

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 12th January 2026



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk

Monday

- 12-12.30 Art Club for Years 3 & 4
- 12.30-1.00 Ballet for Year 1
- 3.15-4.15 Multisport for Years 3 & 4

Tuesday

- 9-10.15 Tannery Tots in the New Building
- 12-1.00 Netball for Years 1-4
- 12.30-1.00 Yoga for Years 1 & 2

Wednesday

- 8.30-11.00 Rocksteady Music Sessions
- 12-12.30 Tennis for Year 3
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis for Year 2

Thursday

- 12-12.30 Tennis for Year 4
- 12-12.30 Maths Games for Years 3 & 4
- 12.15-12.45 Construction Club for Reception
- 12.30-1.00 Drawing Club for Years 1 & 2
- 12.30-1.00 Tennis for Year 1

Friday

- 9-9.15 Badgers Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- 12-12.30 Hockey Club for Years 3 & 4
- 12-12.30 Nature Savers for Years 3 & 4

Welcome Back and Happy New Year

We were delighted to welcome the children back to a very wintry Tannery Drift on Tuesday, and hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break. Our thanks go out to parents and carers for bringing children in so promptly despite the challenging weather conditions this week.

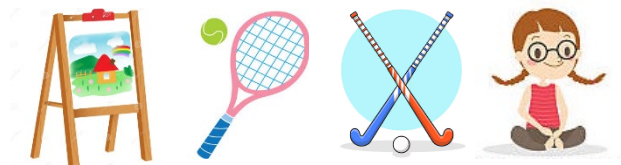


It has been lovely to see the children settle back into their learning and catch up with friends following the holidays. Early Years have even been making use of the snowy conditions to follow animal footprints and discuss what might have made them!



We are looking forward to another exciting term ahead with events such as World Book Day and Easter Hat Parades, as well as lots of interesting new topics to learn about in the classroom.

Clubs and Activities



You will now have been emailed the list of clubs taking place this half term, and for tennis and netball, found out if your child has a space. For all other school-run clubs, children are invited to attend and try out as they wish. For lunchtime sports clubs, please make sure your child wears trainers on the relevant day.

Thank you, as always, to the members of staff who give up their time to run these wonderful activities for the children.

For Multisport please sign up with Royston FC directly [here](#).

Please note that Football Feet for Years 1-4 will begin from Tuesday 27th January.

For Rocksteady, all of our bands are currently full, however please do register interest with Rocksteady directly via the link below, if you wish your child to join their waitlist (Years 1-4 only). [Parents - Rocksteady Music School](#)

Navigating Your Child's Digital World

You will have received an email this week with an attachment from the Children's Commissioner, designed to help parents and carers in understanding and supporting children as they navigate the online world.



We have also shared this on our website and strongly encourage you to have a look, as it contains some really useful, practical advice: [What I Wish...Parent Guide](#).

School Milk

If you wish your child to have, or continue to have milk to drink in school, please make sure you have signed up with Dairy Link directly.



If your child is over 5 years old there is a charge payable to Dairy Link.

[Order milk today | School Milk | DairyLink UK Ltd.](#)

Perform Drama Workshops

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Lauren from Perform to Tannery Drift as our workshop leader.

Lauren worked with class groups from Nursery through to Year 2, to guide them through imaginative drama workshops, centred around a magical toyshop, where teddies, trains and dolls come alive at night!



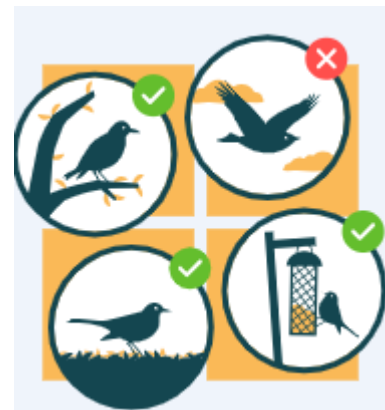
The workshops combined movement, role-play and storytelling; supporting learning in English and physical development (as well as linking to the topic on toys for Year 1!)

The children had a wonderful time engaging with these sessions, and it was great to see our youngest pupils take part with so much concentration and enthusiasm.



