

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 17th November 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 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
10.30-12.00 Flu Vaccinations (catch-up session)
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

- 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 Puffins Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
12-12.30 Football for Years 3 & 4

Lost Property

Our lost property box next to the dining room door is overflowing! These items are unnamed, or names are now illegible, and we would like to reunite as many of them as possible with their owners.

Weather permitting, on **Friday 21st November**, this uniform will be put out in front of the dining room. Please feel free to come and look. After these three weeks any unclaimed items will be donated to the FTDS.

Flu Vaccinations (catch-up session)



The School Vaccination team will be returning to Tannery Drift on Wednesday 19th November.

If your child has NOT yet received a flu vaccination this year, and you wish them to, please consent via the following link: [2025 Flu Vaccine](#)

Do remember to specify whether you wish them to receive the painless nasal spray, or the pork gelatine-free injection.

Any queries need to be directed to Vaccination UK directly at Hertfordshire@v-uk.co.uk, the school does not directly manage the vaccination lists.

Open Mornings

We were delighted to welcome so many new families to the school for our recent Open Mornings. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive about the ethos of the school, the behaviour of the children, and the learning environments we provide.

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](#)

Parent Coffee Mornings

We are happy to announce we are relaunching our Parent Coffee Mornings, led by our wonderful



Family Support Worker, Ms Kerr. These are informal sessions and offer a chance to receive practical support as well as engage with other Tannery Drift parents and carers.

The below upcoming sessions will be held from 8.50-10am in the New Building:

Wednesday 26th November 8.50-10am

Please join our Family Support Worker alongside Children's Wellbeing Practitioners for a session focusing on children's self-esteem, wellbeing and resilience.

Wednesday 10th December 8.50-10am

This will be a social Christmas session run by [@wearecraftedconnections](#), and for £5 (cash on the day), offers a chance to craft Christmas baubles, whilst connecting, chatting and enjoying a mince pie!

Wednesday 28th January 8.50-10am

Topic: Zone of Regulation at Home

Tannery Tots – Tuesdays 9-10.15am

A reminder that Tannery Tots runs every Tuesday morning in our New Building and is a wonderful opportunity for those with babies and pre-school children to drop-in, play, and maybe even get to know future classmates!



'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
(next to the tennis courts)

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

Children in Need – Friday 14th November

If you wish to make a voluntary donation to Children in Need please use the following link: [Children in Need](#).



Bounce Beyond – Trampoline Workshop

As part of Children in Need, children in Year Reception to Year 4 have absolutely loved taking part in 'Bounce Beyond' trampoline workshops.

Each child had their own trampette, and followed bounce choreography led by Laura, our incredibly energetic workshop leader.



Each session ended with a bounce disco, complete with disco lights!

For more photos of this, and other events in school, do follow our official Facebook page:

[Tannery Drift First School Facebook](#).



Photo Permissions - Consent

A reminder to complete the [Google Consent Form](#), to review permissions for the sharing of images, which now includes social media use.

For safeguarding reasons, if we do not receive updated consents for your child we will default to assuming no photo permissions are granted.

Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

November

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

Fri 21st Puffins Class Assembly 9-9.20am

- Parents and carers welcome

Wed 26th **Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am**

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 **Parent Coffee Morning (social) 8.50-10am**

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		98.1%
Owls		96.9%
Pelicans		98.4%
Puffins		97.3%
Red Foxes		97.8%
Badgers		97.0%
Penguins		99.2% 
Kingfishers		97.4%
Lions		97.7%

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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Christmas Cards

The online shop is now closed for deliveries to school, but you can still use your child's unique code to order and pay for shipping to your home address. Please [contact FTDS](#) with any questions.

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

Raffle booklets - thank you to everyone who has returned their raffle stubs and money so far - there's still time to get your tickets in before **Thursday 27th November**. The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair, but don't worry if you can't attend, all winners will be contacted afterwards.

Please remember to:

- Complete Name and Tel directly onto all tickets that you wish to purchase
- Return the stub 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.



With some top prizes of a brand new YOTO Player, family pass to Woburn Safari Park (2 adults, 2 children), free entry to Audley End Miniature Railway (2 adults, 2 children) as just a few examples, you don't want to miss out!

If you have not received a book of tickets, please contact friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

If you would like an additional booklet, then we do have some available - please note, it is only 1 additional booklet per family and is on a first come, first served basis from Monday. The booklets are available to pick up from the office.

Volunteers - we have some wonderful stalls for the kids to enjoy and items for sale (*sneak peek here at what's on offer!*), but we **need more help** to run these stalls, games and refreshments. If you are able to help out in any capacity, please let us know: friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

If your child is in Year 4, they can also volunteer to run a game alongside an adult. Please speak to your Year 4 class teacher.



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 carpark.

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

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Please help the 10th Royston Beavers, Cubs and Scouts raise money for activities and overnight camps.

Buy our special stamps and use our post boxes in:
Icknield Stores, Ladds and Morrisons Daily.

Cards must be for addresses within Royston only.

Last post collection: 12pm on Monday 15th December.

Stamps only 50p
(cash only)

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