

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:
Monday 30th October



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Monday

Arts Week

- 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

- 9.30 – 11.00 Open Morning for new Nursery and Reception parents
- 3.15 – 4.25 Football Feet Club (Year R-4)

Wednesday

- Drama for All Workshops (Years R – 4)
- 12.00 – 12.30 Tennis Club – Year 3
- 12.00 – 12.30 Construction (Years 2 & 3)
- 12.30 – 1.00 Lego (Years 1 & 2)
- 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

New PE Timetable

Please send your child in their PE kit on the following days:

- Nursery: Tuesday and Friday
- Reception: Friday
- Year 1: Friday
- Year 2: Monday and Tuesday
- Year 3: Monday and Tuesday
- Year 4: Wednesday and Thursday



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Year 2 Football Festival



12 children in Year 2 attended a Football Festival at St Edmunds Prep School. This involved tournaments against other schools as well as some football activity games. Despite the rain, 6 of the children won medals for first place. Well done Tannery Lions team! All of the 12 children played extremely well and really enjoyed themselves.



Nursery Rhyme Week

In the week beginning 13th November, children in Early Years and Y1 will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. This will include children learning and performing traditional nursery rhymes as well as an opportunity for parents to come in and join a nursery rhyme session.

More details to follow after half term.



Mrs Wells' Charity Run

Mrs Wells is running the Knebworth Half Marathon on 5th November for a little girl who is in Reception at Studlands Rise who has been diagnosed with Leukaemia. We wish her the very best of luck with her training and for the event.

If you would like to sponsor Mrs Wells, you can do so [here](#).

Charity Appeals

Next term we will be launching our Poppy Appeal and will also be selling Children in Need badges and bracelets. Watch this space for more information.



Absences

Like all other schools, we are required to monitor your child's absences closely. Whatever the reason for not being in school, it counts towards their overall absence. We are required to contact families whose child's attendance is below 90%, so after half-term you will be receiving a letter if this applies to you. You can see your child's attendance in the Arbor app.

Brass Instrument Demonstration












Today a demonstration was presented to children in Key Stage 2. If your child is interested in learning to play a brass instrument, details regarding costs and how to apply for lessons are available on the Hertfordshire Music Service website.

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

If you would like further information regarding obtaining an instrument, please contact Mr Lavelle on john.lavelle@hertsmusicservice.org.uk providing your child's name, school and which instrument they are interested in playing.

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 	95.4%
Red Robins 	97.3%
Little Tigers 	96.4%
Pelicans 	95.9%
Owls 	97.3%
Red Foxes 	99.0%
Puffins 	96.6%
Badgers 	98.5%
Penguins 	96.6%
Lions 	94.5%
Kingfishers 	98.8%



Dates for your Diary:

October

Mon 30th Children return to school
Arts Week

Tues 31st Open Morning for new Early Years
Parents and Carers (Nursery and
Reception)
9.30 – 11am

November

Weds 1st Drama 4 All workshop for Years R-4

Fri 10th Puffin Class Assembly
9.15am in the hall – parents and carers
welcome
Royston Town Councillors to visit
School Council

Mon 13th– Nursery Rhyme Week

Fri 17th (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)

Tues 14th Open Classrooms and Art Gallery*
3.15pm
Reception – Year 4

Thurs 16th Open Morning for new Early Years
Parents (Nursery and Reception)
9.30 – 11am

December

Fri 1st Occasional Day – school closed

Tues 5th / Reception Christmas Show*

Weds 6th 9.30am

Thur 7th Nursery Christmas Songs*
9.30am

Tues 12th/ KS1 Christmas Show*

Weds 13th 9.30am

Thurs 14th Christmas Service in Royston Parish
Church
1.30pm

Fri 15th Christmas Dinner Day*

Wed 20th End of term 2pm

* More details to follow

Why not visit the library this half-term?

My First Library Adventure is for every child
who has started Reception this September!

There is just half-term left for you to visit any
Hertfordshire Library for a chance for your
child to win a special visit from Alex Willmore
the award-winning author/illustrator of 'I did
see a Mammoth' and 'Spyceratops' for their
whole class. There are 50 books signed to be
won as well.

These very special bookmarks will have come
home from school, so don't forget to bring
yours with you before the 1st November!
You don't have to be in Reception to pay a
visit to the library and borrow a book to
enjoy.



Friends of Tannery Drift School



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Registered Charity: 291369

Dress-up Pop-up Event

Thank you to everyone who attended, and helped at, our fundraising event last Friday. We raised around £170! We are pleased to announce that Mia Mae from Ladybirds is the winner of the Guess the Sweets in the Jar competition with her guess of 125 sweets – just one away from the actual number of 124. Well done Mia Mae and thanks to all who joined in with the game.

Faux Wreath Making Workshop

Wednesday 29th November

7.30-9.30pm, School Hall

Bookings are now open for our evening wreath making workshop! Please see the attached poster. Tickets cost £40 and include all materials, and snacks. Please bring your own drinks – alcohol is permitted. Spaces are limited and sold on a first come first served basis. To book your place, please complete this [Google form](#). We will confirm by email if your place is secured and provide payment details. Please note this is an adult only event.



Second-hand Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has donated second-hand uniform over the last few months. Our stock levels are now high, so we are not currently accepting any further donations of greys or whites. Please continue to donate logo jumpers/cardigans and PE kit (particularly larger sizes) in the uniform bin. Please do not donate any non-logo navy jumpers, or socks/tights/vests as we are unable to sell these. If you require any uniform, please contact ftdsuniform@gmail.com.



Christmas Cards

All artwork has now been completed and sent off, and we hope to send order forms home shortly after half term. Packs of 12 cards will be £5.60, and mugs will be £6.40 each. Coasters, gift tags and value packs will also be available to purchase.

2023 – 2024 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

2024 – 2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

To begin on Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half Term: 28th October – 1st November 2024

To end on Friday 20th December 2024

Occasional Day: Friday 6th December 2024

INSET Days: Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Spring Term 2025

To begin on Tuesday 7th January 2025

Half Term: 17th February – 21st February 2025

To end on Friday 4th April 2025 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 6th January

Summer Term 2025

To begin on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Half Term: 26th May – 30th May 2025

To end on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 2nd June and Wednesday 23rd July 2025



FREE Half Term Family Workshops



Autumn Explorers

Help your child (aged 5-10) develop Literacy, Maths and other skills through making crafts with natural materials.

Waltham Cross
Tue 24th Oct
10am-12pm

Stevenage
Thu 26th Oct
10am-12pm

Story Sacks

Discover how to use 'found' materials to create a story sack/box with your child (aged 4-8).

Waltham Cross
Tue 24th Oct
1.30-3.30pm

Stevenage
Thu 26th Oct
1.30-3.30pm

Book your place: step2skills.org.uk ☎ 01992 556194



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