

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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

## Monday

World Nursery Rhyme 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

3.15 – 4.15 Football Feet Club (Year R-4)  
(Please note new finish time)

3.15 – 3.45 Open Classrooms (Years R – 4)  
Art Gallery in the Hall (All years)

## 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

9.30 – 11am Early Years Open Morning for  
prospective parents

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

Children in Need

Visit from GB Basketball Chris Tawiah

## Tesco Stronger Starts award winners!



We are delighted to announce that following the Tesco Stronger Starts vote in our local Tesco stores, Tannery Drift's Sensory Garden project has been chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant award of **£1,500.00!**

Thank you to everyone who voted. We can't wait to get started on the project.



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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.

### Mrs Wells' Charity Run



A huge congratulations to Mrs Wells on completing the Hertfordshire Half Marathon at Knebworth House on Sunday.

"I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me and supported the little girl and her family. I know they hugely appreciate everyone's kindness. I am delighted to be able to give them more than £2500 which is so much more than I ever imagined. Thanks again!"

### Children in Need

Friday 17th November is Children in Need day.



Pudsey items will be on sale in the office from today. We have Pudsey wrist bands, silver Pudsey pin badges, Juggling Pudsey pin badges and Hula Hooping Blush pin badges. Suggested donation £1. Please bring correct change.

On Friday, we will be visited by GB Basketballer Chris Tawiah. He will lead an inspirational assembly and then fitness circuits for each class for children in Years R - Year 4.

Children should come to school in their PE kits. If they would like to wear yellow or spots for Children in Need they can – but this is not compulsory. If children in Nursery would also like to wear yellow or spots, they are very welcome to.

If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need via our school Parent Pay portal, please click [here](#).

## World Nursery Rhyme Week



This week, children in Early Years and Year 1 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 16<sup>th</sup> November.

### New timings for Key Stage 1 Christmas performances

This year we have decided to split the Key Stage 1 Christmas performances into year groups. We hope this will give more parents and carers the opportunity to come and see the show, as we have had to limit numbers in previous years due to the number of children in the KS1.

Year 1 Christmas Performances will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm.  
Year 2 Christmas Performances will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

Information regarding tickets will be sent out soon.

## 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](#)

## 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 	96.9%
Little Tigers 	95.9%
Pelicans 	96.2%
Owls 	96.1%
Red Foxes 	98.5%
Puffins 	96.8%
Badgers 	97.8%
Penguins 	97.0%
Lions 	94.5%
Kingfishers 	98.7%

## Dates for your Diary:

### November

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup>–** Nursery Rhyme Week  
**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** (Nursery, Reception and Year 1)  
**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** Open Classrooms and Art Gallery  
 3.15pm  
 Reception – Year 4  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** Open Morning for new Early Years  
 Parents (Nursery and Reception)  
 9.30am – 11am  
**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** Parents of children in Nursery,  
 Reception and Year 1 invited to join  
 their child to sing nursery rhymes  
 2.45pm

~~**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** FTDS film night cancelled~~

- Mon 27<sup>th</sup>** Second-hand uniform and Christmas  
 jumper pop-up sale\*  
 After school

- Weds 29<sup>th</sup>** FTDS Faux wreath making workshop  
 7.30pm-9.30pm in the hall

### December

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** Occasional Day – school closed

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Flu vaccinations

- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> /** Reception Christmas Show\*

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am

- Thur 7<sup>th</sup>** Nursery Christmas Songs\*  
 9.30am

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** FTDS Mini Christmas Fair (tbc)

- Tues 12<sup>th</sup>/** Year 1 Christmas Show\*  
 9.30am

Year 2 Christmas Show\*  
 2.30pm

- Weds 13<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 Christmas Show\*  
 9.30am

Year 1 Christmas Show\*  
 2.30pm

- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Service in Royston Parish  
 Church\*  
 1.30pm

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Dinner Day\*

- Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Nursery end of term 11.30am  
 End of term 2pm

## Friends of Tannery Drift School



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

Registered Charity: 291369

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

We have just a few spaces left for this event! Tickets cost £40 and include all materials, and nibbles. Just bring your own drinks – alcohol is permitted. Please [use this Google form](#) to book – bookings close this Sunday 12th November! We will confirm your place by email and provide payment details.

### Christmas Card Orders

Please place your orders by this Sunday - 12th November - for Christmas cards, coasters, mugs and gift tags, and more! If you cannot find your child's design and QR code, then please email us on the address above.



### Festive Film Night –

#### Friday 24th November

CANCELLED due to the Royston Christmas tree light switch on event.

### Mini Christmas Fair –

#### Friday 8th December, after school

Instead of a film night, we hope to run a mini Christmas Fair with festive refreshments, lucky dip, and games! Refreshments and entertainment will depend on helpers, so if you are to offer up some time for set-up, stalls, or tidy up then please let us know ASAP so that we can get planning.



### Second-hand Uniform and Christmas Jumper Pop-up Sale –

#### Monday 27th November, after school

We are still 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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