Between Friday 23rd and Sunday 25th January we are encouraging pupils and their families to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.

Simply choose an hour during those days and make a note of all the birds which land on your patch in that time. If you like to you can then submit your findings to the RSPB to be part of the Big Garden Birdwatch 2026!



Download your digital guide and tally chart [here](#).

Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

2026

January

- Thu 15th FTDS General Meeting 7.30pm
- Fri 16th Badgers Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am
 - Parents & Carers Welcome
- Tue 20th The Beat Goes On – Percussion Workshops
- Fri 23rd Penguins Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am
 - Parents & Carers Welcome
- Tue 27th The Beat Goes On – Percussion Workshops
- Wed 28th Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
 - Topic: Zones of Regulation
- Fri 30th Lions Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am
 - Parents & Carers Welcome

February











- Fri 6th NSPCC Numbers Day*
 - Kingfishers Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am
 - Parents & Carers Welcome
- Tue 10th **Parent Consultations***
- Thu 12th **Parent Consultations***
- Mon 16th *HALF TERM WEEK*
- Wed 25th Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
- Fri 27th Red Foxes Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am
 - Parents & Carers Welcome

March

- Thu 5th World Book Day 2026*
 - Scholastic Book Fair*
- Fri 6th Global Day of Unplugging*
 - Scholastic Book Fair*
 - Puffins Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am
 - Parents & Carers Welcome
- Fri 13th Owls Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am
 - Parents & Carers Welcome
- Mon 16th Reception Hearing & Vision Screening*
- Thu 19th Year 4 PGL Meeting 3.15pm*
- Fri 20th Red Nose Day*
- Wed 25th Nursery Easter Hat Parade 9.15am*
- Thu 26th Reception Easter Hat Parade 9.15am*
- Fri 27th Pelicans Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am
 - Parents & Carers Welcome

Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance in the Autumn term was 97.4% which is fantastically close to our target of 97.5%! Please keep working with us to make every day count.

		To end of last term
Ladybirds		96.3%
Little Tigers		98.0%
Red Robins		97.4%
Owls		97.0%
Pelicans		97.5%
Puffins		96.9%
Red Foxes		97.5%
Badgers		96.4%
Penguins		98.8%
Kingfishers		97.4%
Lions		97.6%



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Welcome back and Happy New Year! FTDS are looking forward to another term of fantastic fundraising.

FTDS Committee Meeting – 7:30pm Thursday 15th January, Enrichment Room

- All Welcome!

Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday 15th January to find out more about what we do. We have lots of fantastic fundraising ideas for 2026 and would love to see some new faces. If you have any questions, please email us friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

We can also provide details to join the meeting virtually.

As always, there will be tea and biscuits if you come in person!

Second-hand Uniform and More... – ftdsuniform@gmail.com

A reminder that we are still selling second-hand logo items. Please email at the uniform email address above with any orders/requests.

If you have any good quality, clean logo items that you are willing to donate, then please drop them in the uniform bin outside the Year 1 classrooms, 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

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 Days: Monday 4th & 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



Outside of the Box

Outside of the Box is a Community Interest Company (Not for profit) set up to support the young people of Royston, Hertfordshire and surrounding areas who are struggling to access education. As we begin 2026, Outside of the Box are pleased to offer two supportive workshops designed especially for parents & carers.

Both workshops will take place at:

Outside Of The Box, 3b The Lanterns, 16 Melbourn Street, Royston, SG8 7BX

Understanding EBSA – Parent & Carer Workshop

Saturday 17th January 2026 | 3:00pm – 5:00pm

This workshop is designed to help parents and carers better understand Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). We will explore what EBSA is, why it happens, and practical ways to work with schools to help rebuild confidence and improve attendance in a supportive, understanding way.

Must be booked in advance

Cost: £20 per person

Book here: <https://ootb.pembee.app/>

Therapist Q&A Evening for Parents & Carers

Thursday 29th January 2026 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm

This friendly and informal evening offers parents and carers the opportunity to ask questions and gain guidance around anxiety in children and young people. It is a supportive, non-pressure environment where you can share concerns, seek reassurance and pick up practical strategies.

Must be booked in advance

Cost: £20 per person

Book here: <https://ootb.pembee.app/>