

SUPPORTER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new-look Home-Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire newsletter!

There's always lots happening at Home-Start and, while you may catch some of our updates on social media, we wanted somewhere to bring together our news, stories and some of the lovely things happening across our community. So, pop the kettle on, have a little catch-up with us and find out what we've been up to!

Supporting Families, Your Way.

We recently launched Support Families Your Way, our campaign highlighting the many different ways you can get involved and help us continue to be there for local families.

From making a regular donation, taking part in an event, fundraising or giving your time, there's a way for everyone to get involved, every contribution makes a difference.

We've been so pleased to see people getting involved already. A huge Thank you to everyone who has set up a monthly donation or booked onto one of our events. It really does mean a lot to us.

If you would like to find out more about the reasons behind the campaign and how you can help, please visit our [campaign blog](#).



Treasured Moments at Group

Families at group have been enjoying creating Memory Boxes with their children this term. Inspired by our volunteers, each week families add a new keepsake to their child's box, linked to a theme exploring one of the five senses.

This week focused on the sense of touch, with children creating clay handprints alongside their parents and volunteers. Not only was it a fun sensory activity, but it also created a special memento for families to treasure for years to come.

Meanwhile, parents enjoyed some creative time of their own, using acrylic paints to design colourful canvas signs for their children's bedrooms. Many shared how relaxing and calming they found the session, appreciating the opportunity to unwind, connect with other parents and enjoy some creativity in a supportive environment.

Sessions like these are made possible by the generous donations from organisations such as The Evelyn Trust, and The Brian Racher Trust, thank you for your support.



We've blinked, and our Home Visiting Preparation Course is nearly over! It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming our newest volunteers to their first session. Since then, we've shared many Monday mornings together, learning, listening and building connections.

It has been a pleasure getting to know this fantastic group, and we're incredibly grateful that they have chosen to give their time to support local families. We can't wait to see where their Home-Start journeys take them and the positive difference they will make in the months and years ahead.



Family Corner



Service Update

Following the recent announcement that Home-Start Hertfordshire has made the difficult decision to close, we would like to reassure our community that Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire remains open and continues to support families across SG8 and SG9.

- Referrals remain open
- Home Visiting Support continues
- Family Support Groups continue.

Please contact us for more information or to discuss a referral.



OUT & ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Here's a little look at what we've been up to across our community recently...



Honey, Jackie and Sarah were delighted to be invited along to both Foxton and Fowlmere Primary School's Harvest Festival Assemblies. All the children were engaged and we were so very grateful to all of the families and staff for such generous donations for our families.

We were so pleased to be given the opportunity to run the tearoom at the Orwell Pannier Market at the beginning of October. Our fantastic volunteers did an incredible job representing Home-Start, and we're told the bacon rolls were a particular highlight with visitors!



A huge thank you to Peter and everyone at Royston Arts Society for once again supporting Home-Start at their Autumn Exhibition. We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support and for the generosity of everyone who contributed to the donation bucket.



September saw us say a fond farewell to Jude Simpson after an inspiring decade as our Poet in Residence. We marked the occasion with a special cabaret-themed evening, bringing together performances, memories and plenty of laughter as we celebrated all that Jude has contributed over the years. The event was a fitting way to thank her for her dedication and creativity, while also raising vital funds to support our work with local families



MEET OUR 2027 MARATHON TEAM!



Say hello to Freya and Kayleigh, who are lacing up their trainers for the 2027 TCS London Marathon in support of Home-Start Royston Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire! Follow along as they rack up those miles, fundraise and prepare themselves for race day. We can't wait to cheer them across that finish line. **You've totally got this girls!!**

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Upcoming events

TUES
NOV 03

Literary Lunch with Ursula Buchan
12:15 PM - 02:30 PM
The Old Bull Inn, Royston



FRI
NOV 20

Home-Start's Crackin' Christmas Quiz
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM
Meldreth Village Hall, Meldreth

THU
DEC 03

Christmas Door Decoration Workshop
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Royston Bowling Club, Royston

Book here:
www.hsrsc.org.uk/events

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT THIS CHRISTMAS

If you're considering making a donation this festive season, we'd be so grateful if you chose Home-Start. From 1 December, donations made through our Big Give campaign will be doubled, meaning your generosity can have twice the impact for local families when they need it most.

Quick Ask The Staff...

We are kicking this series off with our
Senior Co-Ordinator Jackie!!



WHAT ARE YOU READING RIGHT NOW?
"There Are Rivers In The Sky - Elif Shafak"



WHICH SONG ALWAYS PUTS YOU IN
A GOOD MOOD?
"Candi Staton - You Got The Love"



PERFECT DAY OFF?
"A day out with my family..
it doesn't matter where."



WHATS YOUR ULTIMATE COMFORT
FOOD?
"A cheese and onion sandwich - on white
bread and cut into triangles"



FINALLY, HONEY BEAR ASKS IF YOU TOOK ME OUT FOR THE DAY,
WHERE WOULD WE GO??
"A nice long dog walk around Anglesey Abbey"



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We look forward to bringing you the next edition in the New Year. In the meantime, keep an eye on our website and social media channels for the latest news, events and opportunities to get involved.

As this is our first newsletter for some time, we'd love to hear what you think. If you have any feedback or suggestions for future editions, please get in touch at admin@hsrsc.org.uk.

