

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:
Monday 10th March 2025



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Monday

- 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
- 3.15-4 FTDS Cake and Uniform Sale

Tuesday

- 12-1.00 Netball for Years 1-4
- 12-12.30 Lego Club for Years 3 & 4
- 3.15-4.25 Football Feet Years 1-4

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 Owls 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

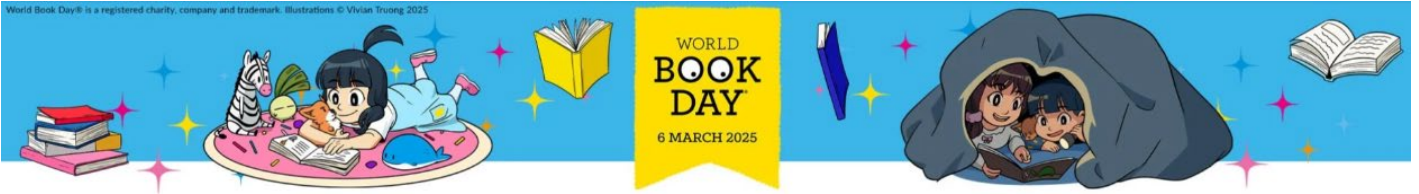
Ofsted Visit

As you are aware, Tannery Drift was visited by Ofsted inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for your support, and to praise the children for the politeness they showed to our visitors. We will share the findings of the inspection report as soon as we receive them.

Friends of Tannery Drift School

We are so lucky to have a super team of parents who fundraise for, and arrange, a lot of the wonderful events we host in school. As you will see on the FTDS pages, they currently do not have enough members to organise some of the children's favourite events of the year, including the Camp-Out, and for next year many positions in the charity will be vacant. If you are able to join up in any capacity, please do get in touch with them: friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

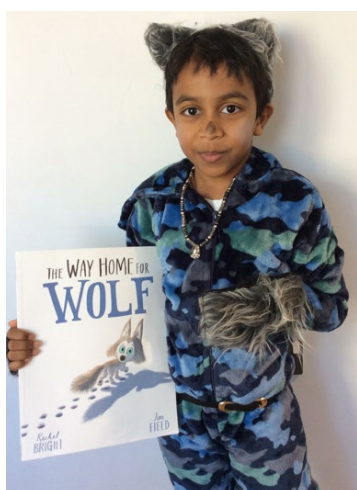




World Book Day 2025

Thursday was World Book Day and, as always, the children at Tannery Drift fully embraced the day! We were delighted to see so many fun costumes based on such a wide range of books. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting with this.

As well as dressing up, the children took part in some great activities throughout the day, with a love of books and reading at the heart of the event. We were also happy to host a Scholastic Book Fair, giving children the opportunity to further expand their book collections! A full write up will feature in next week's newsletter but here is a taster of some of the wonderful costumes:



Colouring Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the FTDS colouring competition. We will be displaying all of the entries in school next week, but here are some of our winners:



World Book Day Competition

In the lead up to World Book Day we ran a competition for children to create a “book in a jar” or “book in a box” inspired by their favourite stories.

We received some fantastic entries and could really see the amount of thought and work which had gone into them.

Our winners from each Year Group received a £5 voucher to spend at the book fair.

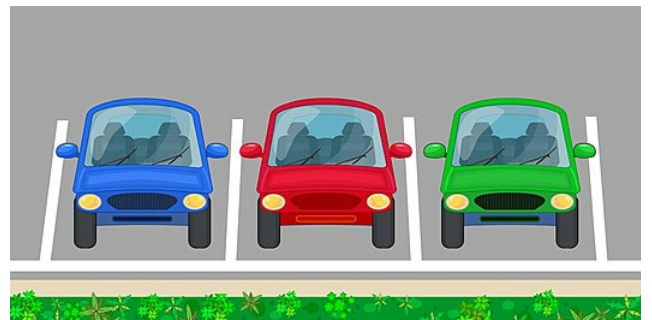


Parking, Drop-off and Pick-up

Following several comments from school neighbours, parents and staff; we would like to give a polite reminder to please park safely and thoughtfully on the school premises and surrounding roads.















- Parking is extremely limited so now the weather is improving, please consider walking, cycling or scooting!
- The parking area immediately through the gates is for staff and disabled badge holders only.
- In the drop-off zone please only use the spaces provided and do not park along the hedge. This is for the children’s safety.
- On the surrounding roads please obey the parking restrictions such as yellow lines – neighbours can and have reported the number plates of cars parked illegally.

Finally, we really do appreciate that parking spaces are limited, but **please try not to arrive for school pick-up before 3.05pm**, as this is the time the gates are opened to ensure the children’s safety.



