

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 2nd February 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

- 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
- 3.15-4.25 Football Feet

Wednesday

- 8.30-11.00 Rocksteady Music Sessions
- 12-1.00 Tennis for Years 2 & 4*

Thursday

- 9.15-12 Year 4 D&T Morning at King James
- 12.15-12.45 Construction Club for Reception
- 12.30-1.00 Drawing Club for Years 1 & 2
- 12-1.00 Tennis for Years 1 & 3*

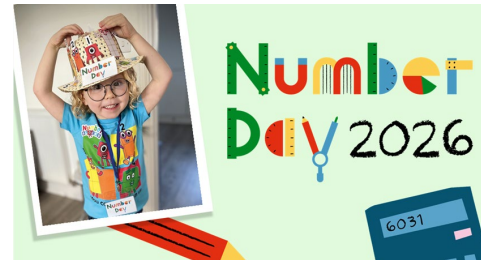
Friday

NSPCC Number Day

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

*Please note that for next week only, Years 3 & 4 have swapped tennis days, and that maths games have moved from Thursday to Friday.

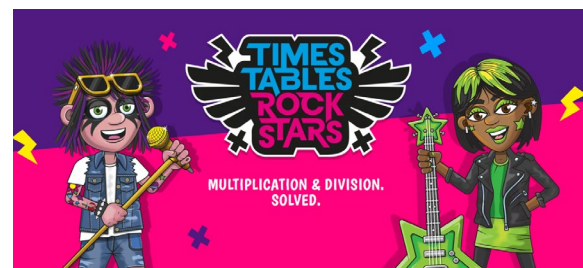
Number Day – Friday 6th February



A reminder that on Friday 6th February, we are taking part in a day of number fun for NSPCC Number Day! To make a voluntary donation to NSPCC please click here: [Donate | NSPCC](#).



As well as taking part in number-based activities throughout the day, all children are encouraged to wear number-themed outfits, and for Years 3-4, rockstar outfits if they wish, as a nod to their participation in Times Tables Rockstars!



Arctic Presentation – Year 1

On Tuesday 20th January, we were delighted to welcome Mr Colin Sinden into Year 1, to talk to us about his trip to The Arctic Circle.

As part of the presentation, Year 1 learnt about Longyearbyen in Svalbard, where in the winter there is no daylight for 16 weeks, and in the summer the sun does not set! The children were excited to learn about the wildlife which lives in the Arctic and enjoyed looking at the animal photos Mr Sinden had taken, including amazing pictures of Polar Bears.

Great listening Year 1, and many thanks go to Mr Sinden for such an interesting talk.

Year 1 pupil Amber said: *'Colin is really good at taking pictures of animals. He showed us lots of photos he had taken of Polar Bears, and it was really interesting!'*



Parent Consultations

Just a gentle reminder that Parent Consultations are taking place on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February. Please book your time slot via Arbor.

Wraparound Care at Tannery Drift

Here at Tannery Drift, we are proud to offer a fantastic wraparound care provision. Our Breakfast Club and Afterschool Clubs are run by school staff, meaning we can provide a safe, familiar and fun setting which children enjoy attending.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club for all years is held in our purpose-built new building and includes food, from 7.40am, or alternatively a shorter Stay & Play provision from 8.15am. Children are safely escorted to their classrooms by staff from Breakfast Club to begin their day.

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool Club for Nursery and Reception children is held in the Enrichment Room, which is a safe and nurturing environment for our youngest children to spend time playing, and engaging in singing and crafts.

Afterschool Club for Years 1 to 4 takes place in our new building and provides a safe and engaging environment for socialising and playing. Some children recently spent their session creating wonderful birdfeeders to take home:



Afterschool Club sessions run from the end of the school day until either 4pm, 5pm or 6pm. Children are walked safely from classrooms to the Afterschool Clubs at 3.15pm.

For more information and to complete the registration forms for wraparound care please click here: [Tannery Drift First School - Wraparound Care](#).

Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

2026

February

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

March

Thu 5 th	World Book Day 2026* Scholastic Book Fair*
Fri 6 th	Global Day of Unplugging* Scholastic Book Fair* Puffins Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am - Parents & Carers Welcome
Fri 13 th	Owls Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am - Parents & Carers Welcome FTDS School Discos*
Mon 16 th	Reception Hearing & Vision Screening*
Thu 19 th	Year 4 PGL Meeting 3.15pm
Fri 20 th	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief*
Mon 23 rd	FTDS Easter Trail and Cake Sale*
Wed 25 th	Nursery Easter Hat Parade 9.15am*
Thu 26 th	Reception Easter Hat Parade 9.15am*
Fri 27 th	Pelicans Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am - Parents & Carers Welcome
Mon 30 th	<i>EASTER BREAK</i>

April












Mon 13th Start of Summer Term

May

Wed 13 th -	
Fri 15 th	Year 4 trip to PGL Caythorpe Court*
Tue 19 th	Class Group Photographs*
Mon 25 th	<i>HALF TERM WEEK</i>

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97.5%. Thank you for working with us towards achieving this.

		Year to date	Term to date
Ladybirds		96.3%	96.6%
Little Tigers		97.8%	97.2%
Red Robins		97.1%	95.7%
Owls		97.0%	97.3%
Pelicans		97.1%	95.5%
Puffins		96.6%	95.8%
Red Foxes		97.6%	98.0%
Badgers		96.3%	96.2%
Penguins		98.7%	98.3%
Kingfishers		97.5%	97.8%
Lions		97.3%	96.0%



Well done Penguins for great attendance so far this term!

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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January 100 Club Winners

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

- 1st place - 49
- 2nd place - 66



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 February 27th. Good luck everyone!

Second Hand Uniform - ftdsuniform@gmail.com

Please remember that second hand school uniform can be purchased anytime you need - just drop a note with the items you require and sizes to the above email address and we'll sort the rest.

We currently have logo jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies and t-shirts, skirts, trousers and if you're already thinking ahead, shorts and summer dresses too!

Easyfundraising - In Store Donations

A reminder that you can now put your regular, everyday spending at places like Tesco to good use and support FTDS by simply adding your payment card to the EasyFundraising app. Every time you then shop at Tesco (or other available retailers) in-store and pay by that card, FTDS get a donation for the school! It all adds up.

You can find out more here: [In-Store Donations | easyfundraising](#)

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

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM CLUBS

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MONDAY 16 FEB

TRIBAL ADVENTURE: BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!

Join your tribe for a day of wild adventure! Work together to build your tribal woodland camp & get creative with tribal crafts. Take on castaway style team challenges & games as you learn how tribes across the world live & survive in the wild!

TUESDAY 17 FEB

CAMPFIRE COOKOUT PANCAKE DAY SPECIAL & BUSHCRAFT

Join us for the perfect winter campfire cookout! Make s'mores & Pancakes over the flames, learn different bushcraft fire lighting methods & enjoy a mix of classic outdoor games. A cosy & relaxed day filled with creativity, camp vibes, tasty treats and skills to take home and share with your family!

WEDNESDAY 18 FEB

NERF: WILD WEST SHOWDOWN

Let's go back in time and ride into a Wild West world of heists and outlaws! Grab your blasters, team up, and join stagecoach standoffs, bank robbery missions, and cattle corrals in a full day of action-packed Nerf games. A fast-paced, high-adventure Nerf experience! [Age 6+ recommended]

THURSDAY 19 FEB

BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Minecraft comes to life outdoors! Team up to build your village using real bushcraft skills, earn reward pixels for completing survival challenges, & search for hidden resources to craft your tools. Take on Creeper & Lava Chicken games, protect your base, and experience Minecraft like never before! [knowledge of Minecraft is not required!]

FRIDAY 20 FEB

WE'RE GOING ON A YETI HUNT!

Become an explorer for the day and step into a world of mystery & adventure! Track the legendary Yeti through the wild as you follow hidden clues, build clever traps, & craft your own Yeti footprints as proof of your discovery. Work together to uncover the forest's secrets, outsmart the wild's most mysterious creature, and maybe even meet the Yeti itself!



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For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



Royston Music School

👉 Our 'Come and try' session is back! 🎵

An opportunity for you and your child to come along and try a variety of instruments.

This session is at [Stevenage Music Centre](#) (based within the Nobel school) on Saturday 7th February at 1pm - 2.30pm.

Can't make it? Don't worry we are planning another session in May at North Herts Music School, Hitchin. Watch this space for further details!

No need to book! We look forward to seeing you there!

COME AND TRY

Does your child want to play an instrument, but doesn't know which one to choose?

This is the event for you!

When: Saturday 7th February 2026

Time: 1pm to 2.30pm

Venue: Stevenage Music Centre, SG2 OHS

Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect