

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 24th February 2025



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Monday 17th – Friday 21st Half term break

Monday 24th

- 12-1.00 Dodgeball for Years 1 - 4
- 3.15-4 Ballet Club for Reception & Year 1
- 3.15-4 Colouring Club for Years 1 & 2
- 3.15-4.15 Multi-sports for Years 3 & 4

Tuesday

- 12-1.00 Netball for Years 1 - 4
- 12-12.30 Lego Club for Years 3 & 4

Wednesday

- 8.30-11 Rocksteady Music Sessions
- 12-1.00 Tennis for Years 2 & 3
- 12-12.30 Yoga for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1 Drawing for Years 1 & 2

Thursday

- 12-1.00 Tennis for Years 1 & 4
- 3.15-4.00 Recorder Club for Years 3 & 4

Friday

- 9.15-9.30 Penguins Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- 12-12.30 Times Tables Rockstars for Years 2 - 4
- 12-1.00 Cricket Club for Years 1 - 4

Multisports Bookings Open

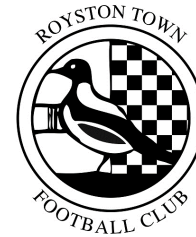
Bookings are now open for Years 3 and 4 to do Multisports Club on Mondays after half term.

This club is run at Tannery Drift by Royston Town FC and is booked through them directly.

Please follow the link below if you would like to enrol your child:

[Tannery Drift Multisport - Monday \(Years 3 & 4\) |](#)

[Royston Town FC | Royston Town Web](#)



New PE Timetable

As per the email, the PE timetable has changed for next half term.

Please see the days below:

Monday – Nursery (no PE kit), Lions & Year 1

Tuesday – Year 1 & Reception

Wednesday – Year 2 & Year 3

Thursday – Nursery (no PE kit), Kingfishers & Year 2

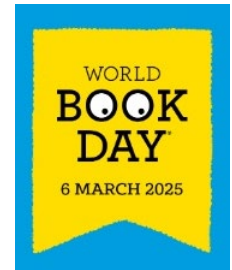
Friday – Year 3 & Year 4

Dodgeball, Netball & Cricket

All dodgeball, netball and cricket club spaces have been allocated for the next half term. If you have not heard back, you have been added to the waitlist for your child's chosen activities.

World Book Day 2025 - Thursday 6th March

A reminder that we would like to invite all children from Nursery through to Year 4 to come dressed up as their favourite book character and we will spend the day completing a wide range of exciting and enjoyable activities centred around our favourite books.



Competition Time!

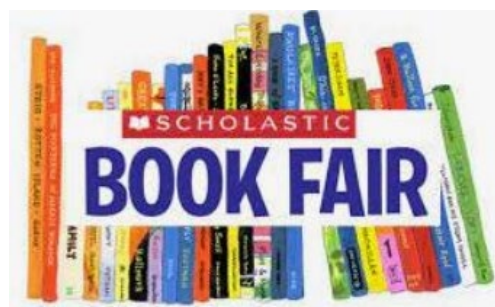
We are also running a competition, to be judged on World Book Day. This will be to create a 'Book in a Box' or 'Book in a Jar', and we will present a £5 book voucher to the winners in each year group that can be redeemed at our Scholastic Book Fair on 6th and 7th March.

You can include carefully chosen items to represent your book, such as quotes, or clues about its characters or setting. There is no obligation to enter, but if your child would like to do so, please make sure their entry is in school, with their name clearly marked underneath, **by Wednesday 5th March.**



The Scholastic Book Fair - 6th and 7th March

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting Tannery Drift on 6th and 7th March, from 8.15-8.45am and 3.15-4.00pm, in the Dining Room. There will be a wide selection of books and other items for sale, starting at pocket-money prices. Every book sold at the fair helps us to earn free books for Tannery Drift. Cash and card payments are accepted.



Your child should have brought home a £1 World Book Day token. This can be used to receive £1 off a book at the Scholastic Book Fair in school. We will not have stock of the £1 books, but these will be available in local bookshops.

Drumming Workshops

On Friday 7th and Friday 14th February we have been lucky enough to host Caz Wolfson from Hertfordshire Music Service, who has run amazing drumming and percussion workshops for students in Years 1-3. The children had so much fun in these engaging, interactive (and noisy!) sessions, and behaved beautifully throughout.



Class Music Lessons

This week, some classes have been playing a variety of brass and string instruments in music lessons. There were lots of giggles and cheers of encouragement when someone mastered a loud brass instrument. It was so popular that 30 children in Year 3 came back at lunchtime to play them again.



Love is in the Air...

Love really was all around us for Valentine's Day today, with the Tannery Drift catering staff going above and beyond, as always, with decorations and heart-themed desserts.



