

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 24th November 2025



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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 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

Wednesday

- 8.50-10.00 Parent Coffee Morning
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

- 9-12.00 Year 2 Football Festival (selected)
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 Lions Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
12-12.30 Football for Years 3 & 4
3.15-4.30 FTDS Mini Christmas Fair

Parent Coffee Mornings

A reminder that our Parent Coffee Mornings, led by our wonderful Family Support Worker, are recommencing on Wednesday 26th November, from 8.50-10am in the New Building.



Upcoming Sessions:

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](https://www.instagram.com/wearecraftedconnections), and for £5 (cash on the day), offers a chance to craft Christmas baubles, whilst connecting, chatting and enjoying a mince pie!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Please see the next page for all our exciting plans!



Christmas @ Tannery

Monday 24th November – Nursery Jumpers

* Children in Nursery should bring their named Christmas jumper, in a named bag.

Wednesday 26th November – Costumes for Reception

* Children in Reception should bring their named costumes to school by today in a named bag.

Friday 28th November – FTDS Christmas Fair

* From 3.15pm, in the school hall. The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair you can purchase your tickets until Thursday 27th November.

Monday 1st December – Christmas Post Box

* From Monday 1st December we will have the Christmas Post Box set up in the School Office. This is a chance for children to post Christmas cards to their friends if they wish, which then get delivered to classrooms by some very helpful Year 4 Elves. Please ensure all envelopes are marked clearly with the child's first name and class name. Wednesday 17th December will be the last day for posting.

Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th December

* Reception Christmas Performances, 9.30am. Tickets are on sale now in the Arbor School Shop.

Wednesday 3rd December

* Nursery Christmas Songs, 9.30am (tickets not required).

Monday 8th December

* Children in Year 1 should bring their named Christmas jumper, in a named bag, by today.

Tuesday 9th December

* Christmas Carol Service for Years 3 & 4, 1.30pm
We are so pleased to be able to celebrate our Christmas Carol Service in St John the Baptist Church. We warmly invite parents to join us.

Wednesday 10th December – Rock Steady Christmas Concert, 9.15am in the school hall.

Friday 12th December

* Class Parties – Children are invited to come to school in festive party clothes if they would like to. They can bring snacks to share (no nuts or meat) and non-electronic games to play.

* Storytime with Santa

Tuesday 16th December

* Year 1 Christmas Performance, 9.30am

* Year 2 Christmas Performance, 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th December

* Year 2 Christmas Performance, 9.30am

* Year 1 Christmas Performance, 2.30pm

(Ticket information will be sent out soon)

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Children are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper or t-shirt to help them get into the festive spirit! Please book dinners by Friday 28th November on School Grid.

Friday 19th December

* Last day of term

Years R – 4, 2pm

Nursery, 11.30am



Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

November

- 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

January

- Mon 5th INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Wed 28th Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
- Topic: Zones of Regulation at Home

February













- Fri 6th NSPCC Numbers Day*
Mon 16th HALF TERM WEEK
Wed 25th Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am

March

- Thu 5th World Book Day 2026*
Scholastic Book Fair*
Fri 6th Scholastic Book Fair*

Attendance

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

		To end of last week
Ladybirds		97.4%
Little Tigers		98.3%
Red Robins		98.1%
Owls		97.0%
Pelicans		98.3%
Puffins		97.3%
Red Foxes		97.7%
Badgers		96.9%
Penguins		99.1% 
Kingfishers		97.6%
Lions		97.9%

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



The Christmas Fair is only one week away, and we have lots planned! There'll be games stalls, including a lucky dip, elf on the shelf, human fruit machine, along with selling Christmas stock, books, crafts, and refreshments (mulled wine and hot chocolate will be ready to go!).

Entry into the raffle will close NEXT Thursday 27th. You will not be able to enter the draw after this day. Please make sure you fill in your details on all the ticket stubs you wish to purchase and return those with the correct cash in an envelope to the school office.

If you would like any **additional booklets** then you can get these from the office on a first come, first served basis.

Cake donations

We are asking **Year 1 and 2 parents for cake/biscuit donations** to be brought into the school office from Wednesday 26th, with homemade items in the morning of Friday 28th.

Please ensure that the donations are nut free, which includes marzipan and almond

Volunteers

If you are able to help, even if just for 30mins at set up or to run a games stall, ladle mulled wine into cups etc, then your help is really appreciated! Please let us know: friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Tokens

We will be running a token system alongside card payments. Tokens can be used at all the games stalls as well as refreshments and to purchase stock. Tokens are valued at 50p each with a minimum of 10 tokens for £5.

To minimise queues on the day, there will be an opportunity to buy your tokens from outside the school office at drop off on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th (as well as at the Fair itself).

Join Our WhatsApp Community! 🗨️ ✨

Stay up to date with all the latest announcements, event details, and volunteer opportunities from the Friends of Tannery Drift School.

If you'd like to join, please email friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com and we'll send you the link to our WhatsApp group. We'd love to have you involved!

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

Charity number: 291369



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FRIENDS OF TANNERY DRIFT SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

In the school hall and dining room

FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER

3.15pm-5.00pm

CASH AND CARD* ACCEPTED

*no card payments on game stalls,
but tokens will be available to purchase

- Refreshments
- Games
- Toy/book sale
- Lucky dip

PLUS pre-loved Christmas jumper sale
And drawing of the raffle at 4pm!



Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect



Meet father christmas church farm ardeley

Selected dates in December



Festive Farm Entry includes

Christmas Activity Pack * Festive Woodland
Walk the farm & see the farm animals

Meet Father Christmas

Father Christmas in his outside grotto
(includes a quality toy)
Meet the Elves

Write a letter to Father Christmas
Write a wish for the Wish Tree
Bag up reindeer food & carrot to take home to Rudolph

Additional Activities

Santa Paws – bring your beloved pooches to meet
Father Christmas include treat & toy
Harvest your Own Christmas Tree
Festive Tractor & Trailer Ride
Feed the farm animals

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

*This is an outdoor event so plenty of
fresh air. Wrap up warm & wear wellies!*

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ROYSTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP'S

Christmas Jumper and Decoration swap

BRING ALONG YOUR PRELOVED, GOOD
CONDITION FESTIVE CLOTHING AND
DECORATIONS TO SWAP FOR SOMETHING NEW
TO YOU*

*SUPPLY ALLOWING, DONATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S WILL
ALSO BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU

Friday 28th Nov 6.30 - 8PM
and
Saturday 29th Nov 10AM - 4PM
Royston Parish Church

Have a green Christmas!

Christmas Holiday Courses at Royston Town FC

Royston Town FC are running Multi Sports Fun Days on 22nd and 23rd December, and 2nd January. For further information, or to book places please visit their website:
<https://roystontownfc.ktckts.com/brand/holiday-courses>



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STUDLANDSRISE FIRST SCHOOL

MON 22 DEC & TUE 30 DEC
CHRISTMAS CAMPFIRE COOKOUT & FIRELIGHTING SKILLS
Gather around the campfire for some winter treats! The kids will be cooking pancakes, brewing hot chocolate and pine needle tea & toasting s'mores over the campfire, while being introduced to bushcraft firelighting - even having a go at creating their own small fires!

TUE 23 DEC & WED 31 DEC
CHRISTMAS NERF GAMES
'Tis the season of giving, so let 'em have it!! There's a sneaky imposter dressed as Santa & he's trying to spoil everyone's Christmas! Time to load up & save our stockings. Join us for an energetic day of Nerf dart dodging - playing a range of seasonal team Nerf games (due to the more competitive nature of this day, age 6+ is recommended). PLUS Snowball making and hot chocolate & campfire treats to keep us warm and energised!

MON 29 DEC & MON 5 JAN (INSET DAY)
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
Step into the overworld... we've turned Minecraft into a reality! Work in a team & creatively problem-solve to build dens, earn reward pixels for completing challenges, play the Creeper Game & use our Crafting Table to build things from hidden resources! PLUS Hot chocolate & campfire treats to keep us warm and energised!

Book for 1 day or multiple days. Find out more at www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk