

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week Commencing:
Monday 12th December 2022



Tannery Drift
First School

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Monday 12th

KS1 Christmas Photos

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 Beginner's Ballet – Years R & 1

Tuesday 13th

9.30 KS1 Christmas performance

Wednesday 14th

Storytime with Santa for all classes

9.30 KS1 Christmas performance

12.00-12.30 Lego club – Years 3 & 4

12.00-12.30 Uno club – Years 3 & 4

12.30-1.00 Yoga club – Years 1 & 2

Thursday 15th

12.00-12.30 Music club – Years 3 & 4

Friday 16th

School Christmas Dinner Day

Monday 19th

FTDS Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime

Class Parties – Year R – 4

Tuesday 20th

Wednesday 21st

Nursery Class Party – Nursery finishes at 11.30am

School Day for Years R – 4 finishes at 2pm

Christmas performances

It was wonderful to welcome so many family members to watch performances by Nursery and Reception children. We hope that they have set the scene for Christmas and put you in the mood for the festive season.



Key Stage 1 photographs

Photographs of Key Stage 1 children in their Christmas outfits will be available to view and purchase towards the end of the week. We will send a ParentMail out to let you know when and where you can look at them.

Clubs

Tennis, Science and Mindfulness Colouring clubs have all finished for this term now. The last session for all other clubs run by school staff will be next week. If your child usually attends Science or Mindfulness please remember to collect them at 3.15pm next week.

Class Christmas parties

Monday 19th December – Years R-4

Wednesday 21st December – Ladybird Class

On the day of their Christmas party, children can come in wearing party clothes for the day. They can bring board games (no electronic items please) and healthy foods to share (no nuts or meat products).



Parking

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

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

Before school

May we remind you that parents are responsible for their children until they go into their classroom. Please do not allow your children to play ball games or use school equipment before school.

Johnson Matthey Community Outreach



We were lucky to have a team of volunteers from Johnson Matthey come to school to help us build our sensory garden this week. This is going to be a space where our children can engage in a range of sensory activities when needed. A massive thank you to all the volunteers who worked incredibly hard in the freezing weather, to Johnson Matthey for the time donated and their monetary donation towards the garden build and to Bury Lane Farm Shop for donating some plants too. Don't forget if you work for Johnson Matthey, we can access match funding for any money raised when you volunteer at FTDS events, please do get in touch if you can help us with raising more money for school this way.

Library books

We hope that you have enjoyed sharing books from the library with your child. Please ensure that all library books are returned before the end of term.



Goodbye and good luck

Vanessa Lobbezoo has been an incredible member of our team and has turned her hand to most roles within the school! I am sure you will all join us in wishing her well for her new job at Trinity Hall College, Cambridge in January.



Christmas @ Tannery

Tuesday 13th December - Key Stage 1 production of All Around the Christmas Tree, 9.30am

Wednesday 14th December - Key Stage 1 production of All Around the Christmas Tree - 9.30am

Wednesday 14th December – Storytime with Santa

Please see FTDS page for more information.

Friday 16th 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!

Monday 19th December –

Jack and the Beanstalk Panto

Please see the FTDS page for more information.

Monday 19th December –

Class parties, Years R-4.

On the day of their Christmas party, children can come in wearing party clothes for the day. They can bring board games (no electronic items please) and healthy foods to share (no nuts or meat products).

Wednesday 21st December - Ladybird class party

Wednesday 21st 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.



Christmas Carols & Winter Wonderland

On Thursday morning Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 walked to St. John the Baptist church for a Christmas Carol service.

The children sang beautifully and the Year 4 children did a wonderful job with their readings.

It is quite a task walking so many children into town, we couldn't have done it without the many parent and carer volunteers who helped, thank you all for giving your time.

Thank you also to Reverend Heidi for leading the service and welcoming us to the newly refurbished church.



On the way back to school there was a treat in store for the children, courtesy of Royston Fire Station.

The firefighters opened up their Winter Wonderland for the children. The children met some elves, walked through the snow and met Father Christmas!

We are fortunate to have such lovely neighbours and are very grateful to everyone at Royston Fire Station for this brilliant experience.



Friends of Tannery Drift

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Christmas Jumper Sale

Last chance for donations if you have any good quality, clean festive outfits that you are willing to donate for our FTDS Christmas Jumper Sale. Thank you to those who have already donated! Any jumpers, dresses or T-shirts can be placed in our uniform donation bin outside the Year 1 classrooms, and we will continue to sell these online through the Tannery Parents Facebook page.

We are also now planning to sell second hand welly boots for very reasonable prices alongside our uniform sales. Please place any clean welly boot donations in the uniform donation bin outside the Year 1 classrooms. Thank you!

FTDS Christmas Fun

Storytime with Santa – Wednesday 14th December, during school hours.

All children will get to experience Storytime with Santa and receive a present too!

Pantomime – Monday 19th December, during school hours.

FTDS are very excited to be able to fund Divergent Drama to put on two shows of Jack and the Beanstalk in the School Hall.

Sponsored Santa Dash

Friday 9th December

Hopefully all our staff and students had a great time today in our annual sponsored Santa Dash! It's not too late to make a donation if you are able to. Please click [here](#), or on the toy soldiers to access our fundraising page. All sponsorship money enables us to purchase equipment and experiences that would not otherwise be funded.



Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

Please sign up if you haven't already and use these websites for your Christmas shopping as FTDS can get a percentage donation on your purchases. Just click [here](#) for Easyfundraising, and [here](#) for Amazon Smile. Tell your friends and family too!

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/

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 Year 5 Place

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](#)

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	94.5%
Red Robins 	93.1%
Little Tigers 	97.4%
Pelicans 	94.8%
Owls 	95.3%
Red Foxes 	96.9%
Puffins 	94.9%
Badgers 	94.9%
Penguins 	96.3%
Lions 	97.6%
Kingfishers 	97.1%

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.

Please remember to contact the school every day that your child is absent. You can leave a voice message or use the ParentMail app.

Dates for your Diary:

DATE EVENT

December

Mon 12th Key Stage 1 Christmas performance
photographs

Tues 13th/ Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

Weds 14th 9.30am

FTDS Storytime with Santa

Fri 16th Christmas Dinner Day

Mon 19th FTDS Jack and the Beanstalk Panto

Class parties for Years R - 4

Weds 21st Last day of term

Ladybird Class Party

11.30am finish for all Nursery
children

2pm finish for Years R - 4

January

Thurs 5th 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 5th January 2023 to Friday 10th

February 2023

Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 31st

March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

Monday 17th April 2023 to Friday 26th May
2023

Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023

INSET: Mon 5th June, Fri 21st July

