style class photographs for Year 4. 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 photographs will be available to purchase in a few weeks.

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

Plant Sale - Thursday 7th May

Mrs King (Lark class TA) will be holding a plant sale on Thursday 7th May, 3.15-3.45pm outside Lark class. All plants are 50p each, cash only please. All proceeds will go towards the school gardening projects.

Correspondence sent home this week

- **Year 4** - Bikeability confirmation via email

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](#). Even if your child currently receives universal free meals in Reception to Year 2 you should still complete the application as other education benefits will be automatically registered.

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday at the 🎨 *Glazed Creations – Adult Painting Evening*. It was such a fun evening, and we can't wait to see all the finished pieces when they come back to school!

🇬🇧 **60th Anniversary Festival** 🇬🇧 Plans are coming together beautifully and we can't wait!

A huge thank you for the wine bottle donations so far—please keep them coming. These will be used for a game stall at the event. *Please make sure all bottles have lids, as unfortunately we can't use corked bottles.* We are still collecting odd socks for a year 4 game stall (more details to follow to year 4 soon) so if you have any spare, please send them in—it's a great way to declutter your drawers too!

On the day there will be:

🍔 Food & refreshments

🎈 Inflatables

🛒 Craft stalls

⚽ Football & activities

🐾 Pony petting

🍹 Bar

🏆 Year 4 games

☀️ ...and hopefully lots of sunshine!

📄 Wristbands for unlimited bouncing will be on sale soon - keep an eye out for more details!

📄 **Tickets will be on sale on the 15th May :**

<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

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON


TUESDAY 26 MAY
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, & experience Minecraft like never before! (knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY
NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET

Join us as we learn how to take care of our planet through a day of hands-on nature fun! We'll try eco guerrilla gardening, head out on a bug hunt to explore tiny habitats & make plant print art inspired by the patterns in nature. A day about noticing the wonders in nature & learning simple ways to help our planet thrive!

THURSDAY 28 MAY
CAMPING HACKS: ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SKILLS


A hands-on day of real camping skills & outdoor fun! Kids will learn how to pitch a tent, carve creations from soap, toast popcorn over the campfire & play different team games. It's a confidence-building day to learn new skills, work together & enjoy the simple joy of being outdoors!


FRIDAY 29 MAY
NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES

NEW for 2026! We'll team up to engineer giant robots, design our own mini clay machines & bring them to life before stepping into our high energy Nerf missions. From robot invasion & rescue, to alien attack games, it's a sci-fi day packed with teamwork, creativity & action! (Ages 6+ recommended)



MONDAY 1 JUNE (INSET DAY)
BEAR ISLAND CASTAWAY

Join us as we are washed ashore on a desert island far from home, known locally as "Bear Island". We need to build shelter, forage for resources, and build and cook on an open fire to survive. Luckily someone remembered to bring the s'mores! Watch out for wild bears!





"NO SCREENS,
JUST GOOD FUN
OUTSIDE!"

For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



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!

Parent & Carer Support TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Summer 2026



Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in [Hertfordshire](#) of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

← Eventbrite Page

RESPONDING to ANGER



- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
- How to spot the signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Tuesday 2nd June, 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL837 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-responding-to-anger-837-for-parentscarers-in-herts-tickets-1983463972134>

ANXIETY & STRESS



- The difference between stress and anxiety.
- Understanding anxiety conditions in ASD/ADHD.
- Spot the signs of stress.
- Triggers amongst neurodivergent children.
- Help your anxious child feel safe.
- Early warning signs of mental health problems.

Monday 8th June, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL838 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-stress-anxiety-838-for-parentscarers-in-herts-tickets-1983465351259>

TECH USE



- Understand your child's use of Social Media, Gaming & the Internet.
- The effect of banning, strict time limits or using devices as a reward or consequence.
- Teach children how to manage their tech use, stay safe online and switch off.
- Improve communication and reduce conflict.
- Dopamine and other hormones.

Tuesday 16th June, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL839 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-tech-use-839-for-parentscarers-in-herts-tickets-1983467129578>

THE TEENAGE YEARS



- Teenage brain development and how it affects a child with ASD/ADHD.
- Reducing conflict by learning how to respond effectively to difficult situations.
- How to agree appropriate boundaries and teach risk assessment.
- Help teens develop independence skills.

Wednesday 24th June, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL840 book via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talking-asd-adhd-the-teenage-years-840-for-parentscarers-in-herts-tickets-1983477366196>

Parent newsletter: <https://supportinglinks.eo.page/png1q>



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PLAY FOR ROYSTON TOWN YOUTH U10s!

ROYSTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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

GYMNASTICS

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

In partnership with British Gymnastics, Everyone Active delivers Rise Gymnastics, a modern gymnastics programme. It features three progressive phases—Discover, Explore and Excel—guiding gymnasts on a progressive journey from beginner to advanced skills.

Send an enquiry today!

Royston Leisure Centre
 Woodcock Road, Royston SG8 7XT
 01763 255190



HomeStart - Quiz Night

Friday 15th May at Royston Town Hall, SG8 7DA. Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

Tickets are £15 per person, including a traditional Ploughman's Supper, with teams of up to 6. There will also be a raffle, a prize for the winning team and a bar accepting cash and card. Please **do not** bring your own food and drink. Tickets available via this link:

<https://buytickets.at/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/2149319>

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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/>