Message from the Headteacher

Last Wednesday we had a visit from our School Effectiveness Advisor. She spent a full day in school, working alongside myself, Victoria Bowyer (Chair of Governors), Roz Torres (Deputy Headteacher), Lucy Seymour (Assistant Headteacher) and Carla Kay (Early Years Leader). Time was spent reviewing progress towards targets and there were robust discussions around Early Years, English and attendance. We then spent time visiting all year groups across the school to observe learning and talk to children and staff.

Highlights from the written report we received this week, following the visit were:

'In the Early Years, leaders are ambitious and want children to be exposed and immersed in a language rich environment.'

'In Nursery children have been lucky to receive several visitors across the year who have spoken to them about their careers, these included a dancer, firefighters and an army cadet.'

'Children in Reception showed excellent listening skills and adults modelled sentences which the children were encouraged to repeat.'

'In Year 1, children were highly engaged and showed excellent collaboration within the small groups they were in.'

'In Year 2, talk partners were used effectively to allow children to share and rehearse their ideas.'

'In KS2 writing, pupils demonstrate clear organisational skills, with well-developed paragraphs and clear coherence between ideas.'

'Support staff were deployed effectively and demonstrated expertise in ensuring pupils' learning activities were tailored to meet their needs.'

'Leadership and management are a strength. Leaders are ambitious and have an accurate understanding of the schools' key strengths and areas for development.'

'Pupils demonstrate respect for teachers and peers alike. They demonstrate positive attitudes towards their learning and are keen to share what they have learned.'

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who is part of our school community. We are extremely fortunate to have supportive families, a dedicated staff team, and many volunteers including Governors and Friends of Tannery Drift who freely give their time to make a big difference. You are all very appreciated.

Wishing everyone a restful half-term break.













Kind wishes,

Anna Greetham

Headteacher

Attendance:

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

	Up to last week	
	Academic Year to Date	Term to Date
Ladybirds 	96.4%	97.4%
Little Tigers 	94.2%	93.8%
Red Robins 	95.6%	96.8%
Owls 	96.9%	97.6%
Pelicans 	95.5%	97.0%
Puffins 	98.3%	98.0%
Red Foxes 	97.3%	97.6%
Badgers 	95.7%	93.5%
Penguins 	96.8%	99.1% 
Kingfishers 	96.8%	96.5%
Lions 	97.4%	96.2%

Well done Penguins on fantastic attendance so far this term!

Spring Term Dates for your Diary:

February

- Mon 17th Half-term break
Fri 28th Penguin Class Assembly 9.15-9.30
- Parents & carers welcome

March

- Tue 4th Girls' Football with Laura Mills Years R-4
Thu 6th World Book Day
Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 7th Scholastic Book Fair
KJAR Dance Festival for Penguin Class
Red Fox Class Assembly 9.15-9.30
- Parents & carers welcome
Mon 10th FTDS Cake Sale
Fri 14th Owl Class Assembly 9.15-9.30
- Parents & carers welcome
Fri 21st Red Nose Day for Comic Relief*
Tue 25th Open Classrooms*
Wed 26th Rocksteady Easter Concert*
Thu 27th PGL Meeting for Year 4 Parents & Carers 3.15-4.15*
Fri 28th FTDS School Discos

April

- Tue 1st Archery taster sessions for Y1-4
Wed 2nd Reception Easter Hat Parade*
Thu 3rd Nursery Easter Hat Parade*
Fri 4th End of Term 2pm (11.30am Nursery)

* Details to follow



Friends of Tannery Drift School

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FTDS Colouring Competition

There is still time to take part in the FTDS Colouring Competition. Pictures can be collected from the school office or printed at home on request. Once your child has completed their entry, please return it to the school office with the £1 entry fee (correct change only).

Thank you for all of the generous donations of unused art supplies that have been received so far. We now have enough to create First and Second prize hampers for each key stage, so thank you very much for your contributions.

The competition closes on **Wednesday 26th February** - Good luck!



HomeStart Aquathon – Sunday 27th April, 6pm, Royston Leisure Centre

The HomeStart Aquathon is taking place at the end of April and we have reserved 2 team slots for 6-7pm.

We are looking for adults and older children to take part in our FTDS teams. If you or your child would like to take part, please contact us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

Cake Sale - Monday 10th March - School Dining Hall

We are planning a Cake and Spring Clean Sale, selling cakes and pre-loved toys and games from our existing FTDS Stock. We will be asking years 3 and 4 to bring in cake donations for this sale. More details to follow!

School Disco - Friday 28th March - School Hall

Early Years 4.30-5.30

Years 1-4 6.00-7.30

We are delighted to host our Spring Term School Disco once again but rely on parent volunteers to make it happen. We will need helpers for both discos, so please consider signing up to help if you would like to attend. Please email us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com and we will add you to the helpers list if you are not already on it.

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Colouring Competition

Open to the whole school

Win a hamper
of arts and crafts materials

£1 to enter

Closing date Wednesday 26th February
Completed entries submitted to the office

Charity number: 291369

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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

Spring Term 2025

Half Term: 17th February – 21st February 2025

To end on Friday 4th April 2025 at 2pm

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