

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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

## Monday

Please send costumes in for EY Christmas Show

- 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)
- 3.15 FTDS Christmas Jumper and Second-Hand Uniform Sale

## Tuesday

Piano, Recorder and Violin lessons

- 3.15 – 4.10 Football Feet Club (Year R-4)
- NB: the finish time is TBC via email from Kenny

## 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
- 7.30pm FTDS Faux Wreath Making Workshop

## 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

Occasional Day – School closed to all

## Children in Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, GB Basketballer Chris Tawiah visited our school for Children in Need. He delivered an assembly talking about his career and his achievements. Then Reception to Year 4 each took part in a fitness circuit, to show how athletes train. It was an inspiring day!

Thanks to your generosity, Tannery Drift raised over £370 for Children in Need.



@TanneryDrift

Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

## Christmas @ Tannery

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Early Years should bring their named costumes to school by today in a named bag. Photographs will be taken of the children in their costumes on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Post box opens.

This is a chance for children to post Christmas cards to their friends if they wish. The post box will be in the office. Please ensure all envelopes are marked clearly with the child's first name, first initial of their surname and class name or year group. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December will be the last day for posting.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Children in Key Stage 1 should bring their named costumes to school by today in a named bag. Photographs will be taken of the children in their costumes during this week.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Dress Rehearsal for Reception.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Christmas Performance, 9.30am  
Ticket and costume information has been sent out.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas Songs, 9.30am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Dress Rehearsals for Key Stage 1  
FTDS Mini Christmas Fair after school

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm - Year 1 Christmas Show  
Ticket and costume information has been sent out.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - Year 2 Christmas Show  
Ticket and costume information has been sent out.

Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Carol Service for children in Years 1 - 4, 1.30pm

We are so pleased to be able to celebrate our Christmas Carol Service in St John the Baptist Church. We warmly invite parents to join us.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Day

Children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper or t-shirt to help them get into the festive spirit! Please order your child's Christmas dinner on School Grid by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Panto in school  
More information to follow

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Storytime with Santa  
More information to follow

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Class parties, Years R-4.  
More information to follow.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December -  
Ladybird class party

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Term ends at 11.30am  
for children in Nursery  
and at 2pm for children  
in Years R - 4.  
After School  
Club is open,  
from 2pm.

## Cooking

Groups of Key Stage 2 children were invited to the Enrichment Room to join Mrs Simons in making apple crumble. They had to work together to read and follow the recipe; measure and combine the ingredients, and then tidy up after themselves.



## Speed Stacking

On Wednesday, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 took part in a Speed Stacking Competition at our school. This involved four different stations: speed stacking practice, speed stacking competition for how high we could build, throwing balls to hit cups and rolling balls on the ground to hit the cups. The children had so much fun!



## Smart watches

Just a reminder if you are buying your child a Christmas present, that only plain analogue or digital watches are allowed in school. Children remain responsible for their own belongings at all times.

## Photography at Christmas Performances

We will be taking photographs of the children in their costumes, and these will be available after the performances to buy.

Please do not take any photos or videos during any of the performances due to our safeguarding policies. We hope you will enjoy these Christmas shows!



## Parking

Thank you to all parents and carers who park considerately before and after school, especially to those who park off-site and walk in to school to collect their children.

If you are parking within the gates, please remember to **always leave the first 10 'drop-off' spaces free for staff**. Staff have to come and go at different times, and need to be able to park when they arrive. Please do not double park along the hedge. We receive constant complaints about the way some people are parking and ask for your co-operation when leaving your car.

## 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.

## 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](#)



Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

# FREE Christmas Extravaganza

at Royston Fire Station

**4th December 2023**  
5pm - 8pm  
Quiet Hour 4pm - 5pm

Raising money for  
 The Fire Fighters Charity





**Meet Santa and his helpers!**  
Hot food and drinks  
(No parking available at the station or surrounding streets)

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire) Working to protect. Acting to save.

## Friends of Tannery Drift School



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

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

Registered Charity: 291369

### Second-hand Uniform and Christmas Jumper Pop-up Sale – Monday 27th November, from 3.05pm

We will be selling second hand uniform, and Christmas jumpers/tops by the shed in the corner of the playground from 3.05pm on Monday. Christmas jumpers will be £2 each. We welcome pre-orders so we can sort ahead of pick-up. Please email us with your requests! Cash and card accepted. Pre-orders can pay by bank transfer or on collection.

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### Mini Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December, 3.15-4.15pm, school hall

Come and join us after school on Friday 8th for some festive fun, including toy/book bargains, lucky dip, and games. We would love to provide refreshments as well, but need a few more volunteers to make this happen. So please [email us](#) if you are able to give up an hour of your time to help (children can join you)!

### Easyfundraising – Black Friday!












Please remember to do your online shopping through the Easyfundraising website for the easiest way to raise money for FTDS. You've helped raise £32.23 in the last 30 days! Current offers include up to a 3% donation from Argos, and 2% from John Lewis. If you haven't signed up yet, then please click the link or scan the QR code, and tell all your friends and family to sign up too!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fotannerydrift>



## 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 	93.7%
Red Robins 	95.1%
Little Tigers 	95.4%
Pelicans 	96.6%
Owls 	96.3%
Red Foxes 	98.2%
Puffins 	96.8%
Badgers 	97.7%
Penguins 	97.0%
Lions 	94.0%
Kingfishers 	98.6%



## **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 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 6th January

### **Summer Term 2025**

To begin on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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