

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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

## Monday

## Tuesday

Piano, Recorder and Violin lessons begin  
Football Feet Club after school (Year 1-4)

## Wednesday

12.00 – 12.30 Tennis club – Year 3  
12.30 – 1.00 Tennis club – Year 2  
All Reception children in for their usual hours

## Thursday

12.00 – 12.30 Tennis club – Year 4  
12.30 – 1.00 Tennis club – Year 1  
All Nursery children in for their usual hours

## Friday

Welcome to a new academic year at Tannery Drift. Warm greetings to all the new families who are joining the school community. We hope that your child will flourish under our care and that you will enjoy your association with our school. The staff have been busy preparing for their new classes and it has been wonderful to see what a positive start the children have made.

The Early Years team is looking forward to completing their staggered start this week, with our new Reception children joining us in their usual pattern of attendance from Wednesday, and the new Nursery children from Thursday.

## PE Days

As you will see in your Year Group newsletters, which will be sent out early next week, the children should wear their PE kit to school ready for their PE lesson on the following days:

**Reception** – Friday

**Year 1** – Friday

**Year 2** – Monday & Tuesday

**Year 3** – Tuesday & Wednesday

**Year 4** – Wednesday & Thursday



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## Music Lessons

Music lessons start again next week. If you signed your child up for Piano, Recorder or Violin lessons with Mrs Craven, you will have received an Arbor email from the school office to confirm their lessons. All other instrumental lessons are arranged directly by Herts Music Service (HMS) and they should be in touch directly with you.

Please be reminded that all children must have their own named instrument and bring them to their lessons, with the obvious exception of Piano.



## Snacks and Lunch

Please be reminded that we are a strictly **NO NUTS** School. With a number of children suffering severe reactions it is extremely important that you do not send your child in with any snacks or lunch items containing nuts, which are often found in pesto, granola bars and chocolate spread, such as Nutella. Please remember to order your child's lunch on School Grid. We do recommend ordering up until the end of term, as we are not able to provide spare lunches.

## Clubs

The team is busy coordinating school-run clubs for this term. You should have received an email through Arbor with details of clubs available for children in Years R – 4.

Next week sees the start of KS1 & KS2 Tennis Club with Matt Fellingham (MF Tennis), and football club with Kenny Blair.

## Football Feet

If your child is in Year 1 -4 and would like to try Football Feet on a Tuesday from 3.15pm – 4.25pm, please email Kenny Blair: [footballfeetkb@gmail.com](mailto:footballfeetkb@gmail.com).



## Hockey

Royston Town Football Club will be running a free hockey club at school on a Monday lunchtime for children in Years 1-4. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September is a taster session, when all children are welcome to try it, before deciding whether they would like to start the club on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## RAAC – a message from Hertfordshire County Council

You may well have seen in the news that some schools have been affected by the presence of RAAC in their buildings. RAAC, or Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete, is a lightweight form of concrete which was used in the past in schools and other building construction.

I wanted to write to reassure that buildings on our school site which were constructed within the period of 1959 and 1989, which is when RAAC was most used, have already been surveyed by building surveyors appointed by the County Council and no RAAC was found. However, the Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach, increasing the age bracket from 1950 to 1995. Therefore to guard against any possibility, however remote, that RAAC was used in any part of the school within those new dates, the County Council is arranging to have additional reassurance checks carried out in the near future. We have no reason to believe RAAC was used in this school, but nonetheless a survey is taking place to confirm this.



## Could your child be a Team GB Mascot?

We have lots of sporty children here at Tannery Drift – why not nominate one of them to be a Team GB Mini Mascot? Team GB are searching for five children aged 5-11 who will get an extraordinary opportunity to be part of Team GB's journey to the Paris Olympics in 2024.

To nominate a child, click on:

[TeamGB.com/mascot](https://TeamGB.com/mascot)



## Contacting the school

If you wish to report your child's absence due to illness, please do so using In App Messaging in Arbor or leave a voicemail message (01763 246549). Please don't use ParentMail any more.

If you wish to inform us of a change in pick-up arrangements, please email [admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk)

If you wish to contact After School Club between 3.15-6pm, please telephone the school office but select option 4.

If you require a form to give permission for us to administer medication, or an absence request form (not required for medical appointments) these are available on the school website:  
<https://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Forms&pid=70>. Please bring all medication to the office.

