

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 15th December 2025




Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Monday

9.30-10.30 Storytime with Santa 
3.15-4.15 Multisport for Years 2, 3 & 4

Tuesday

9-10.15 Tannery Tots in the New Building
9.30-10.00 Year 1 Christmas Show
12.00-1.00 Tag Rugby for Years 1 – 4
2.30-3.00 Year 2 Christmas Show

Wednesday

Last day for posting in the Christmas Post Box
8.30-11.00 Rocksteady Band Lessons
9.30-10.00 Year 2 Christmas Show
2.30-3.00 Year 1 Christmas Show

Thursday

11.30-1.00 Christmas Dinner Day 

Friday – Last day of term

11.30 Nursery finish
2.00 Years R-4 finish

Christmas Carol Service

On Tuesday it was our annual Carol Service for Year 3 & 4, held in St John the Baptist Church. It was a lovely event filled with Christmas joy, and the children sang and delivered their readings beautifully. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



Rocksteady Concert

On Wednesday, parents were treated to a Christmas rock concert at Tannery Drift, with our 5 budding rock bands performing a taste of what they have been working on this term as part of their Rocksteady Music Lessons.



Well done to all of the musicians involved – what amazing energy and confidence you brought to your performances!



Christmas @ Tannery

Christmas Post Box Open!

* A reminder that the final date for our Christmas Post Box is Wednesday 17th December!
Please ensure all cards have the recipient's name and class on the envelope.

Monday 15th December

* Storytime with Santa – Each year group will get a special visit from the man himself, as well as a class gift. (Thanks to FTDS for helping Santa by funding and arranging this!)

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!

Friday 19th December

- * Last day of term
- Years R – 4, 2pm
Nursery, 11.30am

Christmas Cookie Baking in Year 3

Over the past 2 weeks, Year 3 have had the lovely opportunity to do some Christmas cookie baking in small groups with Mrs Simons.

We are very grateful to Mrs Simons, a former Tannery Drift teacher, who continues to bring her energy and enthusiasm to our school community.



Multisport Booking – Spring Term

Spring Term booking is now open for Multisport Club, which is run by Royston Town FC at Tannery Drift on Mondays from 15.15-16.15, for years 2-4. Please follow the link below to book your child's place for £25 for the half term.



[Tannery Drift Multisport - Monday \(Years 2,3 & 4\) | Royston Town FC | Royston Town Web](#)



Applying for Nursery

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.

Applying for Reception

Reception applications are now open and are made directly to the County Council using their [Online Application System](#).

Please note that if your child is already in our Nursery, you do still have to apply for a Reception place through the County Council. To view the criteria the Council apply to admissions, please follow this link:

[Admission rules for primary, junior and middle schools | Hertfordshire County Council](#).

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](#).

15th January 2026 is the deadline for all on-time applications to Nursery, Reception and Middle School

16th April 2026 is national allocation day

Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

2025

December

Mon 15 th	Storytime with Santa (all years)
Tue 16 th	Year 1 Show 9.30-10am Year 2 Show 2.30-3pm
Wed 17 th	Year 2 Show 9.30-10am Year 1 Show 2.30-3pm
Thu 18 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 19 th	Last day of term 2pm finish Nursery 11.30am finish

2026

January

Mon 5 th	<i>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</i>
Thu 8 th	Drama Workshops for Nursery - Year 2*
Tue 20 th	The Beat Goes On – Percussion Workshop*
Tue 27 th	The Beat Goes On – Percussion Workshop*
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	Global Day of Unplugging* Scholastic Book Fair*
Mon 16 th –	
Tue 17 th	Reception Hearing & Vision Screening*
Thu 19 th	Year 4 PGL Meeting 3.15-4.15*
Fri 20 th	Red Nose Day*

Attendance

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

		To end of last week
Ladybirds		96.2%
Little Tigers		97.8%
Red Robins		97.5%
Owls		96.7%
Pelicans		97.8%
Puffins		97.0%
Red Foxes		97.5%
Badgers		96.4%
Penguins		99.0% 
Kingfishers		97.5%
Lions		97.8%

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

Christmas Fair Total and a Big Thank You

We can now share with you that we raised a fantastic £1,475 at the Christmas Fair a few weeks ago so thank you very much for your support and generosity.



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone that has supported FTDS this term, whether through donations or volunteering to help run events. In this term alone, we have raised over £3,300 which is a fantastic amount and one that will really help to enrich the lives of all our children at Tannery Drift First School. A special thank you goes to all our brilliant helpers who give their time to help at events. Without you, FTDS could not run events or fund experiences for our children, so thank you all!

Our next **FTDS General Meeting** is taking place on **Thursday 15th January at 7.30pm** in the school Enrichment Room. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see some new faces when we discuss future events and funding.

Storytime with Santa

We have arranged for Santa to visit every year group and read the children a story on Monday 15th. This year, Santa will be bringing each class a selection of chosen gifts that will benefit all the children throughout the year.

★ On the next page, you can find a summary of funds raised and spent so far...



FTDS NEWS



Thank you all for a fantastic start to the academic year!
Here is a summary of funds raised and spent so far...

FUNDRAISING:

100 Club £420
Halloween Cake & Costume Sale £316
Christmas Fair & Raffle £1,477
Christmas Cards £727
Pre-loved uniform Sales £449
Plus, eco party pack/table hire, and Easyfundraising!

SPENDING:

iPads for Early Years £3,065
Football Goals for whole school £571
Two Tough Trays for Year 2 £100
iPad Charging Trolley for whole school £1,240
Storytime with Santa and all class gifts up to £1,100*
Beat Goes On percussion workshop for whole school £570**

*exact value tbc, **taking place next term

If you have any ideas on how funds should be spent,
then please get in touch, or attend our next meeting
on **15th January 2026**.



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FRIENDS OF TANNERY DRIFT SCHOOL

THANK YOU!

Registered Charity: 291369

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