

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 1st December 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
- 9.30-10.00 Reception Nativity Performance
- 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

- 8.30-11.00 Rocksteady Music Sessions
- 9.30-10.00 Nursery Christmas Songs
- 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

- 9.30-10.00 Reception Nativity Performance
- 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

OCCASIONAL DAY (school closed)

Year 2 Football Festival

On Thursday, 14 members Year 2 went to St Edmunds Prep School, accompanied by Miss McNeill, for a fun morning of football.



The focus of the festival was very much on teamwork and enjoyment. The children played some great matches and were a credit to the school. Well done Year 2s!

Christmas Decorations

The School Hall is now looking beautifully decorated with the children's fantastic Christmas artwork.



We think you will agree; these will be the perfect backdrop to all the wonderful Christmas events we have coming up... (see next page!)

Christmas @ Tannery

Monday 1st December – Christmas Post Box

* From Monday 1st December the Christmas Post Box will be open for posting! 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 now allocated but please get in touch if you require more.

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 at 9.15am in the school hall. Parents and carers of performers welcome.

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, 9.30-10.00am

* Year 2 Christmas Performance, 2.30-3.00pm
(Tickets now allocated)

Wednesday 17th December

* Year 2 Christmas Performance, 9.30-10.00am

* Year 1 Christmas Performance, 2.30-3.00pm
(Tickets now allocated)

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

December

Tue 2 nd	Reception Nativity 9.30-10am (both classes)
Wed 3 rd	Nursery Christmas Songs 9.30-10am
Thu 4 th	Reception Nativity 9.30-10am (both classes)
Fri 5 th	<i>OCCASIONAL DAY (school closed)</i>
Tue 9 th	Carol Service for Years 3 & 4 1.30-3pm at Royston Parish Church
Wed 10 th	Parent Coffee Morning (social) 8.50-10am Rocksteady Concert 9.15-10.30am - Parents and carers welcome
Fri 12 th	Class Christmas Parties Storytime with Santa
Tue 16 th	Year 1 Show 9.30-10am (both classes) Year 2 Show 2.30-3pm (both classes)
Wed 17 th	Year 2 Show 9.30-10am (both classes) Year 1 Show 2.30-3pm (both classes)
Thu 18 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 19 th	Last day of term 2pm finish Nursery 11.30am finish

January

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

February














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

March

Thu 5 th	World Book Day 2026* Scholastic Book Fair*
Fri 6 th	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		97.1%
Little Tigers		98.1%
Red Robins		98.0%
Owls		96.8%
Pelicans		98.3% 
Puffins		97.1%
Red Foxes		97.4%
Badgers		96.9%
Penguins		99.2% 
Kingfishers		97.3%
Lions		98.1%

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

Friends of Tannery Drift School

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 291369



Mini Christmas Fair

We hope you all have a great time at the Christmas fair today and best of luck to those who have entered the raffle!

Thank you so much for all your support and we will share with you next week how much we raised.

November 100 Club Winners

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

- 1st place: 50
- 2nd place: 36

Congratulations! First place wins £29, 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 December 19th. Good luck everyone. Still lots of chances to win!

Christmas Cards

Any orders that were made in time for school delivery have now been sent home with the children.

If there is anything missing, please contact FTDS friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

Easyfundraising

With Black Friday now upon us, please think of going through Easyfundraising to purchase your Christmas gifts. Every time you shop on the app at thousands of retailers, FTDS receives a donation at no extra cost to you.

[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



Join us for
12 Days Wild
25 December - 5 January

Running from 25 December to 5 January, *12 Days Wild* encourages everyone of all ages to do one activity inspired by or connected with nature every day.

Whether it's serving up a festive feast for your garden wildlife, taking a Boxing Day walk somewhere in nature to blow away the cobwebs, or making a New Year's resolution to do something eco-friendly in 2026, there are so many ways that all of us can connect to wildlife during this holiday season.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN UP!

Royston & Villages Community Forum

Share your ideas and views with local Councillors

- North Herts Police Safer Neighbourhood Team - presentation and Q&A
- Town Centres Strategy - presentation and Q&A

Wednesday 10 December
7.30pm

Hardwicke Room,
Royston Town Hall,
Melbourn Street,
Royston, SG8 7DA

For up-to-date information, please visit
www.north-herts.gov.uk/community-forums
community@north-herts.gov.uk



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Royston Town Band presents...

Christmas Carols for Kids

**ARRIVE AT
10.30 FOR
11AM START
7th December
Tannery Drift
First School
Royston**



£5 per child

Adults free.
Unaccompanied
Adults £5

Children of all ages welcome
Squash Coffee & Biscuits included
Visit from Santa
Relaxed atmosphere for kids to sing, dance
and have fun



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