Attendance:

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

		Up to last week	
		Academic Year to Date	Term to Date
Ladybirds 		95.8%	95.3%
Little Tigers 		94.5%	94.8%
Red Robins 		95.8%	97.0%
Owls 		97.0%	97.7%
Pelicans 		95.2%	95.7%
Puffins 		98.2%	97.7%
Red Foxes 		97.3%	97.4%
Badgers 		97.5%	97.3%
Penguins 		96.8%	98.5%
Kingfishers 		96.7%	96.3%
Lions 		97.3%	96.3%

Well done Penguins, Puffins and Owls on fantastic attendance so far this term!



Term Dates for your Diary:

March

- 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
Drumba Workshops Years 1-4
- 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 Disco

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)

Summer Term

April

- Wed 23rd –
- Thu 24th Hearing and Vision screening for Reception
- Mon 28th Royston Cave Talk for Year 3
- Wed 30th Celtic Harmony Trip for Year 3

May

- Tue 6th Science Week
- Wed 14th –
- Fri 16th Residential PGL Trip for Year 4*

* Details to follow

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The Future of FTDS – We Need Your Help

Thank you to our dedicated members who attended the latest FTDS meeting on Monday evening. As we have mentioned previously, the majority of the current FTDS committee will be leaving the school at the end of the Summer Term. Unfortunately, we have not had any new members join the committee this year. As a result, we have had to make some difficult decisions about the future of FTDS and the events we run.

Regrettably, this means that we will not be able to hold the Tannery Camp-Out or the Summer Fair this year.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly, but without new committee members stepping forward to help plan and organise, we simply do not have the resources to run large-scale events.

We know that many of you already give your time by volunteering at events like the Cake Sale and Disco; your ongoing support is truly invaluable, and we deeply appreciate the time and effort you give to help make our events a success. **However, to ensure that FTDS can continue to support the school in the future, we urgently need new committee members to join and attend meetings before the current team steps down.** This will allow us to pass on essential knowledge and ensure a smooth transition, keeping FTDS running for years to come.

Without new volunteers, the future of FTDS is uncertain. So, if you are able to help, even in a small way, please consider stepping forward.

If you are interested in planning or leading an event, such as the Camp-Out, Summer Fair or Summer Disco or simply wish to learn more about the roles available within the FTDS committee, please email us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com and we would be more than happy to have a chat. Thank you.

Vacant Positions for 2025/2026

Chair / Co-Chair

Vice Chair

Co-Secretary

Co-Treasurer

General Committee Members & Event Planners

* Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 28th April. Details to follow.

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Cake Sale - Monday 10th March - School Dining Hall

We are ready to host our Cake and Spring Clean Sale in the school dining room on Monday 10th March, selling cakes and pre-loved toys and games from our existing FTDS Stock. There will also be a small sale of second-hand summer uniform as well, so come along and grab a bargain!

Years 3 and 4 have been asked to donate cakes to this sale. Shop bought cakes should be delivered to the school office on Friday 7th March and fresh / home-made cakes delivered on Monday 10th March.

No products containing nuts please - including almonds, such as Bakewell tarts

Come and swim with us!

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

The HomeStart Aquathon is taking place on Sunday 27th April and Tannery has 2 team slots for 6-7pm. We still need adults and older children (**years 3 or 4**) who would like to take part in the event.

It is not a competition or race, but just for fun and raises money for both HomeStart and FTDS.

If you or your child would like to take part, please contact us:

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com



School Disco - Friday 28th March, School Hall

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) - 4.30-5.30pm

Years 1-4 - 6.00-7.30pm



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the Spring Disco. More information will be sent to helpers in due course.

Tickets have now gone on sale priced at £3.00 for the Early Years and £3.50 for the Years 1-4 disco.

Please click on the links below to purchase your tickets:

EY (Ladybirds and Reception): <http://bit.ly/FTDSdisco1>

Years 1-4: <http://bit.ly/FTDSdisco2>

At both events, there will be a tuck shop offering a selection of pre-bagged sweets and/or chocolate (£1), drinks & crisps (50p) tattoos (50p) and games stalls (50p).

FRIENDS OF TANNERY DRIFT FIRST SCHOOL

CAKE

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SPRING
CLEAN
SALE

COME AND GRAB A BARGAIN
TOY OR GAME FROM OUR
EXISTING FTDS STOCK!

CASH AND CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

MONDAY 10TH MARCH

3:15PM - 4PM

IN THE SCHOOL DINING ROOM

CHARITY NUMBER: 291369



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

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



Spring Fayre

Raising funds for our Save Christon Hall Appeal

Saturday 15th March

10am – 12pm

Royston Town Hall

Fun for the
whole family!

Games

Tombolas

Glitter
Tattoos

Raffle prize
draw at
11.45am

Cakes

Books

And refreshments!

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