

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 18th November 2024



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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

9.30-11.00	Open Morning for Prospective New Parents
12-1.00	Basketball Club Years 1-4
12.30-1	Yoga for Years 1 & 2
3.15-3.45	Open Classrooms & Art Gallery
3.15-4.25	Football Feet for Years 1-4

Wednesday

8.30-11	Rocksteady Music Sessions
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	Penguins Class Assembly
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Open Classrooms & Art Gallery

On Tuesday, 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.

Parents of children in Nursery to Year 4 are also invited to our Art Gallery, which will be held in the hall on the same afternoon. The gallery will showcase some of the fantastic work that children have created during Arts Week.

We look forward to sharing some of this with you in an Arts Week special Noticeboard next Friday too!

Christmas Lunch Day – 19th December

A reminder that Thursday 19th December is Christmas Dinner Day at Tannery Drift. This is always a highlight of the Christmas season at school for the children.

If your child would like to have a school Christmas dinner on Thursday 19th December, **please place your order on School Grid by Friday 22nd November.** Children are very welcome to bring a home packed lunch if they prefer.

Your child is welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or top on this day.

Admissions – September 2025

Our next Open Morning, for parents of children due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2025, is on Tuesday 19th November. To register your interest please email

admissions@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk.

Applying for 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.

Applying for 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.

Applying for Year 5

If you have a child in Year 4 you will need to apply for a Year 5 place for September 2025:

[Primary, junior and middle school places |](#)

[Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Carol Concert – 12th December!

We have started rehearsing our songs for the carol service at St John's Church for **children in Years 2, 3 and 4** on Thursday 12th

December. You are warmly invited to attend this service which runs from 1.30pm - 2.30pm.

If you are able to come and help Mrs France move chairs and set up the Church at 12.30pm, please let the office know. She will be extremely grateful for your support.



Nursery Rhymes in Early Years



We were delighted to welcome parents and carers into our early years classes this week, to join in with singing some of our favourite Nursery Rhymes. Both children and grown-ups had wonderful afternoons!

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need fundraising! Pudsey pin badges and wristbands will be on sale at the school office until the end of the day today (Friday 15th November).



Non-uniform day donations can still be made at the link below:

[Tannery Drift Children in Need Donations](#)

We will let you know the total raised next week.



Creative Cooking in Reception

On Wednesday, Reception children enjoyed a visit from Angie at Creative Chefs, they created Rainbow salad using pasta, red peppers, sweetcorn, cucumber, carrot and cheese.



The children, with Angie's support, were able to describe the food as hot/cold, smooth/rough, crunchy/soft.

The children loved trying all the ingredients as they were building their salads.



Illness Guidelines – Hand, Foot and Mouth

We have recently had several cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Virus amongst the children. Please see the below NHS guidance if you suspect your child has this illness:

Keep your child off school or nursery while they're feeling too unwell to go, but as soon as they're feeling better, they can go back to school or nursery.

There's no need to wait until all the blisters have healed. Keeping your child away from other children for longer is unlikely to stop the illness spreading.

Please see the below link for further information:

[NHS: Hand Foot & Mouth](#)

2023/24 Financial Report to Parents

In compliance with the Government's request for financial transparency, the school shares relevant financial information with the Local Authority. This document has now been published on the [School Website](#).

Funding and Volunteering

We are always actively seeking new streams of funding to enable us to continue to maintain the high standard of educational provision for the children. Should anybody know of any sponsorship opportunities or have contacts with local businesses, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

There are also often small jobs around school that require a skilled work person, for example tree work or minor plumbing tasks, so if anyone has professional skills and are able to offer their services to the school as a volunteer or at special rates, we would be exceptionally grateful.

Skipping Workshops

Today children in Years 1 – 4 are taking part in skipping workshops, learning rope tricks, speed skills and Double Dutch! This afternoon Reception Classes will also be watching a skipping performance.

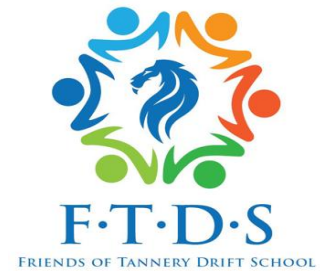
Parents and carers will be able to purchase skipping ropes either through the [Skipping Workshops](#) website or directly from them at the end of the day, they will be set up on the playground for sales!

