

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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

## Monday

- 12.00-12.30 Rugby club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Mindfulness Colouring for Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Dance club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Rugby club for Years 1 & 2
- 3.15-4.00 Science club for Year 2
- 3.15-4.00 Makaton club for Years 3 & 4

## Tuesday

- Safer Internet Day
- 12.00-12.30 Yoga for Years 3 & 4
- 3.15-4.25 Football Feet

## Wednesday

- 12.00-12.30 Tennis club for Year 3
- 12.00-12.30 Sketch club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis club for Year 2

## Thursday

- 12.00-12.30 Tennis club for Year 4
- 12.00-12.30 TT Rockstars club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.00-12.30 Creative writing club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis club for Year 1
- 12.30-1.00 Music club for Years 1 & 2

## Friday

- 9.15am Owl Class Assembly
- Parents and carers welcome



As part of their learning in Science, children in Owl Class enjoyed taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. In the school grounds, they spotted sparrows, pigeons, blue tits, robins, a blackbird, magpies, one crow and a red kite! They used their Maths skills to record this data in a tally chart.



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Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

## Staff Update

### Mrs Grainger

As you may know, Mrs Grainger has been unwell for a long time and she has been waiting for a major operation. I'm delighted to let you know that she has now had the operation and she is starting the recovery process. I know you will join me and the rest of the staff in wishing her a smooth recovery.

### Mrs Rowe

We have a new member of staff joining our After School Club team. Mrs Rowe, who is known to the children, will be responsible for preparing the After School Club teas.

### Mrs Gooden

Mrs Gooden was successful last week in being recruited as Office Manager at a Primary School near Hitchin. Congratulations Mrs Gooden! It goes without saying that this is a big loss to our office and school, and we will all really miss her. Mrs Gooden's last day at Tannery Drift will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

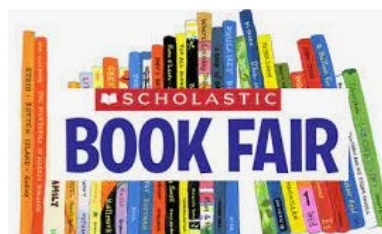
### Could you volunteer your time?

Are you skilled at DIY? Do you have some time to offer to carry out some practical jobs at Tannery Drift? If so, then we would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch with Mrs Phillips, School Business Manager using [admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk) or by telephone.

## 2022/23 Financial Report to Parents

In compliance with the Government's request for financial transparency, the school shares relevant financial information with the Local Authority. This document has now been published on the [school website](#).

### Book Fair



It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying choosing a book at the Book Fair last week. Thank you to all the parents who brought their children along – and for your patience in the queue on Thursday afternoon! Thanks to your purchases, the school has earned £950 in free books!

### Learning in Reception



This week, the children in Reception have been reading The Gingerbread Man. They had the chance to bring their learning to life by making – and eating – Gingerbread Men!

## Non-uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February for Home-Start

We are holding a 'dress-down' day for all pupils on Friday 16th February, when everyone is welcome to wear non-uniform. If you are able to, please make a donation in support of Home-Start Royston (HSRBSC), Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire. Please help to fill the 'page of hearts' with messages and make your donation today!

Attached is a LYHS activity pack from Home-Start. We hope you have fun doing the activities together.

Your contributions will go a long way in helping local families face various challenges, ensuring that parents receive the support they need to provide the best start in life for their children. Thank you for being part of this meaningful cause!

Please donate [here](#). However small your donation, it will make a BIG difference!

Please note that these donations are entirely voluntary, and all children are welcome to wear their own clothes.

## Prescription medication

We are only able to administer **prescription** medication to children in school, when essential. For example, if your child is taking antibiotics but only requires 3 doses a day, then we ask that these are given at home. We are not able to administer medication that has not been prescribed.

## Parent Consultations

Information has been sent via email, and bookings for all year groups are now open on Arbor.

## Football Success

Joshua Hanson and Oliver Rutter, both in Year 4 play for their local Royston Crows and attend Jack Wilshire's Elites Academy.

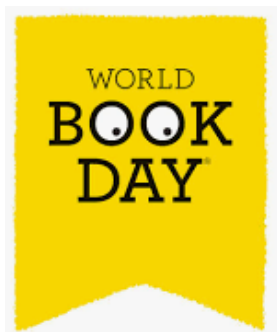
They have worked hard in training and as a result have been selected for matches against big clubs including Colchester, QPR and the Arsenal academy.

They have played brilliantly and given 100% each time against some tough competition! Both boys scored great goals and displayed fantastic passing and team work - performances to be proud of!



## World Book Day

We are very excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. The day will be 'bedtime story' themed and we therefore invite all children to come to school dressed in a pair of comfy pyjamas on this day. Children will spend the day reading, sharing, telling and enjoying a wide range of stories and books.



We alternate dressing-up as a book character with pyjamas each year, so get planning your costumes for 2025!

## Measles

As you may have seen in the News, measles cases in the UK have been rising since November 2023. Please see the attached letter from the Director of Public Health.

## Safer Internet Day

There will be an assembly for children in Years 1-4 on Tuesday as part of Safer Internet Day. Internet safety is embedded in every computing lesson, and is an integral part of our teaching and learning.

## Singing Assembly

Every Thursday, the children in Years 1-4 join in with Singing Assembly. This week, Badger Class performed the 8 times table song and Mrs France is teaching the whole school a catchy song about Times Tables – perhaps your child has been singing it?! The children in Years 1 and 2 also have the opportunity to attend Music Club at lunchtime on a Thursday.

# Come and try.....

**Does your child want to play an instrument, but doesn't know which one to choose?**

**This is the event for you!**

Pop in and visit us at Royston Music School where a range of instruments will be available for you to try.

**When: Saturday 9th March 2024**

**Time: 12.30am to 1.30pm**

**Where: Royston Music School, SG8 7EZ**



## Vacancies

### Finance and Administration Assistant

For full details and to apply, please visit [Teach in Herts](#)

### Midday Supervisory Assistant

We are looking to recruit a MSA to work with our children at lunchtime. The job has not been advertised on Teach in Herts yet, but if you would like to arrange an informal chat with Mrs Greetham to discuss the role, please contact the School Office.

### Royston Cadet Unit

Royston Cadet unit are in desperate need of volunteers to support the running of their Badger and Cadet sessions for young people in the area of Royston to prevent the unit from closing. Royston have had a St John Ambulance youth presence for 54 years, and they are looking for adults over 18 to support the unit with their evening sessions to continue this journey.



**Speak with the Unit Manager for more information.**

Scan the QR code for other volunteering opportunities, or go to [sja.org.uk/volunteering](http://sja.org.uk/volunteering)



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FRIENDS OF TANNERY DRIFT SCHOOL

### Friends of Tannery Drift School

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

Registered Charity: 291369

### HomeStart Aquathon – Sunday 28th

#### April, 6pm, Royston Leisure Centre

Thank you to those who have signed up already, but we have space for more swimmers! We are planning to participate in the HomeStart Aquathon again this year, and have reserved 2 team slots for 6-7pm. It is a sponsored event with all fundraising split 50:50 between FTDS and HomeStart. Last year we had several Yr4 children on the team, plus some ex-Tannery pupils (Yr5 and Yr6) alongside parents/carers. This year we would love to enter two teams of 6, so if you and/or your child would like to take part, then please let us know by email ([friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com)).

Royston & villages **SEN** parents group

## LEGO CLUB

FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES












**1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY  
EVERY MONTH**

2 - 4PM - COOMBS COMMUNITY CENTRE  
BURNS ROAD, ROYSTON, SG8 5PT  
TO BOOK, EMAIL [RANDVLEGOCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RANDVLEGOCLUB@GMAIL.COM)

## 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 	93.9%
Red Robins 	94.4%
Little Tigers 	95.1%
Pelicans 	96.7%
Owls 	96.3%
Red Foxes 	97.7%
Puffins 	96.1%
Badgers 	97.2%
Penguins 	96.3%
Lions 	92.7%
Kingfishers 	97.4%

## Dates for your Diary:

### DATE

### EVENT

#### February

Tue 13<sup>th</sup>

Parent Consultations

Thur 15<sup>th</sup>

Parent Consultations

Fri 16<sup>th</sup>

Dress Down Day for HomeStart

Coffee Morning

(Understanding phonics and supporting your child with learning to read)

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>–

Half Term

Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

#### March

Fri 1<sup>st</sup>

Lion Class Assembly

9.15am – Parents and Carers welcome

Thur 7<sup>th</sup>

World Book Day

Fri 8<sup>th</sup>

Pelican Class Assembly

9.15am – Parents and Carers welcome

Fri 15<sup>th</sup>

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief\*

Puffin Class Assembly

9.15am – Parents and Carers welcome

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>

Penguin Class Assembly

9.15am – Parents and Carers welcome

Coffee Morning

(Building self-esteem and self-confidence in your child)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> –

Thur 28<sup>th</sup>

Feeling Good Week

Mon 25<sup>th</sup>

PGL Parent Meeting at 3.15pm\*

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>

Reception Easter Hat Parade\*

Thur 28<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Easter Hat Parade\*

End of Term 2pm

\*Further details to follow

## **2023 – 2024 Term Dates**

### **Spring Term 2024**

To begin on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half Term: 19<sup>th</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

To end on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2pm

INSET Days: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### **Summer Term 2024**

To begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

To end on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## **2024 – 2025 Term Dates**

### **Autumn Term 2024**

To begin on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Half Term: 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

To end on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Occasional Day: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

INSET Days: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

### **Spring Term 2025**

To begin on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half Term: 17<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

To end on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **Summer Term 2025**

To begin on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

Half Term: 26<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

To end on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at 2pm

INSET Days: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025