



Summer 6 - Newsletter - 21/05/2026

Message from Mrs Sherwood

The weather forecast is looking lovely for tomorrow, it's going to be bright, sunny and warm. Please see our sun protection procedures below to ensure that your child is equipped for the warmer weather. Tomorrow is also non uniform day. 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. Bright colours if you have them.

Please can we remind everyone to keep their children to the pavements outside of school. Poplar Close, which is the road directly outside the main school gates, is a road in which neighbours still need access to their properties even when the school is open and staff need access to the school car park. We ask that motorists reduce their speed but it is important that parents and carers chaperone their children while walking in this area. Cyclists and scooter riders should also slow down while in this area. We ask that you stop at the school gates and push your bike or scooter to the bike sheds. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

I would like to wish everyone a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing everyone when we return to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Sun Protection Procedures

- Everyone needs a named water bottle in school - every day.
- All children need a named hat to wear when outside in the sunshine (these can be purchased from Schoolyard or local supermarkets).
- Children need their own named sunscreen which should be given to the class teacher and kept in school. Sun sticks or roll on sunscreens can be easier for the children to handle themselves. Please practise with your child to help them apply their own sunscreen as the staff are not allowed to rub in sun screens and children are not allowed to rub them on each other.
- We do not encourage the use of sunglasses, however if you wish for your child to wear them at playtime because they have hay fever, please make sure they are named. If your child does wear sunglasses, we will encourage them to choose a quiet activity at playtime.

Non-School uniform day - TOMORROW

Tomorrow 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. To donate, please scan the QR code below or scan the QR codes which will be displayed in the classroom windows.

Heads Up Kids COLOUR CARNIVAL

A Celebration of Positive Mental Health

Connection calm positivity resilience

Friday 22nd May

- Wear brightly coloured clothes
- Learn about positive mental health
- Donate £1 (or more)
- Support the charity that gives your school FREE programmes, resources and teacher training!

Donation via cash at school or online:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/donation-form/colour-carnival-2026-heads-up-kids-in-schools>

www.headsupkids.org.uk

On The Day:
Children will take part in a session focusing on positive mental health with their teacher in the classroom.

Supporting Heads Up Kids:
Heads Up Kids is a charity dedicated to promoting positive mental health through social and emotional wellbeing education. Your generous donations will go directly towards ensuring your school can access the free programmes and resources for your children. Programmes that build your child's positive mental health, confidence & self-esteem.

How Families Can Help:
Donate **£1 or more** to support Heads Up Kids and their mission. Access our **Top Tips for Positivity** to support you child. **Spread the word!** Share pictures of your child participating on social media and tag Heads Up Kids. @HeadsUpKidsTeam

For more information visit: www.headsupkids.org.uk
email: info@headsupkids.org.uk CIO: 1205781

What's on this week

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 - 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 25th - Friday 29th May - School closed - HALF TERM

Monday 01.06.2026

School closed - Inset day

Tuesday 02.06.2026

Learning logs go home

Year 4 Bikeability course

3.15-4.15pm - RTFC Multi sports skills club

Wednesday 03.06.2026

Guitar & Piano Lessons

Year 4 Bikeability course

3.15-4.15pm - Outdoors Project Club

Thursday 04.06.2026

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 05.06.2026

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

Sensory Aids

We have recently had a number of children come to school with sensory aids. We ask that children do not bring sensory aids from home into school, as we have suitable sensory resources available in school should a child be assessed as needing one.

Please also be aware that “dumpling” style sensory aids can pop easily, and the material inside can have an unpleasant smell. Please monitor your child carefully at home if they have one of these.

Thank you for your support.

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](#) .

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

Icknield Walk First School PTA

60TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

13TH JUNE
12-5PM
FREE ENTRY

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

T & T Roofing Limited
Ensum Brown
Ball Gift Boutique & Events
John R Ford
Ensum Brown Community Fund

Icknield Walk First School Poplar Drive, Royston, SG8 7EZ
Registered Charity 1110107

Icknield Walk First School PTA

Father's Day Gift Shop

17th June
Taking place during school hours
£4

Tickets for sale online at:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/iwfspta>
On Sale from 30th May

Registered Charity 1110107

We would like to thank all of our amazing local businesses for supporting our 60th Anniversary Festival! ❤️

We're so grateful to Ensum Brown Royston, T and T Roofing Limited, Balloon Gift Boutique & Events, and John R Ford Royston for their generosity and support.

We would also like to thank everybody who has donated a raffle prize. We have some amazing prizes including Wembley Stadium Tour, Nintendo Switch goody bags, Jimmy Choo perfume, farm passes, gift vouchers, a child's camera and beauty products. Raffle tickets will be going home soon.

Community events like this simply wouldn't be possible without local businesses getting behind us — thank you for helping make this what we know will be such a special celebration! ✨

We can't wait to welcome everyone on the day for unlimited bouncing, refreshments, a bar, entertainment and lots of fun as we celebrate 60 amazing years.

👕 SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE 👕

Saturday 6th June - 10-11am.

Sizes from 2 to 12 years.

Everything just £1 each and we can take both cash and card.

Polo T-Shirts, Jumpers, Cardigans, Trousers / shorts / skirts, Pinafore dresses, Checked dresses, PE kit: (T-shirts / Shorts / Sweatshirts / Jogging & tracksuit bottoms)

DONATIONS - Please drop off anything that's getting a little small into the blue donations bin in the bike shed (opposite the school office) at any time. We are particularly in need of small sizes that would fit nursery and reception children. Thank you 😊

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!

"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
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coaching with our amazing
coaches.

• Inductions (last Saturday of
every month).

• Floodlit practice/racing every
week.

• All-female sessions!



ALL RIDERS START BY ...

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
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i [@Royston_Rockets](https://www.instagram.com/Royston_Rockets)
globe [Roystonrockets.co.uk](https://www.roystonrockets.co.uk)

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

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Royston Rockets BMX Racing Club
Burns road | Royston | SG85PT

Little Acorns
Pre-School

SPACES AVAILABLE

FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

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

OPEN DAY
1ST JUNE
BOOKINGS ONLY!

Please contact us for
more information

✉ preschoolmanager@littleacornsroyston.co.uk
☎ 07426 386454



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



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Icknield Walk First School PTA

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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/>