As you can see, the children are already having lots of fun!

Friends of Tannery Drift School

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Christmas Fair - Friday 29th November, 3.15-5pm - Help and Donations Needed

The Christmas Fair is only a couple of weeks away and we have lots planned so need your help! We hope to run a number of games stalls, including a lucky dip, along with selling Christmas stock, books, crafts, and refreshments, hopefully with mulled wine and Baileys hot chocolate! But this all depends on volunteers, so **please let us know by Monday if you are able to help** with set-up from 1pm, a stall 3.00-3.50pm or 3.45-4.30pm slot, with refreshments running until 5pm, or tidy up until 6pm absolute latest - friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com. We have also asked for Year 4s to help with games, so please respond to the Google Form sent by the school.

We are asking for **cake/biscuit donations** (ideally festive!) to be brought into the school office from Wednesday 27th, with homemade items in the morning of Friday 29th.

Please ensure that the donations are nut free, which includes marzipan and almond

We also plan to have a **preloved Christmas jumper sale** at the fair. If you have any children's festive clothing items that you are willing to donate, please place them in the second hand uniform donations box outside of the year 1 classroom, near the car-park.

As always, FTDS really appreciates all donations we receive and couldn't run these events without your support. We hope that everyone enjoys the festive fun at the Christmas fair!



Christmas Raffle Tickets

Each child should now have received a book of 5 Raffle Tickets 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.

If you do not wish to purchase your raffle tickets, **please return unused tickets to the red FTDS mailbox outside of the school dining room.**

If you have not received a book of tickets, or wish to purchase more tickets, please contact us friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com. Resale tickets are subject to availability.

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Christmas Cards - Online Shop Now Closed

The Christmas Shop for ordering Christmas cards and other items featuring your child's artwork has now closed.

If you were unable to complete your order before the deadline, you will still be able to buy products using the individual pin-code provided on your child's order form, but you will have to pay for shipping to your own address.

Please contact friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com with any questions.

Asda Cashpot for Schools- Two More Weeks!



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!













Easyfundraising – Black Friday!

If you are doing your Christmas Shopping or enjoying the Black Friday Sales, please remember to shop through the Easyfundraising website! It is the easiest way to raise money for FTDS. 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>.



Attendance

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

Class	Attendance
Ladybirds 	97.8%
Red Robins 	97.0%
Little Tigers 	95.9%
Pelicans 	96.7%
Owls 	98.4%
Red Foxes 	97.4%
Puffins 	98.9% 
Badgers 	97.3%
Penguins 	96.8%
Lions 	98.6%
Kingfishers 	96.9%

Well done to Puffins, Lions and Owls for super attendance!



Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:

November

- Tue 19th Open Morning for new parents
Open Classrooms/Art Gallery
- Fri 22nd Penguins Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45
- Parents & carers welcome
- Mon 25th Flu Vaccinations Reception – Year 4
- Tue 26th – Stagecoach Drama Workshops Years 1-4
- Wed 27th
- Fri 29th Lion Class Assembly 9.15 – 9.45
- Parents & carers welcome
Royston Town Band performing in classes*
FTDS Christmas Fair & Raffle Draw

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
Class Christmas Party Day
- Tue 17th Year 1 Christmas Performance 9.30-10*
Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.30-3*
- Wed 18th Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.30.10*
Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.30-3*
- Thu 19th Christmas Lunch Day
- Fri 20th Christmas Pantomime All Years*
Last Day of Term – 2pm (11.30am Nursery)

*Details to follow

New event 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

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

FREE Christmas Extravaganza

at Royston Fire Station

2nd December 2024

5pm - 8pm

Quiet Hour 4pm - 5pm

Raising money for



Meet Santa and his helpers!

Hot food and drinks

[No parking available at the station or surrounding streets]

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Royston Family Support

Coffee Morning

A meet and greet session with the opportunity to ask questions, and an introduction of support for parents including an upcoming course.



DATE: 04/12/2024

TIME: 9:30-10:30

PLACE: Icknield Walk First School

Please park on the road and register at the school office

Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect