



Summer 5 - Newsletter - 14/05/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

This week we said goodbye to Mr Baulk who has been teaching PE to the children in Years 1-4 alongside their class teachers. Mr Baulk is leaving us to work in recruitment. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him all the very best for the future.

Please don't forget to check out the year group blogs on our website that are updated regularly. The blogs show examples of what each year group has been learning.

What's on this week

Thursday 14.05.2026

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 15.05.2026

pm - Dove class swimming

pm - Falcon 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 18.05.2026

3.15-4.00pm - Years 2,3,4 Last Running club

3.15-4.00pm - Year 1 Phonics club

Tuesday 19.05.2026

2.45pm Reception Finch class assembly - parents and carers of Finch class are invited to attend

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 20.05.2026

Guitar & Piano Lessons

pm - Year 2 Multi skills sports festival at IWFS - non-parent event

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Gym club

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 21.05.2026

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 22.05.2026

Non-uniform day in aid of Heads Up Kids (see below) - wear bright colours

9.00am - Year 2 Lark class assembly - parents and carers of Lark class are invited to attend

pm - Falcon class swimming

pm - Dove 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

Non-School uniform day - Heads Up Kids

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

online donations

Donations can be made online

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

Lost Property

The lost property area is overflowing! If you know that your child has misplaced anything, please check the lost property area this week. The lost property area is located near the year 4 toilets/car park entrance. Items not collected by the end of this week will be donated to the PTA or local charities. Please be assured that named items will be returned to their rightful owners.

Message from the Children's Commissioner



Good morning,

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](#).

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your children should complete the survey here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am sharing the survey with all the children, parents and carers in all school or college communities. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

Deadline for completion: Friday 23 October.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza - Children's Commissioner

Sports Stars



Ava from Reception has moved up to level 2 swimming and is very proud of her achievement. Well done Ava - keep it up!



Niamh from Year 2 achieved her level 2 swimming award - wonderful achievement, keep it up!



Moira from Year 1 recently received a half marathon wrist band for completing 11 junior park runs - well done, that's fantastic.



Eric from Year 3 passed his stage 3 swimming - well done!



Jessica from Year 2 has moved up to stage 3 swimming and has got her grade 1 in gymnastics. Congratulations!



Bella from Year 4, alongside her brother and mum, recently took part in a Swimathon where they collectively swam an incredible 100 lengths. Their hard work, determination and team spirit paid off, as they have raised almost £350 for Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. A brilliant effort all round to Bella and her family, well done!

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](https://www.free-school-meals-herts.co.uk) .

Applying is quick and confidential. Even if you are unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to apply, as eligibility can also help the school access additional funding to support pupils.



PTA News

60th Anniversary Festival


 Wristbands for unlimited bouncing will be on sale from 15th May.

Book here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>

Wristbands cost just £10 in advance (£12 on the day) and include unlimited use of:

 4 inflatables for younger children  4 inflatables for older children Giant slide Obstacle course

All supplied by Cambridge Bouncy Castles

 Plus an inflatable football goal supplied by Football Fun Factory

It's going to be an amazing afternoon of fun while raising much-needed funds for our school 



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

The poster features a pink background with a teal bottom section. It is decorated with colorful balloons (yellow, pink, blue, orange, green) and streamers. The number '60' is prominently displayed on several balloons.

Events in and around Royston and other useful information

The Outdoors Project
OFSTED REGISTERED

CAMP CRAFT
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

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!

ROAM
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"NO SCREENS JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE"
★★★★★

NERF SHARP SHOOTER
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

THE OUTDOORS PROJECT
OUTDOOR AMBASSADOR
THE OUTDOORS PROJECT

"THE KIND OF DAY EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE"
★★★★★

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

IT'S YOUR CUE
THEIR IDEAS. THEIR STAGE.

A CHILD-LED DRAMA CLUB WHERE CHILDREN CREATE THEIR OWN STORIES, CHARACTERS AND PLAYS!

MONDAYS 3:15 - 4:15PM
ICKNIELD WALK FIRST SCHOOL
YEAR 3 (AGES 7 - 8)

£7 PER SESSION
**** STARTING AFTER MAY HALF TERM ****

TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT ALISHA:
ITSYOURCUE25@GMAIL.COM

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from AGED 5 above
and any ability.



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ROYSTON ROCKETS

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- Inductions (last Saturday of every month).
- Floodlit practice/racing every week.
- All-female sessions!



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Undertaking an induction session. they are taught skills on and off the track which need to be presented to the coaches- enabling all riders to be safe on track.



NEXT INDUCTIONS :

- 30th MAY (SATURDAY)
- 27th JUNE (SATURDAY)

- Please email Roystonbmx@gmail.com to come and try. They will send you more information following this. Bike, helmet and gloves available to hire.
 - Riders will then be invited to attend regular coaching sessions and club races on completion of the induction.
 - Our coaches are qualified level 2 coaches in BMX and we also have coaches working towards this qualification
- All coaches are first aid, safeguarding trained and DPS checked!



Roystonbmx@gmail.com



Royston Rockets BMX Racing club



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Roystonrockets.co.uk

Have any questions or are interested in finding out more? Check out the Q&A page on our website.

COME AND VIST US

Royston Rockets BMX Racing Club
Burns road | Royston | SG85PT



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!



Home Start local events

Literary Lunch with Hannah Beckerman – Tuesday 9th June 2026

We are thrilled to be welcoming **Hannah Beckerman**, bestselling author of five novels and one of the UK's most engaging literary voices, to our next **Home-Start Literary Lunch**. Hannah's latest novel, **The Mothers**, has been chosen as one of the UK's most engaging literary books and is already attracting fantastic attention.

Date: Tuesday 9th June 2026 **Time:** 12:15pm – 2:30pm **Venue:** The Old Bull Inn, Royston **Tickets:** £18 per person, including buffet lunch.

Book tickets here: <https://buytickets.at/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/2192738>

Bingo Night - Friday 19th June 2026, 7:00pm, Meldreth Village Hall, £15 per ticket

Book tickets your here:

All proceeds will support **Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire**, helping local families when they need us most. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a really enjoyable afternoon.

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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/>