

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:
Monday 25th March 2024



Tannery Drift
First School

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Monday

12.00-12.30 Rugby club for Years 3 & 4
12.30-1.00 Rugby club for Years 1 & 2

Tuesday

3.15-4.25 Football Feet

Wednesday

9.15-9.45 Reception Hat Parade
1.30-2.30 Year 2 Multiskills Festival

Thursday

9.15-9.45 Nursery Hat Parade
11.30am End of Term for Ladybird Class
2pm End of Term for the rest of the school
After School Club will be open from 2pm

School Run Clubs

All school run clubs, including Tennis clubs have now finished for the term. Lunchtime rugby and Football Feet will continue next week. We will share details of clubs for the Summer term once we return from the Easter break.

Easter Hat Parade

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents of children in Early Years to our Easter Hat parades next week. The children will show off their Easter hats and sing some Easter songs for parents and carers, Reception children on Wednesday morning and Nursery children on Thursday morning. We do hope that you will be able to join us for this highlight if the Spring term calendar!

Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Miss Laura Wyatt to Tannery Drift, she joins the Office Team. She has enjoyed settling in and getting to know everyone this week.

Mrs Stokes will be continuing to teach in Red Foxes class for the Summer term. She has enjoyed teaching the class and working alongside Mrs Patterson. We are very pleased that she will be with us next term.

Pre-Loved Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our book sale, we raised £105! This money will go towards buying a selection of balls and equipment for lunchtime play.



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Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

Nursery

"There's stripes in my book – I like reading this book."

"I like the book 'Shark in the Dark.'"



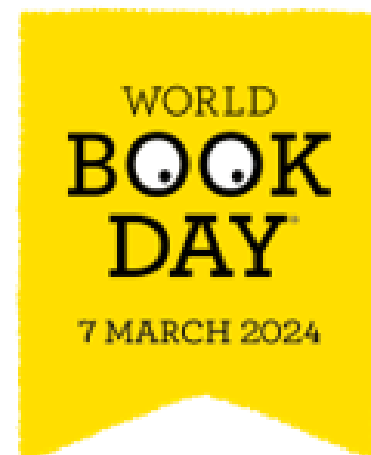
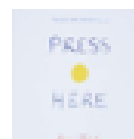
Reception

"I really like this frozen book."

"I liked the book from assembly."

"I'm an expert at reading."

"I like the frozen book because I like Elsa."



Year 1

Reading is ... "fun" "telling a story"

I like to read ... "story books" "in the calm corner in the classroom"
"at home" "at school" "in bed"

Year 2

Reading is ... "hard but fun" "fun" "interesting" "enjoyable"

I like to read ... "encyclopaedias" "in my teepee" "next to my mum"
"in my bed" "about space" "in the book corner"

Reading can make me feel ... "joyful" "snuggly" "excited" "cosy"
"cuddly" "clever" "happy"

Year 3

Reading is ... "exciting because it makes you feel like you are in a story" "fun"
"amazing" "the best"

I like to read ... "in my bed under my duvet" "at home"
"in the book corner" "in the reading corner"
"David Walliams books" "Michael Rosen poems" "dog man"

Reading can make me feel ... "happy" "calm" "excited"
"intelligent" "cosy" "tired"

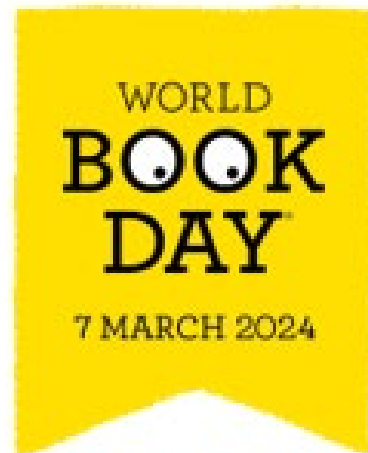
Year 4

Reading is ... "great" "a chance to explore something new" "an escape to another world" "a chance to go on an adventure"

I like to read ... "in my bed under the covers" "on the sofa" "on the floor" "laying on pillows"

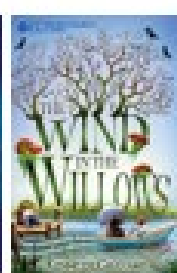
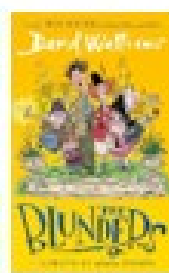
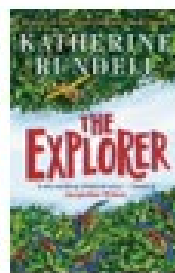
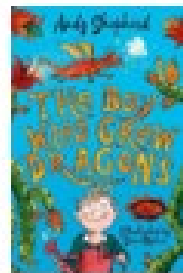
Reading can make me feel ... "awake" "calm" "happy" "sleepy"

"relaxed" "sometimes sad or sometimes happy"



"lost in another world"

Year 3 & 4 recommend:



Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th for Red Nose Day, GB Paralympian Laurence Whiteley MBE visited our school.

Laurence won a gold medal at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro and has also won gold and silver medals at World Rowing Championships and Cups.

Laurence delivered an inspiring assembly about his rowing career before leading fitness circuits for children in Reception to Year 4.



Pictured above: Laurence in action at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games alongside crewmate Lauren Rowles.

Brass Day

Three of our Key Stage 2 students attended the Hertfordshire Music Service Brass Day on Friday 15th. Each of them has weekly brass lessons in school with teacher John Lavelle (pictured), from Herts Music Service.

The day offered the children the chance to play in an ensemble with other students from across North Herts who are also learning to play brass instruments. This was a brilliant opportunity for the children and one that they very much enjoyed!



Leaving the site after school

Parents and Carers are asked to leave the school site immediately once children have been collected at the end of the school day or from After School Club.

Please do not allow your children to play on the adventure play equipment before or after school.

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday, 12th March, 12 children from Year 2 were selected to attend a Tag Rugby Festival at St Edmunds Prep School. They all played so well and really enjoyed themselves! We are very proud of how the children behaved during the festival and their brilliant team spirit. Well done children!



On Thursday of this week, our Year 4 children attended a Tag Rugby Festival at King James Academy. They practiced the skills they had learned previously in our PE lessons and then enjoyed a competitive match.



HFL Spring Term Visit

On Wednesday 6th March we had our Spring Term Visit from our School Effectiveness Advisor. The purpose of the visit is to support leaders to explore the quality of education implemented, and the school's overall effectiveness.

We were delighted to receive some wonderful feedback and would like to share a few of the comments with you:

Pupils co-operate well with each other. They move about the school confidently and in an orderly fashion. They speak respectfully to one another and to adults.

The well organised approach taken in the Early Years ensures that no time is wasted. Adults work systematically to ensure that routines are embedded so that children feel secure, and that activity is purposeful.

There is a real buzz about reading across the school from Nursery to year 4. Children make full use of the school library and enjoy the dedicated space.



Friends of Tannery Drift School

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Spring Disco - Friday 22nd March, School Hall. Early Years (Nursery and Reception) – 4.30-5.30pm Years 1-4 – 6.00-7.30pm

Tickets sales for tonight's discos have now closed, and we look forward to seeing those who have pre-paid later. Entry will be through the school office. Please remember a named water bottle for your child. Optional fancy dress, but no masks. Please also ensure your child has sufficient, but not too much money to spend at the tuck shop and on games.

Thank you to all the adults who are helping at this event! May we take this opportunity to remind you that your mobile phones must be switched off in school and children must not bring mobile phones with them. Thank you.

Wildlife Area Tidy – Sunday 21 April - Timings TBC

We are hoping to tidy the school Wildlife Area on Sunday 21st April and need adult volunteers to come along and help. Volunteers would need to bring their own tools please – loppers, saws, strong secateurs, growls, forks or spades would be helpful! Children would need to be supervised at all times if they were to join you. If you are able to help, then please contact us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com and we can provide further information.

Second-hand uniform sale - Monday 25th March, from 3.05pm

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a uniform sale on Monday 25th March from 3.05pm in the playground, by the play equipment.