For all other queries, please email [admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk)

## Apps

Arbor – communications and payment  
School Grid – for ordering meals in advance  
Tapestry – Early Years and Year 1 only



## Wrap Around Care

Thank you for your patience while we roll-out our new system for paying for Wrap Around Care. A reminder that 4 weeks' notice is required to make changes to your booking.

We ask that you check your bookings are correct and make payment in advance on the Arbor app.

A reminder that the children should not bring their own snacks to After School Club as food is provided.



## Year group meetings for Years 1-4

A little advance warning:

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**6-6.30pm or 6.30-7pm**

Parents and carers of children in Years 1 to 4 are invited to year group meetings. Each year group will hold two meetings, one at 6pm and one at 6.30pm. Parents may attend either time as the presentations will be the same. Teachers in each year group will talk through the routine for the school day, focus for learning across key subjects, home learning and key messages for parents. Meeting presentations will be published on the class pages of the website later in the week.

## Spare clothes

Accidents happen and we are always grateful for donations of underwear and socks for children to wear home in case of such an event – including slightly larger sizes for a little further up the school.

## Friends of Tannery Drift School



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Welcome back to the new school year, and a warm welcome to new parents and carers who have just joined the school community! We look forward to another exciting year of fun events and activities for the children, and your ongoing support for FTDS. A massive thank you to all of those who supported us last year and helped make our fundraising so successful.

## Annual General Meeting –

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm,  
Enrichment Room**

Please come and join us for our AGM to find out more about what we do. We are particularly keen to find a Joint Secretary to help with the administrative side of FTDS. There are also opportunities to get involved without having to become a Committee member. Please email us (address above) if you'd like to find out more. There will be tea and biscuits and a friendly welcome!



## Dates for your Diary:

DATE	EVENT
<b>September</b>	
<b>Tue 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Drama workshops for Years 1-4 Year Group Meetings for parents of children in Years 1-4* 6-6.30pm and 6.30-7pm
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Drama workshops for Years 1-4 FTDS AGM 7.30pm in the Enrichment Room
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Kingfisher Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall – parents welcome
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Badger Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall – parents welcome FTDS cake sale*
<b>October</b>	
<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* 6pm
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Penguin Class Assembly 9.15am in the hall – parents welcome
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Consultations*
<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
<b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Open Morning for new Early Years Parents (Nursery and Reception)* 9.30 – 11am
<b>November</b>	
<b>Weds 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Drama 4 All workshop Years R-4
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Puffin Class Assembly
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Open Classrooms and Art Gallery* 3.15pm

## 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>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Dinner Day*
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	End of term 2pm

\* More details to follow

## 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

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

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

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



## AUTISM & ADHD SUPPORT

for parents/carers of children with  
ADHD and/or on the Autistic Spectrum

Angels provide individualised, professional expertise and advice for the families of autistic children and children with ADHD (and those awaiting diagnosis). Come along to our meetings to chat with other parents, share ideas and experiences and gain information, advice and strategies.

### We provide:

- Parent support group meetings and workshops in Stevenage, Letchworth and Online.
- Online evening support group meetings
- One-to-one service to support you in a personalised way with any issue around your child/young person's conditions, including support with meetings and forms.
- A private moderated Facebook group just for members.

Scan the QR code and complete our  
online membership form to access our  
FREE support.



### Note for Professionals:

If you are a professional working with families and would like to learn more about Angels, then please contact The Angels Team on [info@angelssupportgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@angelssupportgroup.org.uk)

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# SEND Drop-Ins

**Our Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Drop-in sessions are running in different areas across Stevenage & North Hertfordshire**

These sessions will provide you with an opportunity to attend a stay and play with your child in a safe environment while you:

- Access support from the Family Centre SEND Champions
- Meet with other families
- Meet providers from local SEND support groups
- Access up to date information & support
- Discuss any concerns you may have with our friendly team

These sessions are taking place monthly in accessible venues in:

- Stevenage
- Hitchin
- Letchworth
- Royston

Please scan our QR code to visit the website for dates and times of the SEND Drop-Ins sessions, or if you would like additional information, please call 0300 123 7572.

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION



[hertsfamilycentres.org](http://hertsfamilycentres.org)



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