

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 23rd September 2024



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Monday

- 12-12.30 Gymnastics for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1 Gymnastics for Years 1 & 2
- 3.15-4 Art Club for Years 3 & 4
- 3.15-4 Times Tables Rockstars Years 2-4
- 3.15-4.15 Multi Sports for Years 3 & 4

Tuesday

- 12-1.00 Basketball Club Years 1-4
- 12.30-1 Yoga for Years 1 & 2
- 3.15-4.25 Football Feet for Years 1-4
- 6-7.00 New Parent Meetings

Wednesday

- 9-10.30 Year 3 Class Guitar Lessons
- 12-1.00 Tennis Club for Years 2 & 3
- 3.15-4 Lego Club for Years 1 & 2
- 3.15-4 Beginners Ballet for Years R & 1

Thursday

- 12-1.00 Tennis Club for Year 1 & 4
- 12-12.30 Boom Whacker for Years 3 & 4
- 3.15-4.15 Multi Sports Club for Years 1 & 2

Friday

- 9.15-9.45 Kingfishers Class Assembly
- Parents and carers welcome

Year Group Meetings 6-6.30pm or 6.30-7pm

On Tuesday, parents and carers of children in all years are invited to year group meetings. Each year group will hold two meetings, one at 6pm and one at 6.30pm. Parents may attend either time as the presentations will be the same. Teachers in each year group will talk through the routine for the school day, focus for learning across key subjects, home learning and key messages for parents. Meeting presentations will be published on the class pages of the website later in the week.

New Staff Member

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Leavens to our Early Years team. Mrs Leavens is working as a Teaching Assistant in our Red Robins and Little Tigers Classes, and has really enjoyed starting to get to know the children and the school this week.

Welcome Mrs Leavens!



Drumming Workshop

Today we welcomed former Status Quo drummer, Jeff Rich, into school for an amazing drumming workshop. Year 3 and 4 had such a fantastic morning learning all about drumming as well as getting the opportunity to try out a variety of percussion instruments.

Afterwards Years 1-4 were treated to a special performance by Jeff, which was definitely a highlight of the morning. It was absolutely amazing to watch, and we are certain we have some budding drummers feeling inspired by the performance.

This was followed by a session where Year 1 and 2 got to join in playing the instruments as well and everyone had a wonderful time creating rhythms together.

Thank you to Miss Seymour for organising such a great experience for the children, and, of course, to Jeff, for such an amazing morning.

Jeff loved the enthusiasm of the children and left us this message:

"What fantastic children! They all sat and listened extremely well...a credit to the school".

Well done to everyone who took part, you should be very proud of yourselves.

Coffee Mornings

Parent Coffee Morning for Early Years – Thursday 3rd October 9-9.30am, New Building

Our Early Years Leader and Family Support Worker would love for you to join us for a coffee and chat. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, chat about how your child is settling in and ask questions.

Parent Coffee Morning for SEN Parents - Tuesday 11th November 9-9.30am, New Building

Miss Cottle (SENCO) and Ms Kerr (Family Support Worker) will be on hand to answer questions



Friends of Tannery Drift School

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Thank you to everyone who came to our Annual General Meeting!

The FTDS held our AGM and first meeting of the new school year on Monday 16th September and it was fantastic to see so many new faces, as well as returning members of the committee.

Voting for the 2024-2025 Committee took place and the results are as follows:

Co-Chairs Hazel Izod & Tessa Brown

Vice-Chair Sally Rayner

Co-Treasurers Claire Khodabukus & Carly Baker

Secretary Chloë Dowman

We are still looking for a joint Vice-Chair to work with Sally and shadow the existing Chairs before they leave the school next year, and also a joint Secretary to support Chloë with essential admin. A shared role is a great way to get started and enables members to learn the ropes without too much responsibility. If you are interested or have any questions about the roles, please email us on friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

We have some great ideas for fundraising this term, so watch this space for our upcoming events!

Bouncy Castle Event - TODAY Friday 20th September, 3.15pm-5.30pm

Our first ever Bouncy Castle Event takes place today, after school, on the school field. There will be a Bouncy Castle, Inflatable Obstacle and Giant Slide, as well as games and refreshments. Wristbands are available to purchase at the entrance to the event.

Thank you for all of the bottle donations for the tombola, cake and biscuit donations for the cake stall, and to all of the volunteers who have offered to help. Without you it wouldn't be possible to run these events!



