

Royston Weekly



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Wednesday 4th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone! We are delighted to have you all back in school. A big hello to our new starters in Reception Class and the new starters we have throughout school.

I am honoured to be starting as Acting Headteacher of our lovely school having worked here previously as Deputy Headteacher. I know many families will already know me. Please come and say hello in the playground in a morning. We are striving to deliver an exciting knowledge-based curriculum which produces leaders; young people who can work both in a team and independently and crucially opt to 'do the right thing.' This is underpinned by our theological vision, "Go and do likewise".

As we get back into the swing of the school run, please be mindful of parking around the school. Many of our families do walk to school and we continue to encourage as many of you as possible to do this. Please do not use the school carpark this is for staff only. Also, as we start a new year, it is important to remember our values as a community. We want all our children and families to work together to achieve continued success. School gates will now be open on a morning for you to wait at classroom doors. School opens at 8:50am.

Staffing

I am delighted to introduce some new faces to our staff team this academic year; all new members of staff have worked with me previously and bring a great wealth of knowledge and experience. Mrs Brook is a very experienced SENCo and Year One teacher and Miss Bell is an experienced Year 2 teacher with a passion for children's mental health. Mrs Godfree has joined us as a very experienced EYSF leader and early reading lead. She will be leaving us at October half term to start maternity leave; however, before then she will be supporting Miss Hines with our new starters and working with some individual pupils on reading. The last new face to our staffing team is Ms Saynor. Ms Saynor will be teaching Year 1 and Year 4 one day a week. She has a passion for all things PE.

This year we will be working with the support of HCAT as was shared before the school holidays. Mrs Padfield will be working with us St John's. We are delighted to welcome her to the Royston team.

Attendance Matters

There is a link between good school attendance and high-level attainment. As well as missing lessons, arriving late at school can be very unsettling for children. Our gates will open between 8.50am-9.00am where the children will immediately begin their reading/phonics sessions. Attendance and lateness is high on our priorities this year. It is the parent/carers responsibility to report an absence and notify school if your child is not going to be attending and a reason must be provided.

Tour of Britain

School will be open as usual tomorrow during the Bike Race. We will take pupils in Years 5 and 6 to watch the bike race off Vicarage Lane. However, due to health and safety reasons we are unable to take all of school to watch the event. We will celebrate the event in school.

Roads in Royston will be open at collection time and access is available to school all day through the park.

School Uniform and PE Kits

If children in school do not wear correct PE uniform on these days, your child may be asked to wear uniform. Our PE timetable is at the bottom of the newsletter.

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This is the best way to keep up to date with everything happening in our school. You can also follow your child's journey through our class pages too.

[Special Mentions](#)

We are delighted to welcome back parents to our Special mention assemblies. These will start next week. If your child has received a 'Special Mention', you will be informed via ParentPay text message, please ensure you have downloaded the App and your mobile number is up to date. The school is unable to update mobile phone numbers on ParentPay; it is the parents' responsibility.

[Safeguarding](#)

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. We make every effort to provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried, believing they will be effectively listened to.

Please find our safeguarding policy on the school website. The purpose of this policy is to provide staff, volunteers, and governors with the framework they need to keep children safe and secure in our school. The policy also informs parents and carers how we will safeguard their children whilst they are in our care.

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads straight away.

The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leaders at Royston St John the Baptist CE:

Ms Steele

Mr White

Mrs Goodyear

Mrs Brook

Mrs Godfree

Yours sincerely

R.Steele

Acting Headteacher

[PE timetable](#)

Year Group	Day of the Week
Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday