

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 11th November 2024



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Arts Week

World Nursery Rhyme Week

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

9-9.30	SEN Coffee Morning
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

8.30-11	Rocksteady Music Sessions
9-11.30	Creative Chefs for Reception
12-1.00	Tennis Club for Years 2 & 3
2.50-3.10	Nursery Rhymes in Ladybirds - Parents and Carers welcome
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
2.50-3.10	Nursery Rhymes in Reception - Parents and Carers welcome
3.15-4.15	Multi Sports Club for Years 1 & 2

Friday

9-3.00	Skipping workshops for Years 1 to 4
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SEN Coffee Morning

On Tuesday at 9am, for half an hour, our SENCo, Miss Cottle and Family Support Worker, Beth Kerr, will be available for a chat, for any parents and carers wanting to have an informal discussion over a hot drink. Please just turn up and sign in at the new building on the school field.

Stikins Labels

A reminder that if you buy labels for your child's uniform from Stikins using the code **22835**, Tannery Drift receives 30% commission.

[Buy Your Stikins Labels Here](#) | [Stikins @](#)

Last year we raised **over £110** through Stikins, which all goes towards resources for the children. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations

We are happy to announce that Mrs Jarvis has had a beautiful baby girl named Madeleine. We know you will join us in sending congratulations to Mrs Jarvis and her family.



Times Tables Rockstars Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 Tuesday 12th November to 19:30 on 14th November. It is all done online via [Times Tables Rock Stars: Play](#).



Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

The challenge is mainly to be undertaken at home, however there will be a Wednesday lunchtime club which Years 2-4 can join if they wish to.

Please note, to support well-being there is a 60minute daily limit on playing.

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. In the afternoon Reception Classes will also be invited to watch a skipping performance.

There will be the opportunity for parents and carers to purchase skipping ropes either through their website or at the end of the school day.



Open Morning

On Thursday 7th November we hosted our first Open Morning of the year and were happy to welcome 30 new families for tours of the school. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the ethos of the school, the behaviour of the children, and the politeness of our Year 4 tour guides.

Our next Open Morning is on Tuesday 19th November.

Arts Week – w/c 11th November

Next week is Arts Weeks at Tannery Drift, and this year we will be focussing on Portraits!

We're encouraging all children to complete a portrait of who lives in their house (including pets), and bring it in at some point during the week. **Sheets will be coming home today to draw on.** The below link has a great tutorial on how to draw a simple portrait:

Self Portraits

During the course of the week children will also get the opportunity to engage with all different forms of art, including dance, drama and crafts, as well as learning about portrait techniques and famous portrait artists.

Open Classrooms & Art Gallery

On Tuesday 19th November from 3.15-3.45pm we would like to welcome parents of children in Years R-4 to join us for Open Classrooms. This is an informal opportunity to pop into school to see your child's work and learning environment.

We would also like to invite parents of children in Nursery to Year 4 to our Art Gallery, which will be held in the hall on the same afternoon.

Royston Library Winter Reads Challenge

Tannery Drift are happy to be supporting Royston Library's Winter Reading Challenge which is running until Saturday 31st January.

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/WinterReads>

The goal of the Winter Reads Challenge is to complete six different reading challenges over the winter.

For less avid readers, the challenges can be simple and achievable. For instance, they can complete two challenges with one book.

For those who love a challenge, the library suggests the Wild Card challenge, where they can create their own reading goals.

The challenge is open to all ages, so families can take part in the Winter Reads challenge together.

Those who complete all six challenges by Saturday 31st January will be entered into prize draw to win an iPad. The Challenge is FREE, all they need to do is be a library member.



Nursery Rhymes in Early Years



In celebration of World Nursery Rhyme Week, Nursery and Reception classes would like to invite their parents and carers to join the children in singing some of their favourite nursery rhymes in the classrooms.

2.50pm on Wednesday 13th for Ladybirds

2.50pm on Thursday 14th for Reception

Creative Cooking in Reception

We are delighted to have received funding for a morning of food fun for our Reception Classes. On Wednesday 14th November children in Little Tigers and Red Robins Classes will work in small groups with the cook from Creative Chefs to create rainbow salads (all allergies and intolerances have been accounted for).



Children in Need

Tannery Drift are happy to be supporting BBC Children in Need. On Friday 15th, children can wear PE kits, or yellow/spotty clothing in celebration of Pudsey Bear, and parents are invited to make a donation to Children in Need via the below link:

[Tannery Drift Children in Need Donations](#)

In addition to this, the School Office will be selling a limited amount of Children in Need merchandise from Monday 11th November (including the always-popular Pudsey Ears!) as part of our fundraising, so do pop in.

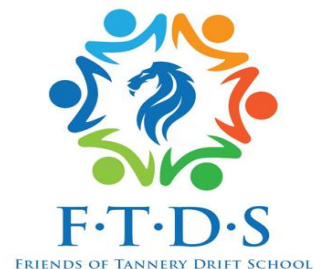
Payments in cash – exact money only please



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[FTDS General Meeting - Monday 11th November - Enrichment Room @ 7.30pm](#)

Please join us for our second meeting of the year on Monday at 7.30pm in the school Enrichment Room where we will discuss our forthcoming events and fundraising ideas. We have lots of exciting plans and it is a great opportunity to get involved in our wonderful community. Everyone is welcome, there is no obligation to volunteer and there will even be refreshments! So come along in person or contact us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com if you would like the link to join the meeting virtually.

[FTDS 100 Club](#)

We are pleased to announce the winning numbers for the FTDS 100 Club October draw are:

1st place - 39

2nd place - 32

Congratulations! You should have received an email to confirm your winning amount. Please respond so we can transfer your winnings if you have not already done so.

Next draw is November 29th. Good luck everyone. Still lots of chances to win!

****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 - Online Shop Open Now!](#)

By now you should have received your Christmas artwork order form with details of how to purchase Christmas cards and other items featuring your child's artwork. You will be required to input your child's name when ordering, so please ensure it is spelt correctly and the right class is selected. The closing date for the online shop is Wednesday 13th November. All orders placed before the shop closes will be delivered to the school free of charge and sent home with children at the end of November / beginning of December. If you have not received your child's order form, please contact

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Save the Date - Christmas Fair and Raffle - Friday 29th November

Planning has kicked off for our Christmas Fair which will be held after school on Friday 29th November. There will be games, refreshments and a special Christmas Raffle with lots of great prizes!

Each child will receive a book of 5 Raffle Tickets **today** for you to purchase (£1 each / £5 per book). You can buy all, some or none of your tickets. To buy a raffle ticket, **you must fill out your contact details directly onto the ticket** and return the completed part along with the correct money in an envelope to the office by **Thursday 28th November**. You must add your contact details to each and every ticket you wish to purchase. Please ensure you keep the part of the ticket with the corresponding numbers and only return the part with your contact details on them. Good luck!

If you have not received a book of tickets, please contact us at the FTDS email address. The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair, but don't worry if you cannot attend, all winners will be contacted afterwards.

Asda Cashpot for Schools until 30th November!

A reminder that Asda's Cash-Pot for Schools programme 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. So sign up and start shopping!















Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

Attendance

We are currently 9th out of 388 Hertfordshire schools for attendance which is fantastic –

Well done children, parents & carers!

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

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	98%
Red Robins 	97.8%
Little Tigers 	96%
Pelicans 	97.1%
Owls 	98.8%
Red Foxes 	97.5%
Puffins 	98.9%
Badgers 	97.2% 
Penguins 	96.6%
Lions 	98.8%
Kingfishers 	96.9%

Well done to Puffins for super attendance!



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

November

- Tue 12th Parent Coffee Morning for SEN Parents
- Wed 13th Creative Cooking Classes for Reception
Nursery Rhymes with Ladybirds 2.50-3.10
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- Thu 14th Skipping Workshops for Children in Need
- Fri 15th Red Foxes Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45
- Parents & carers welcome
- Fri 15th Open Morning for new parents
Open Classrooms/Art Gallery
- Tue 19th Penguins Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45
- Parents & carers welcome
- Fri 22nd Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 4
- Mon 25th Stagecoach Drama Workshops Years 1-4
- Tue 26th – Lion Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45
- Parents & carers welcome
- Wed 27th FTDS Christmas Fair & Raffle Draw
- Fri 29th

December

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

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