We have a great selection of summer dresses and shorts so come and stock up ready for (hopefully!) warmer weather after Easter holidays! We will also be selling all logo items, PE kits, grey items and accessories. Cash or card payments accepted.

Price List:

Logo jumper/cardigan/hoodie - £5

Logo polo/PE top - £1

Grey items (trousers, shorts, skirts) - 50p

Summer dresses - £1

White polo top - 50p

If you require any items of uniform but cannot attend the sale, please email us in advance at ftdsuniform@gmail.com and we can arrange for you to collect at a convenient time.

HomeStart Aquathon - Sunday 28th April, 6-7pm, Royston Leisure Centre

We are delighted that we now have two teams confirmed to represent Tannery Drift First School in the HomeStart Aquathon on Sunday 28th April. Please show your support to the children and grown-ups taking part by donating what you can [HERE!](#)












Tesco Tokens - Royston Tesco Extra

A reminder to keep voting for Tannery Drift First School when you do your shopping at Royston Tesco Extra. Use the Blue Tokens to vote and help fund our bid for new waterproof trousers and mud kitchen for Early Years. Voting is open until the end of March.

General Meeting - Future events

Our general meeting took place on Monday 11th March, and we discussed a variety of potential events for the Summer Term. We have lots of plans, but we need helpers and volunteers to make them happen, so please do email us on the FTDS email above to be added to the helpers list. There is no obligation to commit but by signing up to our distribution list, you will hear first about events and ways in which you can help.

Attendance

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	93.5%
Red Robins 	94.0%
Little Tigers 	94.7%
Pelicans 	96.4%
Owls 	95.9%
Red Foxes 	97.1%
Puffins 	95.3%
Badgers 	97.1%
Penguins 	96.0%
Lions 	92.8%
Kingfishers 	97.2%

Dates for your Diary:

DATE EVENT

March

Mon 25th –

Thur 28th

Mon 25th

Wed 27th

Thur 28th

Wellbeing Week

PGL Parent Meeting at 3.15pm

Reception Easter Hat Parade

Nursery Easter Hat Parade

End of Term 11.30 for Nursery children

End of Term 2pm

April

Mon 15th

Fri 26th

Start of Summer Term

Parent Coffee Morning

(Helping children manage anger and aggression)

9.15 am Puffin Class Assembly – Parents and Carers welcome (Rescheduled)

May

Fri 3rd

Badger Class Assembly

9.15am – Parents and Carers welcome

Mon 6th

Bank Holiday

Fri 10th

9.15am Penguin Class Assembly – Parents and Carers welcome

Weds 15th –
17th

Year 4 PGL Trip

Fri 17th

9.15am Red Fox Class Assembly – Parents and Carers welcome

Tues 21st

Class Photographs

Fri 24th

Parent Coffee Morning

(supporting your anxious child)

9.15am Year 4 PGL Assembly – Parents and Carers welcome

Half Term begins

June

Fri 28th

Parent Coffee Morning*

July

Thur 11th

Moving Up Day*

Fri 19th

End of Term

Mon 22nd

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Tues 23rd

INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

*Further details to follow

New dates in red

2023 – 2024 Term Dates

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 2025

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

Would you like your child to make some healthy sweet swaps?



Sidra Hussain,
Beezee Families Nutritionist

We are here to help!

Our free healthy lifestyle programme can support families like yours make healthy habits. Help yourself to our sweet tips below.



1. Create a shopping list for the family, before going shopping.
2. Have a weekly sweet voucher. Your children choose when to "cash in" for a portion of sweets.
3. Use the **NHS Food Scanner** app to help find healthy swaps in the shops.
4. Try having a mix of fresh and dried fruits to help the sweet cravings, i.e. dried mango, bananas.
5. Remember to have dried fruits in small amounts as the sugar is more concentrated.
6. Mix things up and make fruit more fun - try making fruit cocktails, smoothies or ice lollies.
7. Look for healthy sweet treat recipes online. We might be biased but we think beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes is pretty good!

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