

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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

## Monday

- 12pm – 12.30 Key Stage 2 Hockey Club
- 12pm – 12.30 Colouring Club (Years 3 & 4)
- 12.30 – 1pm Key Stage 1 Hockey Club
- 12.30 – 1pm Yoga Club (Years 1 & 2)
- 3.15 – 4pm Science Club (Year 2)
- 3.15 – 4pm Makaton (Years 3 & 4)
- 3.15 – 4pm Beginner's Ballet (Years R & 1)

## Tuesday

- Piano, Recorder and Violin lessons
- Individual, family and group photos
- 3.15 – 4.25 Football Feet Club (Year R-4)

## Wednesday

- National Poetry Day workshops for Year 1
- 12.00 – 12.30 Tennis Club – Year 3
- 12.00 – 12.30 Construction (Years 2 & 3)
- 12.30 – 1.00 Lego (Years 1 & 2) (note new time)
- 12.00 – 12.30 Sketch Club (Years 3 & 4)
- 12.30 – 1.00 Tennis Club – Year 2

## Thursday

- 12.00 – 12.30 Tennis Club – Year 4
- 12.00 – 12.30 TT Rockstars (Years 3 & 4)
- 12.00 – 12.30 Music Club (Years 3 & 4)
- 12.00 – 12.30 Coding Club (Year 2)
- 12.30 – 1.00 Tennis Club – Year 1

## Friday

- 9.15am Red Fox Class Assembly
- 9.15am in the hall –  
parents and carers welcome
- 9.30am Year 1 Football Festival at KJAR

## Buddies

The children often tell us that one of the highlights of being in Year 4 is having a buddy in Reception! This week the children met their buddies and spent time with them. Our buddy system helps the Reception children to settle in, and offers them a friendly face to look up to in the playground. For the Year 4s it is a chance to be a supportive and helpful friend.

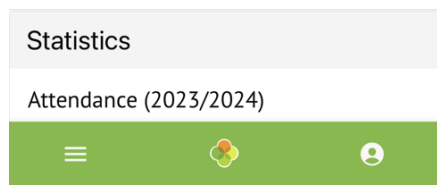


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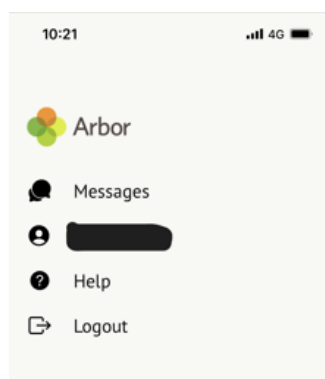
Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

## In App messages

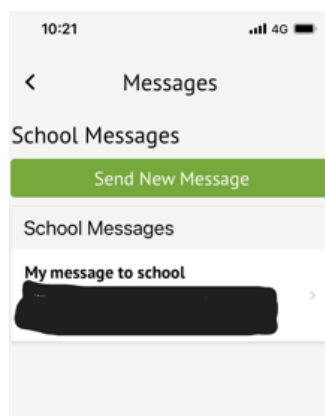
A reminder that we no longer use ParentMail, and ask that you report your child's absence using In App Messaging in Arbor. Here's how to do it:



1. Click on the little person in the circle



2. Click on Messages



3. Send new message

## Watches

A reminder that only small watches for telling the time are permitted in school. Please do not allow your child to wear large watches with games, recording facilities or cameras. Thank you.

## Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner recently launched The Big Ambition, a new campaign to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5.

The survey can be completed here:

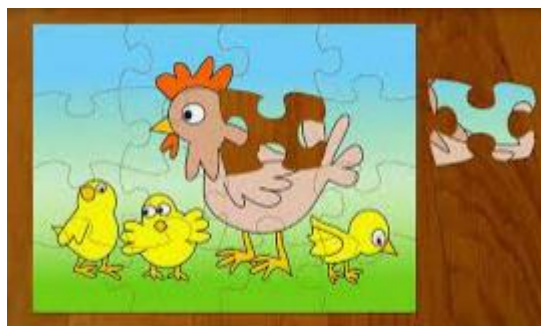
[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

## Clubs

Now that clubs are well underway, we hope that you child is enjoying the clubs that they have chosen. Just a reminder that unfortunately we are unable to offer refunds for Tennis club if your child decides that they no longer want to attend. We do ask that you let the office know if this is the case, as otherwise we will encourage the children to attend each week.

Advance notice: On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Makaton and Ballet club will be cancelled as Miss Seymour and Miss McNeill have a meeting off-site.

## Puzzles for Early Years



The Early Years team would be very grateful for donations of age-appropriate puzzles.

## Learning

In their Music lessons, the Year 4s have been writing their own rhythms using claves and boomwhackers.



## Sunny playtimes

We are so lucky to have a big field here at Tannery Drift, and the children have been enjoying the September sunshine at break time and lunchtime. As well as the lunchtime clubs on offer, there are toys and balls to play with, tyres and equipment to climb on, and shady spots to relax in with friends.

## Parent helpers

As the term progresses, sporting events and trips become more frequent. These provide excellent opportunities for the children to learn outside of the school environment. We are very grateful to parents who are able to support us by accompanying the children, because without the right number of adults we would not be able to go. We do appreciate that this can be difficult to juggle alongside work, and often the short notice given is totally beyond our control. A big thank you in advance for any trips that you are able to help with this year.

