

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:
Monday 11th December



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Monday

Tuesday

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| 9.30 | Year 1 Christmas Performance
Doors open at 9.15am |
| 2.30 | Year 2 Christmas Performance
Doors open at 2.15pm |

Wednesday

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| 9.30 | Year 2 Christmas Performance
Doors open at 9.15am |
| 2.30 | Year 1 Christmas Performance
Doors open at 2.15pm |
| 3.15 – 4.00 | Christmas Craft Club shop |

Thursday

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| 1.30 | Christmas Carol Service
Years 1 – 4 |
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Friday

Christmas Dinner Day

Please note that Friday 8th December is the last day for all clubs. There are no clubs running next week.

Music lessons with Mrs Craven will begin again on Tuesday 9th January.

Building work begins

The first stages of our exciting new building project begin on Monday! The new building will give us more space to create exciting opportunities to support the children in many aspects of school life. We look forward to sharing plans and drawings with you in the near future.

Parking

There will be some inevitable disruption while the work is carried out: this will include **no parking inside the school gates** (except for staff) from Monday December 11th until the end of term. This will include drop off, pick up and Breakfast and After School clubs, as well as access to school during the day. We are mindful that this will cause inconvenience for some parents, but thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Class Parties

Please see new information on the Tannery Christmas page overleaf.



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Christmas @ Tannery

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

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

Thursday December 14th - 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 15th 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!



Monday 18th December – Panto in school
Please see the information from FTDS.

Tuesday 19th December – Storytime with Santa
Please see the information from FTDS.

Tuesday 19th December - Class parties, Years R-4.
Children are welcome to bring the following items to enjoy during their festive parties:
Sharing snacks (no nuts or meat products)
Party clothes to change in to
A non-electronic game to share and play

Wednesday 20th December –
Ladybird class party
As above, but the children should come to school in party clothes.

Wednesday 20th 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.

Early Years Christmas Performances

An enormous "well done" to the children in Early Years who performed to their parents and families this week. For some of the children, this was their first experience of being in a school show, and they were brilliant! Thank you to the Early Years staff for all their hard-work in putting the performances together.

We hope that you enjoyed watching your children. Don't forget to order a photo through Arbor, if you haven't already done so.



Fire Station Visit



On Thursday, the children were treated to a tour of the fire station's Christmas Extravaganza!. They were also lucky enough to have a close up look at a fire engine. A huge thank you to the fire-fighters and team at Royston Fire Station for letting us visit.



Christmas Craft Club Shop

Wednesday 13th December

3.15 – 4pm

Red Foxes Classroom

Mrs Patterson will be selling home-made wrapping paper, and there will be a mini-raffle and tombola. The sale is open to everyone, not just those who attended Christmas Craft Club.

Dates for your new 2024 Diary!

January

Thurs 4th INSET DAY – no children in school
Fri 5th INSET DAY – no children in school
Mon 8th Spring Term begins












The 48 hour rule

As we approach the season of illnesses, please may we remind you that you are required to keep your child at home for at least 48 hours after they have vomited or had diarrhoea, whatever the cause. This is NHS guidance, designed to prevent the spread of stomach bugs. We are grateful for your co-operation in this matter, to try to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

Attendance

While there are times when your child needs to be collected before the end of the school day, we do ask that this is only as a last resort. Where possible, dental appointments should be made after school or during the holidays.

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 	94.6%
Red Robins 	95.3%
Little Tigers 	95.5%
Pelicans 	96.9%
Owls 	96.2%
Red Foxes 	98.4%
Puffins 	96.4%
Badgers 	97.4%
Penguins 	97.0%
Lions 	93.9%
Kingfishers 	98.1%

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

Come and join us after school today for some festive fun, including 50p games, £1 lucky dip, toy/book sale, with items from 50p. We will also be serving refreshments, including hot chocolate with all the toppings (non-dairy available)! Thank you to everyone who has offered to help make this event happen. Cash and card payments (min spend £1) will be accepted. See you there!

Pantomime – Monday 18th December and Storytime with Santa – Tuesday 19th December

Thank you to those who have generously donated so far to our JustGiving page for these events. If you are able to spare any contribution, then please click on the image to visit our page. Funds will go towards the Imajica pantomime booked for the 18th, and Storytime with Santa, including a book gift for every child, on the 19th. Thank you!

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Easyfundraising

Don't forget to do your online shopping through the Easyfundraising website for the easiest way to raise money for FTDS. You've helped raise £40.26 in the last 30 days! 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>



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2023 – 2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

To end on Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 2pm

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