

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:
Monday 6th November



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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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
3.15 – 4.25 Football Feet Club (Year R-4)

Wednesday

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

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

Open Morning for prospective parents

On Tuesday we welcomed new families to Tannery Drift. They were taken around the school by children from Year 4, who did a wonderful job as tour guides, answering questions and sharing their knowledge of our school. Our next Open Morning is on Thursday 16th November.

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, during the period of Remembrance. A selection of Poppy products are available from the School Office:

Zip Pull - £1
Reflector - £1
Silicon Wristband - £1
Snap Band - £1.50



Suggested donations only. Please bring exact change.



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Open Classrooms and Art Gallery

Tuesday 14th November: 3.15pm – 3.45pm

We would like to welcome parents of children in Years R-4 to join us for Open Classrooms. This is an informal opportunity to pop into school to see your child's work and learning environment.

We would also like to invite parents of children in Nursery to Year 4 to our Art Gallery, which will be held in the hall on the same afternoon.

For parents of children attending After School Club, the gallery will be open until 5.50pm. Please enter and exit via the After School Club door.

Nursery Rhyme Week



In the week beginning 13th November, children in Early Years and Y1 will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. We would like to invite the parents and carers of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to join their children in singing favourite nursery rhymes in their classrooms at 2.45pm on Thursday 16th November.

Mrs Wells' Charity Run

Good luck to Mrs Wells, who is running the Hertfordshire Half Marathon on Sunday. She is raising money for a little girl in the Reception class at Studlands Rise who has been diagnosed with Leukaemia. We wish her the very best of luck for the event. We know that a number of parents are also taking part in the event, and wish you all well.

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

Admissions

Applications for Nursery, Year 5 and Reception are now open and will close on **15th January 2024**. 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 2024, applications are made directly to school. More information and the application form can be found [here](#):

Applying for a Reception Place

Applications for a place in Reception in September 2024 are 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 2024:

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

Arts Week 2023

Inspired by the work of Pierre-Auguste Renoir, the children have been taking part in art, drama, music and dance activities.



We created freeze frames focusing on facial expressions.



We wrote speech bubbles, thinking about what might have been said.



We composed music to create a mood or emotion, just like impressionistic composers did.














We used flicks to create a layered effect with charcoal.



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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 	95.5%
Red Robins 	97.1%
Little Tigers 	95.8%
Pelicans 	96.2%
Owls 	96.9%
Red Foxes 	98.6%
Puffins 	96.6%
Badgers 	97.9%
Penguins 	97.0%
Lions 	94.6%
Kingfishers 	98.5%

Dates for your Diary:

November

Fri 10th	Puffin Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall – parents and carers welcome Royston Town Councillors to visit School Council
Mon 13th– Fri 17th	Nursery Rhyme Week (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) 9.30am – 11am
Thurs 16th	Parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 invited to join their child to sing nursery rhymes 2.45pm
Fri 24th	FTDS Festive film night*
Mon 27th	Second-hand uniform and Christmas jumper pop-up sale* After school
Weds 29th	FTDS Faux wreath making workshop 7.30pm–9.30pm in the hall

December

Fri 1st	Occasional Day – school closed
Tues 5th / Weds 6th	Reception Christmas Show* 9.30am
Thur 7th	Nursery Christmas Songs* 9.30am
Tues 12th / Weds 13th	KS1 Christmas Show* 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

Friends of Tannery Drift School



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Registered Charity: 291369



Faux Wreath Making Workshop – Wednesday 29th November, 7.30-9.30pm, School Hall

Bookings are open for our evening wreath making workshop! Tickets cost £40 and include all materials, and snacks. Please bring your own drinks – alcohol is permitted. We have some spaces left, but 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.

Christmas Card Orders

You should now have received a copy of your child's artwork and order form for Christmas cards. Coasters, mugs, gift tags and value packs are also available to purchase – please see the order form for a link to the online shop. The deadline for orders is 12th November. Please email us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com if you have not received, or have misplaced, your child's design.

Festive Film Night

Friday 24th November, evening

Save the date for a family Christmas film in the school hall! Watch this space, and posters, for full details coming soon.

Second-hand Uniform and Christmas Jumper Pop-up Sale

Monday 27th November, after school

We are also hoping to run another second-hand uniform and Christmas jumper sale after school on Monday 27th. Watch this space for more information.

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



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