

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 3rd November 2025



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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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

- ~~9-10.15 Tannery Tots in the New Building~~
- 9.30-11.00 Open Morning for Prospective Parents
- 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

- 9.15-10.30 Open Morning at KJAR for Year 4
- 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

- 9-9.15 Pelicans Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- 12-12.30 Football for Years 3 & 4

Tannery Drift Open Morning

On Tuesday 4th November we are holding the first of two Open Mornings for prospective Nursery and Reception families. These offer an opportunity for an informal tour of the school, led by our wonderful Year 4s, as well as a chance to chat to members of the staff team. The morning is running between 9.30-11am on a drop-in basis, but please do contact the school office using admissions@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk to register your interest and help us manage numbers on the day.

To apply for a September 2026 Nursery place, applications are already open and can be made here:

[Nursery 2026 Application Form](#)

King James Academy Open Morning



On Thursday 6th November, King James Academy are holding an Open Morning for current Year 4s and their parents and carers. If you are taking your child along to this session, please sign them in at the Tannery Drift School Office on their return.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

Bounce Beyond – Trampoline Workshop

On Friday 14th November, 'Bounce Beyond' are delivering class workshops on mini trampolines as part of Children in Need. Children in Reception to Year 4 will be taking part.



Children need to come to school wearing their PE kits, including wearing trainers. Additionally, children in **ALL years, including Nursery**, are very welcome to wear something yellow or spotty to symbolise Pudsey Bear if they wish to.



If you wish to make a voluntary donation to Children in Need, we will be sharing a Parent Pay link after half term.

Multisport for Years 3 and 4

A reminder that booking is now open for Year 3s and 4s to join Multisport Club, which is run at the school by Royston Town FC on Mondays at 3.15pm.

Please click here to book: [Multisport](#).

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The British Legion Poppy Appeal

began this week, and there are poppies along with other merchandise available from the School Office, with suggested donations starting from £1.00.



As the money is being collected directly for the charity, it is cash only. Please do pop in at drop-off or pick-up if you would like to donate and pick up a poppy.

Open Classrooms & Art Gallery 3.15-3.45pm

On Wednesday 12th November we would like to offer Parents and Carers the opportunity to pop into their child's classrooms to get a taste of their learning environments and see some of the work they have been completing so far this year.



Additionally, there will be a display of the children's wonderful artwork to look at in the School Hall. We regret that we cannot extend the hours of the session to accommodate Afterschool Club attendees on this occasion.

School Governor Update

We are delighted to have had two parents express an interest in supporting the school and joining our Governing Body. There are currently two vacancies and therefore they have both been appointed without the need for a parental election. Both candidates have strong and relevant skills, and we are delighted to welcome Dr Rob Smith and Mr David Chapman to the Governing Body.

Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

October

Mon 27th HALF TERM WEEK

November

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

Thu 6th King James Academy Open Morning

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

Bounce Beyond Trampoline Workshop

Owls Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome

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

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

Fri 28th Lions Class Assembly 9-9.20am
- Parents and carers welcome
FTDS Mini Christmas Fair 3.15pm

December

Tue 2nd Reception Nativity 9.30-10am (both classes)

Wed 3rd Nursery Christmas Songs 9.30-10am

Thu 4th Reception Nativity 9.30-10am (both classes)

Fri 5th OCCASIONAL DAY (school closed)

Tue 9th Carol Service for Years 3 & 4
1.30-3pm at Royston Parish Church

Wed 10th Rocksteady Concert 9.15-10.30am
- Parents and carers welcome

Fri 12th Storytime with Santa*

Tue 16th Year 1 Show 9.30-10am (both classes)
Year 2 Show 2.30-3pm (both classes)













Wed 17th Year 2 Show 9.30-10am (both classes)
Year 1 Show 2.30-3pm (both classes)

Thu 18th Christmas Dinner Day*

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

Attendance

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

		To end of last week
Ladybirds		98.2%
Little Tigers		98.3%
Red Robins		97.9%
Owls		96.9%
Pelicans		98.6%
Puffins		97.8%
Red Foxes		98.6%
Badgers		96.8%
Penguins		99.3% 
Kingfishers		97.7%
Lions		98.4%

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

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Registered Charity: 291369



Halloween Bake and Fancy Dress Sale

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Halloween cake, uniform, and costume sale! We're thrilled to share that we raised a fantastic **£463.57!**

October 100 Club Winners

We are pleased to announce the winning numbers for the FTDS 100 Club October draw are:

- 1st place - 64
- 2nd place - 12

Congratulations! First place wins £28 and second place wins £12.

You will receive an e-mail to confirm. Please respond so we can transfer your winnings to you.

The next draw is November 28th. Good luck everyone. Still lots of chances to win!

Christmas Cards

Children have now completed their Christmas Card artwork in school and this is being sent off for scanning. Order forms will be sent home with children after half-term and the online shop will then be open for you to place your orders. As a guideline, packs of cards will cost £5.60. Mugs and coasters will also be available, with all proceeds raising funds for FTDS.



Mini Christmas Fair – Friday 28th November from 3.15pm in the School hall

Plans are underway for our Christmas Fair so watch this space after half-term for more details! There will be a raffle (with some pretty cool prizes!), lucky dip, festive games, Christmas jumper sale, and mulled wine!

EasyFundraising and Support FTDS

A final reminder for a free way that you can support Friends of Tannery Drift School through EasyFundraising - an app that allows your chosen charity to receive a small percentage of any purchases you make at a huge selection of retailers (e.g. M&S, Boots, Argos, ebay) with no extra cost to yourself.

If you set up the app in October, and select FTDS, we will receive a £2 contribution...and that's before you do any online shopping! [Watch this short video](#) to find out more. Thanks in advance for supporting FTDS.

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