

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

[www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](http://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk)

## 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

- 9-10.15 Tannery Tots in the New Building
- 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
- 1.30-2.30 Year 1 Royston Geography Walk
- 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

- 9.30-11.00 Year 4 Cross Country at KJAR
- 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

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

## School Photographs

You should by now have



received a VanCols form containing a QR code.

Please visit the [Vancols](https://www.vancols.com) website and you will be able to preview and order your child's photos soon.



As well as the School Photographer we have had a lot of visitors in school this week, who have been really impressed with the children's excellent behaviour and the learning environments we offer. School is always a very busy and dynamic environment. The School Census was submitted on Thursday. Our School currently has 318 children on role from Nursery to Year 4, with over 20 different first languages spoken amongst our community.

Year 3 Badgers Class ended the week with a wonderful Harvest Assembly. Very well-done Miss Watts and Year 3 children! We hope the 9am start for class assemblies works better for everyone, please feel free to give us feedback on the adjusted time.

## National Poetry Day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October it was National Poetry Day.

Children across all year groups enjoyed all sorts of poetry writing and reading activities in their classrooms, including poetry challenges.



As part of the day, Miss Baker, our English lead, arranged for us to join in with Simon Mole's Gigantic Poetry Workshops!

This was a huge success and children really enjoyed getting involved in this virtual event.

## 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.

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Choosing a Nursery or Reception place for your child?

OPEN MORNINGS:  
– Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November: 9:30 am – 11:00 am  
– Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November: 9:30 am – 11:00 am

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](mailto:admissions@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk)



'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

- Role-play
- Jigsaws and puzzles
- Construction toys
- Story time + singing
- Snack
- Baby toys

Details to follow\*

Newly added

## Dates for your Diary:

### October

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Penguins Class Assembly 9-9.20am - Parents and carers welcome
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Red Foxes Class Assembly 9-9.20am - Parents and carers welcome FTDS Halloween Bake & Costume Sale
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Consultations 3.50-6.20pm
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Consultations 5.30-8pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY (school closed for children)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM WEEK

### November












Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for prospective families 9.30-11am*
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pelicans Class Assembly 9-9.20am - Parents and carers welcome
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Classrooms & Art Gallery 3.15-3.45*
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for prospective families 9.30-11am*
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Owls Class Assembly 9-9.20am - Parents and carers welcome
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccinations for Years R-4 (catch up session)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Puffins Class Assembly 9-9.20am - Parents and carers welcome
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lions Class Assembly 9-9.20am - Parents and carers welcome

### December

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception Nativity 9.30-10am
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nursery Christmas Songs 9.30-10am
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Nativity 9.30-10am
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	OCCASIONAL DAY (school closed)
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service for Years 3 & 4*
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rocksteady Concert 9.15-10.30am
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Storytime with Santa*
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Shows*
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Shows*
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner Day*
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	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		95.9%
Little Tigers		99.1%
Red Robins		98.2%
Owls		95.8%
Pelicans		98.9%
Puffins		98.8%
Red Foxes		97.9%
Badgers		97.2%
Penguins		99.4%
Kingfishers		98.1%
Lions		98.8%



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

## Friends of Tannery Drift School

[friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com)

Registered Charity: 291369



### 2025-26 FTDS 100 club sign-up - FINAL CALL!

20 chances of winning a cash prize throughout the school year!

Sign up to the 100 club closes at midnight TONIGHT. If you'd like to get involved then for just £10 you will be assigned a number for the year and two winning numbers are drawn monthly (Oct-Jul) giving you up to 20 chances of winning a cash prize!



Half of the annual subscription fee goes to the Friends of Tannery Drift School to provide activities for your child.

[You can sign up here](#)

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

With only 2 weeks until our Halloween Sale, we are continuing to collect any second hand fancy dress costumes. 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.

We will also be asking Year 3 and 4 parents for any cake and biscuit donations (nut free) to be handed into the office from Thursday 16th. Thank you!

### Second Hand Uniform

We are continuing to sell second hand logo items of uniform throughout the term - this includes jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and t-shirts, subject to stock availability. Please email us if you would like to request any items: [ftdsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:ftdsuniform@gmail.com)

### General Committee Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined the first FTDS meeting of the school term. It was a great turn out and we're incredibly lucky to have a committee that continues to raise money for the school and children through various events and activities. If you would like to be part of it, then please email [friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com) and join us at the next meeting on Thursday 6th November at 7:30pm.



**HALLOWEEN**  
CAKE, COSTUME, AND UNIFORM  
**SALE**

 **DONATIONS NEEDED**

Fancy Dress Sale Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

The Friends of Tannery Drift School (FTDS) are requesting donations of pre-loved children's fancy dress costumes to sell at our second-hand sale.

If you have any of the following items, we would love to help give them a new home:

- Halloween costumes
- Fancy dress costumes
- Superhero costumes

Please ensure that all donations are clean and in good condition.

Place items in the uniform donation bin near the carpark by Year 1.

**THANK YOU!**

CHARITY NUMBER 291369



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FRIENDS OF TANNERY DRIFT SCHOOL

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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025*

To begin on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

*INSET Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

*Occasional Day: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

To end on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Spring Term 2026

*INSET Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

To begin on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half Term: 16<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

To end on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Summer Term 2026

To begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*INSET Day: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026*

To end on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

*INSET Day: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026*

## 2026 – 2027 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2026

*INSET Day: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026*

To begin on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Half Term: 26<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

*Occasional Day: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2026*

To end on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

### Spring Term 2027

*INSET Day: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027*

*INSET Day: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027*

To begin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

To end on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

### Summer Term 2027

To begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Half Term: 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

*INSET Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027*

To end on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

*INSET Day: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027*

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# SEN LEGO CLUB

For children with additional needs  
and their families.

FIRST SATURDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH

2-4pm, Outside of the Box CIC,  
3a/b The Lanterns, 16 Melbourn St,  
Royston, SG8 7BX  
e: [RandVlegoclub@gmail.com](mailto:RandVlegoclub@gmail.com)



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Lego SEN Club

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## FREE Courses & Workshops for Parents Autumn 2025

**We still have spaces on courses starting after half-term**

Please forward this email to share with parents and colleagues.

If you have any problems viewing this email or clicking on the buttons, all of the information and flyers can be found on our website.  
<https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.html>

These are all funded by Herts County Council so are free for parents to attend.

### Courses: Phone 07512 709 556 to book

6-Weeks	Location	ID	Dates 2025	Day	Time
Talking Additional Needs	Bushey	771	5 Nov to 10 Dec	Wed	7.00-9.00pm
Talking Families	Online	772	4 Nov to 9 Dec	Tue	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	773	4 Nov to 9 Dec	Tue	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Anger in Teens	<b>FULL</b> Online	775	4 Nov to 9 Dec	Tue	7.45-9.30pm
Talking Teens	<b>FULL</b> Online	777	6 Nov to 11 Dec	Thu	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Dads	Online	780	5 Nov to 10 Dec	Wed	7.45-9.15pm

### ASD & ADHD Online Workshops: Book through Eventbrite

1.75hr single sessions	Date	Day	Time
Responding to Anger	<b>FULL</b>	23-Sep-25	Tue 9.30-11.15am
The Teenage Years	13-Oct-25	Mon	7.30-9.15pm
School Avoidance	10-Nov-25	Mon	7.30-9.15pm
Tech Use	24-Nov-25	Mon	7.30-9.15pm

### COURSES

Parents can book by phoning 07512 709556

Or email [bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk](mailto:bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk)

Please include your phone number as we cannot book a place without speaking to you. The courses that are fully booked will be running again next term.