



# Tannery Drift First School

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## THE NOTICEBOARD

Week Commencing:  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

### Monday

- 12.00-12.30 Craft club – Year 4
- 12.00-12.30 Years 3 & 4 Rugby club
- 12.30-1.00 Years 1 & 2 Rugby club
- 3.15-4.00 Art club – Years 1, 2, 3, 4
- 3.15-4.00 Science club – Year 2
- 3.15-4.00 Beginner's Ballet – Years R & 1

### Tuesday

- 3.15-4.15 Football Feet – Years 1, 2, 3, 4  
(Please note earlier collection time)  
Final session for Years 2-4

### Wednesday

- 12.00-12.30 Lego club - Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Uno club - Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Tennis club - Year 3
- 12.30-1.00 Yoga club - Years 1 & 2
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis club - Year 2
- 3.15-4.00 Mindful Colouring - Years 1 & 2

### Thursday

- 12.00-12.30 Music club - Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Tennis club - Year 4
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis club - Year 1

### Friday

- 8.45-10.00 Parent Coffee Morning
- 11.00 Royston Town Band Performance
- 12.00-12.30 Multi-Sports club – Years 3 & 4

### Bounce Beyond for Children in Need

Reception to Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their bounce workshops today. They involved bouncing to music, doing as many bounces as they could in a minute and ended in a dance disco. They had so much fun.



### Little Wiggles



The nursery children had a fabulous time singing, dancing and exploring musical instruments with Nicole from Little



Wiggles yesterday. The hall was filled with huge grins and laughs of excitement throughout the session.

### Open Morning

Our Year 4 pupils were exemplary this week as, once again, they played the part of tour guides to potential new families at our Open Morning. They set a brilliant example of our school ethos and received excellent feedback.

## Library

A message from Mrs McQueen:

We are very pleased to announce that the library is now up and running! Classes are responsible for



running their own library sessions, including the loaning and returning of students'

books and each class has their own scanner.

Teachers will be emphasising the importance of students looking after books to ensure that we can all continue to enjoy access to the amazing range of books we have. Please use the library folders provided to protect the books. Lost or damaged books will need to be replaced.

## Royston Town Band

We are looking forward to welcoming Royston Town Band back to school on Friday 24th November. They will perform and run a workshop for the children.

## Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to build a small team to help with clearing snow and salting pathways, if needed, this winter. Many hands make light work, as they say! If you think you would be able to assist, please let the office know. Thank you for your support.

## Clubs

The last session for all clubs run by school staff will be in the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who give up their time to run these clubs.

The last session for Football Feet is Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November (29<sup>th</sup> November for Year 1), and the final tennis clubs will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

## Parking

A big thank you to all the parents who have followed our requests:

- Please leave the first 10 spaces free in the zone-off zone (the single, slanted spaces in front of the Early Years outdoor area) in the mornings
- Please do not park inside the gates in the afternoons.
- Please park in the drop-off zone only. Allocated parking exists in the staff car-park for staff only.
- If the pedestrian gates are open, please do not walk through the vehicle gate.

## New lunchtime rugby club

On Monday, Royston Town Football Club ran taster sessions for their lunch-time rugby club. The response was fantastic, with lots of children enjoying the opportunity to play rugby. This week we have taken bookings for the club and will have informed you if your child will be able to attend. Due to the popularity of the sport, we hope that we will be able to offer more rugby in the future.

## Johnson Matthey Community Outreach



During December, volunteers from Johnson Matthey will be coming to school to build us a sensory garden. Johnson Matthey are generously donating £500 towards this and have also offered to match-fund the money raised by any parents who volunteer for FTDS and work at Johnson Matthey. If you work for Johnson Matthey and are able to volunteer some of your time for FTDS, please contact the office or the FTDS to ensure that we can make the most of this opportunity.

## Christmas @ Tannery

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Nursery and Reception outfits for Christmas performances**

Children in Early Years should bring their named outfit to school this morning in a named bag. The school photographer will be taking photos of the children in their outfits.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Post Box Opens for Years 1-4**

This is a chance for children to post Christmas cards to their friends if they wish. The post box will be at the office. Please ensure all envelopes are marked clearly with the child's first name, first initial of their surname and class name or year group.

**Children in Early Years:** Instead of sending Christmas cards, parents of children in Ladybirds, Red Robins and Little Tigers are invited to donate the money they would have spent on Christmas cards. This will be used to buy a class present from Father Christmas. Payment can be made on School Gateway, or via the Office.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Reception Dress Rehearsal**

Reception children will have a dress rehearsal in front of Years 1, 2, 3 and 4.

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - School Closed:**

Occasional Day

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Performance, 9.30am**

Ticket letters have been sent out.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Performance, 9.30am**

Ticket letters have been sent out.

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas Songs 9.15am**

All parents welcome – just turn up!

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Costumes: Key Stage 1**

Children in Key Stage 1 should bring their named costumes to school this morning in a named bag. The school photographer will be taking photos of children in their costumes.

