

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 19th 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 2, 3 & 4

Tuesday

- The Beat Goes On – Percussion Workshop
- 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 Penguins Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- 12-12.30 Hockey Club for Years 3 & 4
- 12-12.30 Nature Savers for Years 3 & 4

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be held on Tuesday 10th February from 3.40-6pm, and Thursday 12th February from 5.30-8pm. Bookings for these are done via Arbor and times are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The bookings will open on Tuesday 20th January at 6.30pm and a reminder email will be sent that day. If you have specific SEN concerns and wish to make an additional appointment with the SENCo, please contact the school office to arrange this with Miss Cottle.

Smartwatches in School

To help all children stay focused and make the most of their learning time, we kindly ask parents not to send children to school wearing smartwatches that allow them to play games or access other distracting features.  These devices can interrupt lessons and take attention away from learning. While simple wristwatches are welcome, smartwatches with gaming, camera, or recording functions should remain at home. Thank you for supporting us in creating a calm and productive classroom environment.

For full details, please refer to our School Uniform Policy, available on the school website: [Tannery Drift Uniform Policy](#).

Memorial to Mrs Grainger

We have recently planted a young Mountain Ash tree in our wildlife area, in memory of Tannery Drift teacher Mrs Grainger, who sadly passed away in March 2024. The Mountain Ash is said to bring balance and harmony whilst also representing guidance and wisdom, which feels like the perfect tribute to a much-missed teacher. Accompanying the tree is the below plaque, in memoriam to Mrs Grainger.



Hanna and Bea, who are former pupils of Mrs Grainger and now in Year 4, put in a lot of time fundraising, raising £400 through events such as cake and picture sales.

Hanna wrote, *'Mrs Grainger was a wonderful, inspiring teacher and loved in many ways. She would always be there when I needed her most.'*

Bea added, *'She brightened everyone's day and could put a smile on anyone's face. She was the best teacher.'*



In loving memory of Verity Grainger.

The Neurodiversity Support Hub Advice Line

The Neurodiversity Support Hub offers support, signposting and guidance on a whole range of issues relating to Neurodiversity (including ADHD and Autism).

Phonelines, emails and messages are answered by a team of specially trained call-handlers who are also experts by experience as parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people.

Your child (age 0-25) doesn't need a diagnosis for you to use this service.

For more information, please follow this link: [Hertfordshire.gov - The Neurodiversity Hub](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/the-neurodiversity-hub).

Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

2026

January

- 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

		Year to date	Term to date
Ladybirds		96.5%	98.4%
Little Tigers		98.1%	98.6%
Red Robins		97.0%	94.6%
Owls		97.0%	96.1%
Pelicans		97.6%	97.7%
Puffins		96.8%	94.1%
Red Foxes		97.6%	99.0%
Badgers		96.4%	96.2%
Penguins		98.8%	98.8%
Kingfishers		97.6%	97.7%
Lions		97.3%	94.3%



Well done Red Foxes for great attendance so far this term!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

FTDS Committee Meeting

We had a great first meeting discussing plans and ideas for this year so watch this space for 2026 fundraising and future meetings. If you have any questions on how you can get involved and support our events, please email us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

STOMP! The Beat Goes On Percussion Workshops

This half term, FTDS are funding percussion workshops for the children, led by a member of Stomp.

There will be a mixture of body percussion, boomwhackers, bamboo tamboo (think much bigger boomwhackers!) and for KS2 - Stomp style basketballs!

These are taking place next Tuesday and the following Tuesday and we hope they have a great time.

Eco Party Pack/Table Hire

Did you know that we have re-usable party packs available for hire, helping to reduce single use party waste? Each pack costs £5, and contains 30 plastic cups, plates, and bowls, 4 serving platters, and 2 jugs. We also now have folding tables available to hire at £5 each! Packs/tables can be hired midweek, or over a weekend, for any party or event you might be holding. Please see the booking form here for more information, and to make a booking, or email us at ftdsecopack@gmail.com.



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

Make a Difference in 2026 Volunteer with Home-Start!



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South Cambridgeshire**
Registered Charity No. 1105385

Want to change lives in your community?

We're looking for passionate people to join us in three vital roles:

- **Family Support Volunteers**
Offer a helping hand and a listening ear to local families.
- **Fundraising Volunteers**
Help us raise the funds that keep families thriving.
- **Trustee Volunteers**
Shape the future of Home-Start with your skills and experience.

Our next Family Support Volunteer training begins this February – your chance to make a real difference!

Be the support a family needs to thrive, and discover how helping others can transform your own life too.

To find out more or to sign up to our course you can visit our website:

<https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/home-start-volunteer>

Alternatively feel free to email: admin@hsrsc.org.uk or call: 01763 262262

We would love to hear from you!