## Our wonderful children

This term we have welcomed a new member of staff to our peripatetic music teaching team. Mr Lavelle teaches brass to children in school, and commented upon the politeness of the children at Tannery Drift on his first visit. He said it wasn't just the musicians he was teaching, but all the children he met during the day. We know that our children are wonderful, but it is always nice when visitors comment upon it too!







### Hockey club

Run by sports coaches from Royston Town Football club, this is a popular lunch-time club, available to children in Years 1-4. The children develop specific hockey skills, whilst improving their fitness and teamwork.



### Attendance

We urge you not to take your child out of school for holidays; these absences are always unauthorised – even when tagged on to the start and end of term - and could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued for non-attendance.

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 🐞	97.4%
Red Robins 🐦	97.1%
Little Tigers 🐯	96.8%
Pelicans 🕊	96.4%
Owls 🦉	96.8%
Red Foxes 🦊	99.1%
Puffins 🐧	96.8%
Badgers 🦡	97.9%
Penguins 🐧	95.3%
Lions 🦁	94.4%
Kingfishers 🐟	98.5%

### Children's story time on Mondays 4-4.30pm in the Folio Lounge at Bow Books in Royston.

The next story time is on 2nd October, then on 9th and 16th October.

The story time events are suitable for 5-8 year olds. Zoe will be reading a different book each week, then exploring the story and characters through drama, art or music.

It is a free event but please book in advance with Zoe: ZATHORNE@GMAIL.COM or 01763 793279.

## Friends of Tannery Drift School



[friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com)

Registered Charity: 291369

### Cake Sale and Second-hand Uniform Sale – TODAY

Please join us after school today for a cake sale on the playground. We ask that you leave a cash donation for FTDS.

Second hand uniform will also be available to purchase. Card payments also accepted.



### Pop-up Dress-up Sale – Friday 13th October, after school

We are hoping to hold a pop-up dress-up event after school to sell second-hand childrens' fancy dress costumes and festive outfits. We would be very grateful for donations of clean, good quality dressing up costumes, particularly those suitable for Halloween, and festive clothing such as Christmas jumpers. Please leave donations in the FTDS uniform donation bin located near the car park and Year 1 classrooms BY MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER. Thank you!

### Christmas Cards – advance notice!

FTDS will be organising Christmas cards again this year that will feature your child's own design, with a variety of packs available to purchase. To help families budget, we wanted to let you know that we expect online orders to open at some point in the first two weeks of November. Watch this space for pricing and dates.



### IT Help Needed

We are looking for someone to help re-design our website. If you, or anyone you know, would be willing to volunteer some time on this, then please get in touch. We would be very grateful.



## 2023 – 2024 Term Dates

The dates below are from Hertfordshire County Council for 2023 – 2024 school year. Please ensure any holidays are booked outside of term dates.

### Autumn Term 2023

Half Term: 23rd October – 27th October 2023

To end on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 2pm

Occasional Day: Friday 1st December 2023

### Spring Term 2024

To begin on Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: 19th February – 23rd February 2024

To end on Thursday 28th March 2024 at 2pm

INSET Days: Thursday 4th January and Friday 5th January 2024

### Summer Term 2024

To begin on Monday 15th April 2024

Half Term: 27th May – 31st May 2024

To end on Friday 19th July 2024 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2024

## NATIONAL BOOKSHOP DAY

**Saturday 14th October at 11am and 12 noon**

Young children are invited to the official launch of

### Detective Buster Cuffs Catching the Treat Snatcher



Reading session with  
a retired policeman Jon  
Signing with the author  
Liana Somerset

**Age range: 4-8 years old**

ALL CHILDREN TO BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT

#### COMPLIMENTARY GIFTS FOR EVERY CHILD ATTENDING:



PLEASE BOOK YOUR PREFERRED TIME VIA THE BOOKSHOP

**Bow Books**

Phone: 01763 793 279

Email: [enquiries@bow-books.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bow-books.co.uk)

6 Angel Pavement, Royston SG8 9AS

**WOMEN'S FA CUP**

**Royston Town vs St Albans City**

**Sunday 1st October 2023, 2pm kick off**

**Garden Walk, Royston**

Show this ticket to gain entry

## Dates for your Diary:

### October

<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Individual and family photographs
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Red Fox Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall – parents welcome
<b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup></b>	EY Parent Information Evening* at 6pm
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 4 Football Festival at KJAR
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Penguin Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall – parents welcome FTDS Pop-up dress-up sale 3.15pm
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Consultations*
<b>Weds 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Morning for Year 4 children at KJAR
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Consultations*
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Lion Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall – parents welcome Half-term begins
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Half-term ends
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Children return to school Arts Week
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Open Morning for new Early Years Parents and Carers (Nursery and Reception)* 9.30 – 11am

### November

<b>Weds 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Drama 4 All workshop for Years R-4
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Puffin Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall – parents and carers welcome
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Classrooms and Art Gallery* 3.15pm
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Morning for new Early Years Parents (Nursery and Reception)* 9.30 – 11am

### December

<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Occasional Day – school closed
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> /</b>	Reception Christmas Show*
<b>Weds 6<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am
<b>Thur 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Nursery Christmas Songs* 9.30am
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> /</b>	KS1 Christmas Show*
<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Service in Royston Parish Church 1.30pm
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Dinner Day*
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	End of term 2pm

\* More details to follow