

THE NOTICEBOARD

End of Autumn Half Term 1



Tannery Drift
First School

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Next week – Half Term

Autumn Term Update

It has been a lovely start to the 2024-2025 academic year at Tannery Drift. Children have settled in well in their new classrooms with their teachers, and have made a good start to their learning. The next half of term is always an exciting one in school, and we are all looking forward to lots of activities, including drama workshops, skipping workshops, as well as the carol concert, pantomime, and Christmas performances.

We wish you all a lovely half term and will see the children back in school on Monday 4th November.

Admissions – September 2025

A reminder to those with pre-school age children:

Nursery

Nursery applications are open now and can be made by following the below link:

[Nursery Application](#)

Our Nursery caters for children from the September following their third birthday until their admission to Reception. We offer the universal 15 free hours as well as the 30 hours scheme for working parents. Families can also make use of our wonderful Early Years wraparound care from 7.40am until 6pm. Applications close on 15th January 2025.

Reception

Reception applications open on 1st November 2024 (during half term) and are made directly to the County Council using their [Online Application System](#). The deadline for on-time applications is 15th January 2025.

Our Reception admissions are controlled by HCC and can not be influenced by the school, however having a sibling at the school is one of the top criteria for getting a place. Please see the below link for the allocation criteria:

[Admission Criteria](#)

Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations for Reception to Year 4 have been rescheduled to the below dates:

Monday 25th November AM

Friday 13th December AM

If you have not already, please fill in the below link to consent or decline:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/hertfordshire>



15th November 2024 - Skipping Workshops

On 15th November we will be welcoming Skipping Workshops to the school, teaching different skipping skills to every class in Years 1 to 4, including individual rope tricks, speed skills and Double Dutch.

There will also be the opportunity for parents and carers to purchase skipping ropes either through their website or at the end of the school day. Please look out for a letter after half term with the details.



Children in Need

On 15th November we will be supporting Children in Need.

On that day, children can come to school wearing PE Kits, something spotty or something yellow to represent Pudsey. If you are able to make a donation to Children in Need that would be wonderful.



In addition to this, the School Office will be selling a limited amount of Children in Need merchandise (including the always-popular Pudsey Ears!) as part of our fundraising, so do pop in.



Thank You

We would like to extend our warmest thanks to Ms Marschani who has been teaching in Pelican Class this half term. She has given the children a wonderful start to Year 1 and really had a big impact.

Today is her last day with us, and I know she will be missed by pupils and staff alike. We wish her well on her upcoming hiking trip to Andalucía!

Friends of Tannery Drift School

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 291369



FTDS 100 Club

2024-2025 sign up for the 100 club has now closed. Thank you very much to everyone who has purchased a number for this year. In the end we had an amazing 66 entries! E-mails with number allocations have been sent out. If you did not receive this email, please contact us at ftds100club@gmail.com.

The first draw will be held this Friday 25th October 2024. Good luck to everyone taking part!

****We have received a payment from "K+C" without an email address. If this was you, please contact us so we can allocate your number accordingly. Thank you!*

Christmas Cards

Children have now completed their Christmas Card artwork in school, and this is being sent off for scanning. Order forms will be sent home with children after half-term and the online shop will then be open for you to place your orders. As a guideline, packs of cards will cost £5.60. Mugs and coasters will also be available, with all proceeds raising funds for FTDS.

Save the Date - Christmas Fair - Friday 29th November













We are delighted to announce that we are planning to hold a Christmas Fair for the school community after school on Friday 29th November, including a special Christmas Raffle. Watch this space for more details!

****If you own or work for a business that would be happy to donate an item to our Christmas Raffle, please do get in touch to let us know on friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com Thank you!****

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%
Red Robins 	98.2%
Little Tigers 	96.6%
Pelicans 	97.7%
Owls 	98.9%
Red Foxes 	97.4%
Puffins 	99.1% 
Badgers 	97.2%
Penguins 	96.5%
Lions 	98.9%
Kingfishers 	97%

Well done to Puffins again for super attendance!



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

November

Mon 4 th	Return to school
Thu 7 th	Open Morning for new parents
Fri 8th	Pelican Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Mon 11 th	Arts Week*
Tue 12 th	Parent Coffee Morning for SEN Parents
Wed 13 th	Creative Cooking Classes for Reception*
Fri 15 th	Skipping Workshops*
Fri 15 th	Red Foxes Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Tue 19 th	Open Morning for new parents Open Classrooms/Art Gallery*
Fri 22 nd	Penguins Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome
Mon 25 th	Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 4
Tue 26 th – Wed 27 th	Stagecoach Drama Workshops Y1-4
Fri 29 th	Lion Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45 Parents & carers welcome FTDS Christmas Fair*

December

Tue 3 rd	Reception Christmas Performance 9.30-10*
Wed 4 th	Reception Christmas Performance 9.30-10*
Thu 5 th	Nursery Christmas Performance 9.30-10*
Fri 6 th	Occasional Day – School closed
Sun 8 th	Royston Town Band Concert*
Thu 12 th	Carol Service Years 2 - 4*
Fri 13 th	Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 4
Tue 17 th	Year 1 Christmas Performance 9.30-10* Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.30-3*
Wed 18 th	Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.30.10* Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.30-3*
Thu 19 th	Christmas Lunch Day
Fri 20 th	Christmas Pantomime All Years* Last Day of Term - 2pm finish - 11.30am Nursery

*Details to follow

New date added

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

To begin on Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half Term: 28th October - 1st November 2024

To end on Friday 20th December 2024 at 2pm

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



FREE SPOOKY HALLOWEEN NIGHT

at Royston Fire Station

31st October 2024

5pm - 8pm

Quiet Hour 4pm - 5pm

Hot food, drinks and snacks

**TRICK OR TREAT
WHY NOT POP BY**

**IT WILL BE FRIGHTFULLY
NICE TO EAT (MEET) YOU**

Raising money for



**The Fire Fighters
Charity**

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/fire

Working to protect. Acting to save.

Light Party

No tricks..... Just treats

sweets. games. disco. craft. food.
and lots of fun

Thursday 31 October 2024

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Coombes Community Centre

A fun, free event for ages 4-11
years, and their families

*Wear something fun and colourful
(No scary costumes please)*



Tel: 01763 230350

Email: lightparty@ct-royston.org.uk

