

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 14th October 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	FTDS Halloween Pop-up Sale
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

Wednesday

9.15-10.30	KJAR Open Morning for Year 4
10.30-12	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 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	Owl Class Assembly
	- Parents and carers welcome

Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that bookings for 10-minute parent consultations close at 3pm on Tuesday 15th October. Any problems do contact the School Office.

Appointments available:

Tuesday 22nd October 3.50pm-6.30pm

Thursday 24th October 5.30pm-8.10pm

(few slots remaining)

HFL Education Visit

On Monday 30th September Tannery Drift hosted a visitor from HFL Education to discuss achievements, challenges and future targets for this academic year. It was a really positive visit with the following strengths of the school highlighted:

- Excellent behaviour for learning. Children are engaged and respectful.
- Children are happy and proud of their school.
- Welcoming and supportive environments for learning.
- High expectations for writing outcomes.
- Well-presented pupil books, which show a clear learning journey.

We are delighted to be in such a good position to keep giving all of the children excellent learning opportunities.

Year 1 Geography Walk

On Monday Year 1 had a lovely walk in the sunshine into Royston, to look at geographical features both human and physical. The children pointed out different buildings and landmarks and drew a sketch of what they could see. There was even time for a quick play stop in Priory Gardens before walking back to school.



Thank you to all the grown-ups who accompanied them and to the Year 1 children who behaved beautifully.

Baking Bread in Reception

In Reception, the topic at the moment is Autumn. This week they have been learning about how flour is made and how a windmill works. To support their learning and to help the children develop kneading and pinching skills, they have been making hedgehog bread rolls.

We think they look fantastic, well done Little Tigers and Red Robins!



Buddies!

This week Reception children have been spending more time getting to know their Year 4 buddies. There have been lovely opportunities for the children to play together, to talk and Year 4 have been doing some wonderful reading to their buddies. These friendships are a great opportunity for the younger children to feel part of the school community, and for the Year 4s to take on a responsible and caring role.



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100 Club - Last chance to enter!

Entries will close at midnight tonight for our 2024-2025 100 Club, and there is no option to sign up during the school year, so sign up now if you'd like to be in for a chance to win our monthly prize draw! For £10 you will be assigned a number for the year, with two winning numbers drawn monthly (October-July) giving you up to 20 chances of winning a CASH PRIZE! Sign up for your number [HERE](#) or for more information, terms and conditions, email us at FTDS100club@gmail.com.

Wildlife Area Tidy – Sunday 13th October, from 9.30am

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help tidy the Wildlife Area on Sunday, but many hands make light work, so please join us if you can. Volunteers would need to bring their own tools where possible – loppers, saws, strong secateurs, forks or spades would be helpful. Children can join you, as long as they are supervised at all times. If you are able to help, then please contact us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

Asda Cash-Pot for Schools

A reminder that we have signed up to Asda's Cash-Pot for Schools programme, which is running until 30th November. Every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards App, they will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen primary school. Plus, they will give us £1 every time someone opts in to support Tannery Drift on the App, even if you don't shop at Asda! So please, just download the Asda Rewards App, sign up to Cashpot for Schools, and choose Tannery Drift First School. If you carry on with your shopping, Asda will calculate the rest and give us the money.



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Pop-up Halloween Fancy Dress Sale and Cake Sale - Monday 14th October, 3.15pm, School Hall

Come and join us on Monday after school for a cake sale in the Hall, and a pop-up second-hand fancy-dress sale! Thank you to those who have already donated outfits. Your final chance to donate is Monday morning - please place clean, good quality outfits in the FTDS uniform bin located near the car park and Year 1 classrooms.

Reminder for Years 1 & 2 to please donate cakes for the sale. These will need to be brought into the school office on Monday morning. Please remember, no nut products (including Bakewell Tarts!). Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help, but more help is always appreciated. Please email us if you are able to spare some time setting up, during the sale, or clearing up after.
















Christmas Raffle

Sorry (not sorry!) for the early Christmas talk, but we are hoping to run a Christmas raffle this year, and have started approaching local businesses. We would be very grateful if anyone who works for a company that may be willing to donate a prize, big or small, could kindly let us know by email.

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 	98.4%
Red Robins 	97.5%
Little Tigers 	98%
Pelicans 	98.5%
Owls 	98.8% 
Red Foxes 	97.2%
Puffins 	98.8% 
Badgers 	97.6%
Penguins 	96.1%
Lions 	98.6%
Kingfishers 	97.3%

Well done to Owls & Puffins for super attendance!



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

DATE	EVENT
October	
Mon 14 th	FTDS Pop-up Halloween Fancy Dress and Cake Sale
Wed 16 th	KJAR Open Morning for Year 4 Pupils
Fri 18 th	Owl Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Tue 22 nd –	
Thu 24 th	Parent Consultations
Mon 28 th	Half Term break begins
November	
Mon 4 th	Return to school
Thu 7 th	Open Morning for new parents
Fri 8 th	Pelican Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Tue 12 th	Parent Coffee Morning for SEN Parents
Wed 13th	Creative Cooking Classes for Reception*
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
Tue 26 th –	
Wed 27 th	Stagecoach Drama Workshops Y1-4
Fri 29 th	Lion Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
December	
Fri 6 th	Occasional Day – School closed
Thu 12 th	Carol Service Years 2 - 4*
Fri 20 th	Christmas Pantomime All Years*
Fri 20 th	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 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

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service



FREE SPOOKY HALLOWEEN NIGHT

at Royston Fire Station

31st October 2024

5pm - 8pm

Quiet Hour 4pm - 5pm

Hot food, drinks and snacks

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