

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 29th September 2025



Tannery Drift
First School

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Monday

- 12-12.30 Art Club for Years 3 & 4
- 3.15-4.00 Ballet for Years R & 1
- 3.15-4.15 Multisport for Years 3 & 4

Tuesday

Individual and Sibling Photographs

- 12-12.30 Drawing Club for Years 3 & 4
- 12-12.30 Yoga for Years 3 & 4
- 12-12.30 Tag Rugby for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Tag Rugby for Years 1 & 2
- 3.15-4.00 Ukelele for Years 3 & 4
- 3.15-4.25 Football Feet for Years 1-4

Wednesday

- 8.30-11.00 Rocksteady Music Sessions
- 12-1.00 Mindfulness for Years 1-4
- 12-12.30 Tennis for Year 3
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis for Year 2
- 3.15-4.00 Athletics for Years 1 & 2

Thursday

National Poetry Day

- 12-12.30 Tennis for Year 4
- 12-12.30 Maths Games for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis for Year 1
- 12.30-1.00 Football for Year 2

Friday

Flu Vaccinations for Years R-4 (by consent only)

- 9.00-9.20 Badgers Class Assembly
- Parents and carers welcome
- 12-12.30 Football for Years 3 & 4

Coming up next week...

School Photographs

On Tuesday we will be welcoming VanCols School Photographers into school, to take individual pupil photos as well as sibling photos (where all siblings are pupils at Tannery Drift). Children will come home with a form containing a QR code which can be used to register to see a preview of your child's photos, and order if you would like to.



Please ensure your child is smartly dressed in correct uniform on this day, and for those with PE, please bring kit in a bag to change into.

Flu Vaccinations

On Friday, the school nursing team are visiting Tannery Drift to deliver flu vaccinations to all children in Years R-4 who have parental consent. If you have not yet, please confirm or deny consent by following the below link by 1st October:

[Flu Vaccinations 2025](#)

For most children the vaccination will take the form of a painless nasal spray, however there is also a pork gelatine-free injection option for those who need it.

For nursery children, vaccination is not offered in school, however you are likely to receive an invite from your GP surgery.

Graphic Novels

Year 4 have been writing their very own graphic novels in English this term. The children planned, illustrated and wrote the novels, then made them into books complete with a front cover and blurb. They used the book of Arthur and the Golden Rope as their inspiration.

Well-done Year 4!



Buddies!

Last week, children in Reception met their Year 4 'buddies' for the first time.

The buddies scheme involves all children in Reception being paired with a Year 4 buddy – someone to talk to, play with, and to be a familiar face around the school for the younger children as they settle into Tannery Drift.



There was much excitement in both year groups on their first meeting, and the children are looking forward to spending more time together this term.

National Poetry Day

Thursday 2nd October is National Poetry Day, with the theme this year being 'Play'!

Children across all year groups will be engaged in all sorts of poetry writing and reading activities in their classrooms, including poetry challenges for Key Stage 2.



As part of the day, Miss Baker, our English lead, has booked Simon Mole's Gigantic Poetry Workshops for Years 1-4 to take part in, which should be a huge amount of fun! Simon is an acclaimed children's poet and a National Poetry Day Ambassador, so we are delighted to be taking part in this virtual event.

Parent Governors

As per last week's letter, we are keen to hear from parents interested in supporting school by becoming a School Governor.

A recent self-evaluation by the Governors showed a lot of strengths across the board, however they would particularly welcome interest from those with expertise in the field of Law and Primary Education.

For more information, visit the National Governance Association: <https://www.nga.org.uk> or contact the School Office to arrange a (no obligation) meeting with Mrs Greetham.

Open Mornings

We have two Open Mornings coming up this term, for prospective parents of Nursery and Reception children starting September 2026.

These events offer an opportunity to have a tour of the school, in particular the Early Years classes, and have a chat to members of staff who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. If you or any friends and family have children of the relevant ages, please do get in touch to confirm your attendance.

Admissions

Nursery (Ladybirds Class)

Our Nursery welcomes children from the September **after** they turn 3, and offers a fantastic pre-school learning and play environment, staffed by fully qualified teachers. We are pleased to accept both the 15 hour and 30 hour government funded hours.

Please [APPLY HERE](#) for a September 2026 nursery place for your child.

Reception

Our wonderful Reception classes are for children starting school the September after they turn 4, and all applications are done through Hertfordshire County Council.

Please note that the School has no influence over the allocation of Reception places – to see the criteria which Hertfordshire County Council apply, please follow this link: [Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council](#).

Reception applications will open on 3rd November 2025 and close on 15th January 2026.

Tannery Tots – Commencing Tuesday 7th October

We would like to invite Tannery Drift Parents and Carers with babies and preschool children to join us on Tuesday mornings for Tannery Tots. This is an informal, drop-in playgroup run by our Family Support Worker Ms Kerr, which offers an opportunity to get to know other families and enables the children and babies to socialise and get to know potential future classmates!

The sessions are £2 (cash) a time, run from 9-10.15am and include a snack for the little ones.



'Stay + Play' run by Tannery Drift First School

Baby and Toddler group for pre-school siblings

Every Tuesday

9.00am - 10.15am

(during term time only)

from 7th October 2025, in our New Building

Tea/Coffee and biscuits for adults
and a snack for the children, £2 per child

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Choosing a Nursery or Reception place for your child?