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Service for children in Years 1 – 4, 10am**

We are so pleased to be able to celebrate our Christmas Carol Service in the newly refurbished St John the Baptist Church again. We warmly invite parents to join us.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal**

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 Production 2.00pm.**

Ticket letters will be sent out next week.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 Production 2.00pm.**

Ticket letters will be sent out next week.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch Day**

Children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper or t-shirt to help them get into the festive spirit!

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - End of Term**

Term ends at 11.30am

for children in Nursery and at 2pm for children in Years R – 4.

After School

Club is open,

as normal,

on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

## Admissions

Applications for Nursery, Year 5 and Reception are now open and will close on 15th January 2023. All applications must be made online and details are below. If you do not have internet access at home you can use the local library or contact the school office for assistance.

### Applying for a Nursery Place

If you are considering applying for a Nursery place for September 2023, applications are made directly to school. More information and the application form can be found here:

[www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/admissions-information/](http://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/admissions-information/)

### Applying for a Reception Place

Applications for a place in Reception in September 2023 are still made online via Hertfordshire County Council:

[Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

### Applying for a place at Middle School

If you have a child in Year 4 you will need to apply for a Year 5 place for September 2023:

[Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council](#)



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## Christmas Jumper Sale

We are still after donations of good quality, clean festive outfits for our FTDS Christmas Jumper Sale please! Any jumpers, dresses or T-shirts can be placed in our uniform donation bin outside the Year 1 classrooms. We will then start selling these alongside our second hand uniform ready for the festive season. Sale dates to be confirmed.

## Second Hand Uniform

Thank you to everyone who came to our first pop-up second-hand uniform sale last week. We raised over £130! We are hoping to run this at least once per half term. In the meantime if you need any second-hand uniform, please email our uniform team at [ftdsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:ftdsuniform@gmail.com).

We are always grateful for new donations of good quality logo items - please no grey items or polo shirts at the moment. Donations can be dropped into the uniform bin outside the Year 1 classrooms, near the car park.

## Christmas Card Orders

Orders have arrived and will hopefully be coming home in book bags today. If not, then as soon as possible next week, in good time for Christmas card writing!

## Christmas Events

It may still be November, but we're busy behind the scenes preparing for upcoming Christmas events, including Storytime with Santa and our annual Pantomime treat. Watch this space for more information!

## If you are pregnant or a parent/carer of a child under 19, your local family centre would love to meet you

### What does the Family Centre Service offer?

Hertfordshire's Family Centre Service brings together the family support service, health visiting and school nursing, to provide a joined up service for children, young people and their families from pregnancy through to when a child reaches 19, offering a range of activities and services to help them grow and develop.












### Why should you sign up your family?

- By signing up with a family centre you and your child/children can have fun, meet new people and learn together through activities.
- If you need help and support, the family centre will try and give you what you need.
- To give you the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of the family centre and help shape the services on offer.

For more information and to sign up visit [www.hertsfamilycentres.org](http://www.hertsfamilycentres.org)



## Attendance

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	95.3%
Red Robins 	93.7%
Little Tigers 	97.5%
Pelicans 	95.7%
Owls 	95.9%
Red Foxes 	97.5%
Puffins 	95.4%
Badgers 	96.3%
Penguins 	96.8%
Lions 	97.9%
Kingfishers 	98.1%

We want to support your children to make good progress at school and be the best that they can be. Please support us in this by avoiding term time absence and ensuring that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn every day. Thank you.

## SEND Drop-Ins

Chestnut Tree Family Centre, Radburn Way, Letchworth (in the grounds of Garden City Academy) this term:

- 1st December 10-11.30am: SPACE, support for Autism, ADHD & Neurodiverse conditions

SPACE also run an amazing resource lending library for families with children with SEND and both organisations offer advice, courses and networking opportunities.

We're taking part in **ROAD SAFETY WEEK** 



14-20 November 2022

**BECAUSE EVERYONE'S LIFE MATTERS ON ROADS**



Brake is a road safety charity that supports people after road crashes and campaigns for safe and healthy journeys for all.



[www.brake.org.uk/RSW](http://www.brake.org.uk/RSW)



## Dates for your Diary:

DATE	EVENT
<b>November</b>	
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lunch-time Rugby club starts
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Football Feet club Final session for Years 2-4
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning Royston Town Band visit to school Nursery and Reception Christmas performance outfits to be brought in
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Reception photos for Christmas performance Final Football Feet for Year 1 only
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccination catch-up
<b>December</b>	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Occasional Day – school closed
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> / Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity Play 9.30am
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Christmas Songs 9.15am Key Stage 1 Christmas performance outfits to be brought in* Final Tennis club (Years 2 & 3)
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carol Service in St John the Baptist Church (Years 1-4) 10am Final Tennis club (Years 1 & 4)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Christmas performance photographs*
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> / Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance* 9.30am
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch Day Last day for school clubs (not Football and Tennis)
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term 11.30am finish for all Nursery children 2pm finish for Years R – 4

## January

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> First day of term for children and staff

## 2022 – 2023 Term Dates

The dates below are from Hertfordshire County Council for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Please ensure any holidays are booked outside of term dates.

### Spring Term 2023:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Summer Term 2023:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

INSET: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June, Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July

\*Further details to follow

New dates are shown in red.