

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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

## 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

Individual and sibling school photos

- 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

## 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

- 9-9.30 Early Years Parent Coffee Morning
- 9-11.00 Rocksteady Assembly & Workshops
- 12-1.00 Tennis Club for Years 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 Badgers Class Assembly  
- Parents and carers welcome

## Individual and Sibling School Photos

On Tuesday, school photographers Van Cols will be here to take individual and sibling photos of the children. If your child has a sibling who attends the school, they will be photographed together during the session.

Look out for QR cards coming home so that you can view photos when they are ready and purchase them if you wish.

Children should be in their school uniform for their photos.

## NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week

Next week we will be supporting Childline by taking part in the Kindness Challenge. We will be working through a list of kindness acts which will help us all to create more kindness in our school community.

If you would like to make a donation to Childline and support their work to help keep children supported and safe, you can do so via our [JustGiving](#) page.



Rocksteady – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

ROCK  
STEADY

We are pleased to let you know that we are starting a new music offering at Tannery for children in Years 1-4.

Rocksteady are a company who work in schools making mini bands with guitars, drums and singers. Children who sign up are put into bands of mixed ages (within a couple of school years). They choose a band name, the music they would like to learn, and which instrument they would like to play. These sessions will be on a Wednesday morning.



To kick it all off, Rocksteady are coming to Tannery Drift on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to do an assembly and workshops with each key stage.

After this, a letter will go out and families can sign up and pay if they want their child to take part.

## Art Club

This week our Year 3 & 4 artists at Mrs Presland's Art Club have been doing some life drawing.

The children drew classroom plants, focusing on both shape and form.



## Parent Coffee Morning for Early Years

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## A parking reminder

Our neighbours at West Court (the homes at the top of Tannery Drift), have contacted the school this week about parents using their parking spaces when dropping off and collecting children.

Please remember that this area is parking for residents of West Court only and that members of the public are not permitted to park there.

We endeavour to maintain a positive relationship with all of our neighbours, please help us to do this by parking respectfully and not using residents allocated parking or blocking garages and driveways. Thank you.

## Governor Vacancy

The school's Governing Body has a vacancy, and we are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Governor to join the team.

We would be keen to hear from anyone who has:

- an open and enquiring mind, with the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to commit around 6-8 hours per month in attending meetings and reading papers

For information about what is involved in being a governor you may like to look at the National Governors' Association [website](#).

You will also find some more information about becoming a governor on our school website [www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](http://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk).

### How to apply:

If this sounds like something that would interest you, please email our Chair of Governors at [admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk) for more information on how to apply for this role.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Previous applicants will be contacted to ask if they would still like to be considered.

## Friends of Tannery Drift School

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

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### Bouncy Castle Event – THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came to our first ever Bouncy Castle Event last Friday. We are delighted to announce that we raised an absolutely incredible **£1833.98!**

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 gave up their time to help run the event. Without you it wouldn't have been possible, and we are thrilled that it was such a success!

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

Plans are coming together for our forthcoming pop-up Halloween fancy dress sale and cake sale which will take place on Monday 14th October in the School Hall.

We are in need of secondhand fancy-dress costumes - particularly Halloween costumes - that can be sold at the sale. Please donate any unwanted costumes to the FTDS second hand uniform bin located near the car park and Year 1 classrooms. **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.

**We will be asking Years 1 & 2 to donate cakes for the sale.** These will need to be brought into the school office on the morning of Monday 14th October. Please remember, no nut products (including Bakewell Tarts!)

If you are able to help at this event, if only for a short time, please email [friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com). You will be able to have your child with you, as long as collection from classrooms is arranged in advance.

### Eco Party Pack / Table Hire

Did you know that we have re-usable party packs available for hire, helping to reduce single use party waste? Each pack costs £5, and contains 30 plastic cups, plates, and bowls, 4 serving platters, and 2 jugs. We also now have folding tables available to hire at £5 each! Packs and tables can be hired midweek, or over a weekend, for any party or event you might be holding. Please see the booking form [here](#) for more information, and to make a booking, or email us at [ftdsecopack@gmail.com](mailto:ftdsecopack@gmail.com).

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## Easy Fundraising - turn your daily shopping into every-day magic!

Did you know that if you do your online shopping through the Easyfundraising website, you can raise money for FTDS? Easy Fundraising partners with over 7500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice, like Friends of Tannery Drift. It doesn't cost extra, the cost is covered by the brand you shop from.

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>.



## FTDS 100 Club

A reminder that 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 still have plenty of availability for you to join us in this fun 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!

## 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 school's attendance target for this year is 97.5%.

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	98.5%
Red Robins 	98.3%
Little Tigers 	98.3%
Pelicans 	98.6%
Owls 	98.5%
Red Foxes 	96.4%
Puffins 	99.5% 
Badgers 	98.3%
Penguins 	95.8%
Lions 	98.6%
Kingfishers 	96.9%

Well done Puffins for super attendance last week!



## Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

DATE	EVENT
<b>October</b>	
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Individual & Sibling School Photos
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Early Years Coffee Morning <b>Rocksteady Assembly &amp; Workshop</b>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Badger Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Cross Country Event
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Puffin Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	FTDS Pop-up Halloween Fancy Dress Sale and Cake Sale*
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KJAR Open Morning for Year 4 Pupils</b>
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Owl Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> –	
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 4*
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term break begins
<b>November</b>	
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for new parents
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Pelican Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning for SEN Parents
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Skipping Workshops for Children In Need Y1-4*
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Foxes Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for new parents
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Penguins Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations (catch-up session)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lion Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
<b>December</b>	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Occasional Day – School closed
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Pantomime All Years*
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term – 2pm Years R-4 – 11.30am Nursery

\*Details to follow

New dates are highlighted red

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 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> & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

### 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 Day: 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 Day: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

INSET Day: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

## 2025 – 2026 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2025

To begin on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

To end on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Occasional Day: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

INSET Day: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

INSET Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Spring Term 2026

To begin on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half Term: 16<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

To end on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Summer Term 2026

To begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

To end on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

INSET Day: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

INSET Day: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026