OPEN MORNINGS:

- **Tuesday 4th November:** 9:30am – 11:00am
- **Thursday 13th November:** 9:30am – 11:00am

We provide Breakfast and After School Club from 7:40 am to 6:00 pm.

Please come and see our school at work. To register your interest, or book your appointment, then please contact the school office: admissions@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk

Role-play

Jigsaws and puzzles

Construction toys

Story time + singing

Snack

Baby toys

Details to follow*

Newly added

Dates for your Diary:

September

Tue 30th Individual & sibling photographs

October

Thu 2nd National Poetry Day

Fri 3rd Flu vaccinations for Years R-4
Badgers Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome

Fri 10th Penguins Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome

Fri 17th Red Foxes Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome
FTDS Halloween Bake & Costume Sale

Tue 21st Parent Consultations 3.50-6.20pm

Thu 23rd Parent Consultations 5.30-8pm

Fri 24th INSET DAY (school closed for children)

Mon 27th HALF TERM WEEK

November

Tue 4th Open Morning for prospective families
9.30-11am*

Fri 7th Pelicans Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome

Wed 12th Open Classrooms & Art Gallery 3.15-3.45*

Thu 13th Open Morning for prospective families
9.30-11am*

Fri 14th Children in Need
Owls Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome

Wed 19th Flu vaccinations for Years R-4 (catch up
session)

Fri 21st Puffins Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome

Fri 28th Lions Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome

December

Tue 2nd Reception Nativity*

Wed 3rd Nursery Christmas Songs*

Thu 4th Reception Nativity*

Fri 5th OCCASIONAL DAY (school closed)

Tue 9th Carol Service for Years 3 & 4*

Wed 10th Rocksteady Concert*

Tue 16th Year 1 & 2 Christmas Shows*













Wed 17th Year 1 & 2 Christmas Shows*

Thu 18th Christmas Dinner Day*

Fri 19th Last day of term 2pm finish
Nursery 11.30am finish

Attendance

Please do avoid booking term-time holidays. These will always be unauthorised and may result in a fine.

		To end of last week
Ladybirds		94.9%
Little Tigers		99.1%
Red Robins		97.7%
Owls		95.4%
Pelicans		98.5%
Puffins		98.9%
Red Foxes		98.1%
Badgers		97.5%
Penguins		99.6% 
Kingfishers		97.7%
Lions		99.2%

Our attendance target for the year is 97.5%. Well done to Penguins class for fantastic attendance so far this year!

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Halloween Bake and Fancy-Dress Costume Sale - Friday 17th October

We are continuing to collect any second-hand fancy dress / Halloween costumes that you'd be willing to donate for our cake and costume sale on 17th October.

Please drop off any items that are in a good condition to the **FTDS Second-Hand Uniform Bin**, located near the car park and Year 1 classrooms. Thank you!

2025-26 FTDS 100 club sign-up

Thank you very much to everyone who has signed up to the 100 club so far this year. For £10 you will be assigned a number for the year, with two winning numbers being drawn monthly (Oct-Jul) giving you up to 20 chances of winning a cash prize!



The more people who sign-up the bigger the prizes! Please join us in this fun way to raise money for all the fantastic events we have planned for the children.

Sign-up is still open until Friday 3rd October 2025 - details on the poster below.

Eco Party Pack/Table Hire

A reminder that we have re-usable party packs available for hire, helping to reduce single use party waste. Each pack costs £5, and contains 30 plastic cups, plates, and bowls, 4 serving platters, and 2 jugs. We also have folding tables available to hire at £5 each. Packs/tables can be hired midweek, or over a weekend, for any party or event you might be holding. Please see the booking form [here](#) for more information, and to make a booking, or email us at ftdsecopack@gmail.com.



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F.T.D.S

100 Club

FTDS Charitable Lottery
2025-26
Sign up NOW OPEN

For **£10** only, you will be assigned a number for the year, **two** winning numbers are drawn monthly (Oct-Jul) giving you

20 chances of winning a cash prize!

(Half of the subscription fee goes to FTDS to fund activities for your children throughout the year and half goes towards the monthly draw)

The closing date is

Friday 3rd October 2025

[Sign up here using our Google form](#)

For more information, terms and conditions, email us at FTDS100club@gmail.com



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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.



2025 – 2026 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

INSET Day: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

To begin on Thursday 4th September 2025

INSET Day: Friday 24th October 2025

Half Term: 27th October - 31st October 2025

Occasional Day: Friday 5th December 2025

To end on Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

To begin on Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term: 16th February – 20th February 2026

To end on Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

To begin on Monday 13th April 2026

Half Term: 25th May – 29th May 2026

INSET Day: Monday 1st June 2026

To end on Wednesday 22nd July 2026

INSET Day: Thursday 23rd July 2026

2026 – 2027 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

INSET Day: Tuesday 1st September 2026

To begin on Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Half Term: 26th October – 30th October 2026

Occasional Day: Friday 4th December 2026

To end on Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

INSET Day: Monday 4th January 2027

INSET Day: Tuesday 5th January 2027

To begin on Wednesday 6th January 2027

Half Term: 15th February – 19th February 2027

To end on Thursday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

To begin on Monday 12th April 2027

Half Term: 31st May – 4th June 2027

INSET Day: Monday 7th June 2027

To end on Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET Day: Thursday 22nd July 2027