

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 10th 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 2, 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
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
3.15-3.45 Art Gallery & Open Classrooms
3.15-4.00 Athletics for Years 1 & 2

Thursday

- 9.30-11.00 Open Morning for Prospective Parents
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 Owls Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
12-12.30 Football for Years 3 & 4

Open Classrooms & Art Gallery 3.15-3.45pm

On Wednesday 12th November we would like to welcome parents of children in Years R-4 to join us for Open Classrooms. This is an informal opportunity to pop into school to see your child's work and learning environment.



Parents of children in Nursery to Year 4 are also invited to our Art Gallery, which will be held in the hall on the same afternoon. The gallery will showcase some of the fantastic work that children have created during Arts Week.

We look forward to sharing some of this with you in an Arts Week special Noticeboard next Friday too!

We regret that we cannot extend the hours of the session to accommodate Afterschool Club attendees on this occasion.

Open Morning

On Tuesday 4th November we hosted our first Open Morning of the year and were happy to welcome 26 new families for tours of the school. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the ethos of the school, the behaviour of the children, and the politeness of our Year 4 tour guides.

Our next Open Morning is on Thursday 13th November.

Applying for Nursery

Nursery applications are open now and can be made by following the below link:

To apply for a September 2026 Nursery place, applications are already open and can be made here: [Nursery 2026 Application Form](#)

Our Nursery caters for children from the September following their third birthday until their admission to Reception. We offer the universal 15 free hours as well as the 30 hours scheme for working parents. Families can also make use of our wonderful Early Years wraparound care from 7.40am until 6pm. Applications close on 15th January 2026.

Applying for Reception

Reception applications are now open and are made directly to the County Council using their [Online Application System](#). The deadline for on-time applications is 15th January 2026.

Applying for Year 5

If you have a child in Year 4 you will need to apply for a Year 5 place for September 2026: [Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week starts on Monday 10th November. Odd Socks Day marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. We encourage children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 10th November to represent a celebration of individuality, diversity and promotion of anti-bullying awareness. An Anti-Bullying Week assembly will also be held on Thursday.

Christmas Lunch Day – 18th December

A reminder that Thursday 18th December is Christmas Dinner Day at Tannery Drift. This is always a highlight of the Christmas season at school for the children.

If your child would like to have a school Christmas dinner on Thursday 18th December, **please place your order on School Grid by Friday 28th November**. Children are very welcome to bring a home packed lunch if they prefer.

Your child is welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or top on this day.

Carol Concert – 9th December

We have started rehearsing our songs for the Carol Service at St John's Church for **children in Years 3 and 4** on Tuesday 9th December. You are warmly invited to attend this service which runs from 1.30pm – 3.00pm.

If you are able to come and help Mrs France move chairs and set up the Church at 12.30pm, please let the office know. She will be extremely grateful for your support.



Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

November













- 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 Workshops
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		98.3%
Little Tigers		98.3%
Red Robins		97.9%
Owls		97.1%
Pelicans		98.7%
Puffins		97.4%
Red Foxes		98.8%
Badgers		96.8%
Penguins		99.0% 
Kingfishers		97.3%
Lions		98.0%

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

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Christmas Cards

The online shop is now open to order your child's Christmas cards! All orders placed before the shop closes on **Weds 12th Nov** will be delivered to school free of charge and sent home with the children at the end of November/beginning of December.

Your child should have come home with their form earlier this week - if you can't find it, please contact FTDS: friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

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

Plans for the Christmas Fair are coming together and it's going to be a great one! Here's some more information:

Raffle booklets - these have gone home in your child's bag today. Tickets are £1 each / £5 per book. You can buy all, some or none of your tickets.

- Complete Name and Tel directly onto all tickets that you wish to purchase
- **Return the stubb part** along with the correct money in an envelope to the school office by **Thurs 27th Nov**. You can keep the larger side of the ticket.
- Please return any unused booklets to the school office.

If you have not received a book of tickets, please contact friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com. The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair, but don't worry if you cannot attend, all winners will be contacted afterwards.

Here's just a few of the many prizes to be won.....

- YOTO Player (3rd Gen) worth over £80
- Bury Lane Christmas Hamper
- Joma Jewellery set
- 2 x Shepreth Wildlife Park Tickets
- Craft Buddy Disney Advent Calendar (worth £35)
- £50 Scamp & Dude voucher
- Beauticolology 24 Days of Beauty Magic Gift Set (worth £45)
- Jolly Postie voucher



Volunteers - we will be needing help to run the games and refreshments - if you are able to help out in any capacity please let us know. You'll also get entered into a separate 2nd helpers raffle as a thank from FTDS! Please send an email to friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com with your availability.

Christmas Jumpers - We also plan to have a **preloved Christmas jumper sale** at the fair. If you have any children's festive clothing items that you are willing to donate, please place them in the second-hand uniform donations box outside of the year 1 classroom, near the car-park.

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

DYNAMOS CRICKET

Royston Cricket Club are providing Free Dynamos sessions for Girls aged 8-11

Free Girls only sessions available

dynamoscricicket.co.uk

Join us at: King James Academy Royston

Session dates: Sundays from 9th November to 14th December

Session timings: 10.30 to 11.30 am

Contact: David May
dmmroystoncricket@outlook.com or
 07801235814

To book your free sessions please register via the QR code

Details of how to get your free place are included in the registration details.

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