

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:
Monday 20th November



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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) Cancelled~~

Tuesday

Piano, Recorder and Violin lessons
3.15 – 4.15 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 Club (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

World Nursery Rhyme Week



On Thursday, the children in the Early Years and Year 1 welcomed their parents into their classrooms and enjoyed singing nursery rhymes with them. Favourites included: Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes; The Wheels on the Bus; The Grand Old Duke of York and Jack and Jill. It sounded like everyone had a lovely time!



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Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

Open Classrooms and Art Gallery

We were delighted to welcome so many of you into school this week to visit your child's classroom and to see the work they have been doing. We hope that you enjoyed this opportunity.

Alongside this, to celebrate the work produced by the children during Arts Week, we invited parents and carers to our annual Art Gallery.

"Wow! What wonderful artwork produced by everyone. You should offer framing services!"



"Such beautiful artwork. Thank you for sharing it with us."



"How wonderful to have the opportunity to see such creativity on display!"

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Guidelines for snacks and packed lunches

Whilst we continue to teach children about having a balanced diet, we ask that you pay particular consideration to the sugar content of the snacks that you provide. The NHS's '[Better Health](#)' initiative, suggests healthier shop-bought snack options, as well as homemade snack ideas.

A reminder that we do not allow children to bring sweets, chocolate or nut products into school.

North Herts Mental Health Directory

This is a new, easy to use, Mental Health and Wellbeing directory. You can click on each service and it will take you straight through to the relevant web page which provides further information.

Visit the [Family Support page](#) of the [Tannery Drift website](#), or click [here](#).

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 KS1. Please see the diary dates.

Information regarding tickets will be sent out soon.



Costumes for Christmas performances

Please send your child's NAMED costume in a NAMED bag, by the date listed below. It is very important that the bag and the costume are clearly named. As you can imagine, there will be a lot of bags, and a lot of costumes!

Like last year, we will be taking photographs of the children in their Christmas outfit/costume. These photographs will be available to purchase. More details to follow.

Nursery: A named Christmas jumper by Monday 27th November.

Reception: You have been sent individual emails with details of suggested costumes needed by Monday 27th November. Please contact the office if you haven't received the email.

Year 1: A named Christmas jumper with an optional additional seasonal accessory by Monday 4th December.

Year 2: A named Christmas jumper. A woolly hat and scarf (both named please) by Monday 4th December.

Children in Need

Friday 17th November is Children in Need day. Pudsey items are on sale in the office. 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.



Today, 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.

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

Friends of Tannery Drift School



friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 291369

Second-hand Uniform and Christmas Jumper Pop-up Sale

Monday 27th November, after school

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



Thank you for all your donations, but we are not currently accepting any further clothing donations, so that we can clear some existing stock.

Mini Christmas Fair

Friday 8th December, after school

Plans are underway for our mini Christmas Fair, with festive refreshments, lucky dip, and games! A big thank you to those who have already volunteered to help, but we could still do with a few more volunteers during the event. If you are able to assist (children can join you!), then please let us know by email.














Easyfundraising

Please remember to use the Easyfundraising website for your Christmas shopping so that we can raise free donations from over 7,000 brands. These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment! Details here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/footannerydrift/>



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 	94.3%
Red Robins 	95.9%
Little Tigers 	95.9%
Pelicans 	96.4%
Owls 	96.4%
Red Foxes 	98.3%
Puffins 	96.8%
Badgers 	97.9%
Penguins 	97.1%
Lions 	94.0%
Kingfishers 	98.5%



Sunday 26th November 2023
11.00am - 3.00pm

King James Academy (Senior Site)
Garden Walk • Royston • Hertfordshire • SG8 7JF

FREE ENTRY AND PARKING



Dates for your Diary:

November

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

Mon 4th Flu vaccinations

Tues 5th / Reception Christmas Show*
Weds 6th 9.30am

Thur 7th Nursery Christmas Songs*
9.30am

Fri 8th FTDS Mini Christmas Fair

Tues 12th/ Year 1 Christmas Show*
9.30am

Year 2 Christmas Show*
2.30pm

Weds 13th Year 2 Christmas Show*
9.30am

Year 1 Christmas Show*
2.30pm

Thurs 14th Christmas Service in Royston Parish Church*
1.30pm

Fri 15th Christmas Dinner Day*

Wed 20th Nursery end of term 11.30am
End of term 2pm

* More details to follow

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