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FTDS 100 Club

The FTDS 100 club is back for this school year! This is a charitable lottery where half of the annual subscription fee of £10 goes to the Friends of Tannery Drift School and half goes towards a monthly draw. Participants are assigned a number for the year and two winning numbers are drawn each month, for ten months of the year, meaning **there are up to 20 chances of winning a cash prize across the year!**

We hope you will join us in this fun and light-hearted way to raise money for the Friends of Tannery Drift who help to provide extra activities and experiences for the children. Please follow the link in the poster attached to sign up. The closing date for entries is Friday 11th October. Thank you for your support and good luck!

Pop-up Halloween Fancy Dress Sale and Cake Sale - Monday 14th October

We are planning to hold another pop-up fancy dress sale, along with a cake sale, on Monday 14th October in the School Hall. Please donate any unwanted Halloween Costumes to the uniform bin for the sale. **These must be clean and in good condition before we can sell them.** Please check your items before donating or it creates extra work for our wonderful volunteers.

More information about the cake sale will be given nearer the time.

ASDA Cash-Pot for Schools

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary School. Furthermore, every time somebody opts-in to support Tannery Drift First School, Asda will give £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose **TANNERY DRIFT FIRST SCHOOL** – either searching by name or postcode
3. Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

Asda does the rest and all money raised will help to enrich the lives of all our children.

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools or see poster attached.

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. The attendance target for this year is 97.5%.

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	98.2%
Red Robins 	98.7%
Little Tigers 	98.7%
Pelicans 	98.2%
Owls 	98.8%
Red Foxes 	97%
Puffins 	100%
Badgers 	99.6%
Penguins 	95.9%
Lions 	98.4%
Kingfishers 	94%



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

DATE	EVENT
September	
Fri 20 th	FTDS Bouncy Castle Event 3.15-5.30
Tue 24 th	New Parent Meetings ALL Years
Fri 27 th	Kingfisher Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
October	
Tue 1 st	Individual & Sibling School Photos
Thu 3 rd	Early Years Coffee Morning
Fri 4 th	Badger Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Thu 10 th	Year 4 Cross Country Event*
Fri 11 th	Puffin Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Fri 18 th	Owl Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Tue 22 nd –	
Thu 24 th	Parent Consultations
Fri 25 th	Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 4*
Mon 28 th	Half Term break begins
November	
Thu 7 th	Open Morning for new parents
Fri 8 th	Pelican Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Fri 15 th	Skipping Workshops for Children In Need Y1-4*
Fri 15 th	Red Foxes Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Tue 19 th	Open Morning for new parents
Fri 22 nd	Penguins Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Mon 25 th	Flu Vaccinations (catch-up session)
Fri 29 th	Lion Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
December	
Fri 6 th	Occasional Day – School closed
Fri 20 th	Christmas Pantomime All Years*
Fri 20 th	Last Day of Term – 2pm Years R-4 – 11.30am Nursery

*Details to follow

Please note, we are providing the below term dates in advance to help ensure holidays are booked outside of term time.



2024 – 2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Began: 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 & Tuesday 3rd September

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 Day: 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 Day: Monday 2nd June

INSET Day: Wednesday 23rd July 2025

2025 – 2026 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

To begin on Thursday 4th September 2025

Half Term: 27th October - 31st October 2025

To end on Friday 19th December 2025

Occasional Day: Friday 5th December 2025

INSET Day: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

INSET Day: Friday 24th October 2025

Spring Term 2026

To begin on Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term: 16th February – 20th February 2026

To end on Friday 27th March 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Summer Term 2026

To begin on Monday 13th April 2026

Half Term: 25th May – 29th May 2026

To end on Wednesday 22nd July 2026

INSET Day: Monday 1st June 2026

INSET Day: Thursday 23rd July 2026

Boost your child's social skills

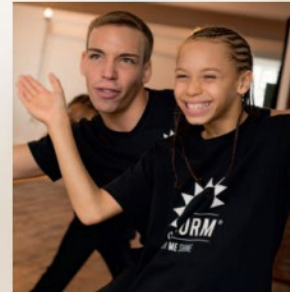
Perform's drama, dance and singing classes use the performing arts to

- ▶ Build confidence
- ▶ Boost concentration
- ▶ Enhance coordination
- ▶ Develop communication skills



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- ▶ Unique performing arts-based games and exercises
- ▶ Focus on a different social skill each week
- ▶ Small classes and feedback on your child's progress
- ▶ Specially created scripts, videos and apps to support your child's learning
- ▶ End of term presentation for family and friends



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Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform for Tannery Drift pupils

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Tannery Drift School** if they sign up by Saturday 25th January. Parents should quote TDRI2025 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try.

Click to find [your nearest classes](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).

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