

# THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026



Tannery Drift  
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

[www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk](http://www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk)

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM BREAK

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 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
- 3.15-4.25 Football Feet

### Wednesday

- 8.30-11.00 Rocksteady Music Sessions
- 8.50-10.00 Parent Coffee Morning
- 12-1.00 Tennis for Years 2 & 3
- 12.30-1.00 Yoga for Years 1 & 2

### Thursday

- 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
- 12-1.00 Tennis for Years 1 & 4
- 5.30-8.00 Parent Consultations

### Friday

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

## Multisport for Years 2, 3 & 4

Bookings are now open for next half-term's Multisport sessions which take place on Mondays after school from 3.15-4.15.



The club is run by Royston Football Club and is open to Years 2, 3 and 4. Please sign up and pay via the following link:

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

## Parent Coffee Morning – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 8.50-10.00am

On Wednesday morning after half-term, we are happy to be hosting the latest in our series of Parent Coffee Mornings, led by our Family Support Worker.

This session will be centred around parent mindfulness.



The morning will take place in our New Building at the top end of the car park.

## Internet Safety Day 2026

This week pupils celebrated Safer Internet Day with a focus on the theme: “Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of technology and AI.”

Children took part in a range of engaging activities:

✦ EYFS and Key Stage 1 enjoyed stories about Smartie the Penguin, learning how to make safe choices online and understanding when, and who, to ask for help.

📺 Key Stage 2 explored how AI is used in everyday life and developed their critical thinking skills by learning how to spot real and fake images.

We're proud of how thoughtfully our pupils approached the topic and the smart choices they're ready to make online.



## Chinese New Year – Dragon Dance

Children in Reception have been finding out all about Chinese New Year this week.

As part of their learning in PE, they have had a great time exploring the Chinese Dragon Dance!



## Pancake Races

Children in our Reception classes had a great afternoon of pancake races, ahead of Pancake Day next Tuesday. The races were all about enjoyment rather than competition, as the children did their best to balance their pancakes whilst running.



Their Year 4 buddies came to watch and provide encouragement, sharing in the fun. The event highlighted the lovely friendships which have grown between the year groups, with the older children taking real pride in supporting their younger buddies.



## Poetry Reading

This week, a small group of Year 4 pupils went with Miss Baker to Goodes Court Assisted Living, to read some poetry, and present the residents with some poems which children across the school had carefully copied in their best handwriting.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning for all; the children behaved beautifully, and Goodes Court enjoyed hosting them so much that we hope to facilitate further opportunities for different groups of children to visit in the coming months.

Do follow us on Facebook for even more updates:



## Dates for your Diary:

2026

Details to follow\*

Newly added

### February

- Mon 16<sup>th</sup>* HALF TERM WEEK
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Red Foxes Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am  
- Parents & Carers Welcome

### March

- Thu 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day 2026\*  
Scholastic Book Fair\*
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Global Day of Unplugging\*  
Scholastic Book Fair\*  
Puffins Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am  
- Parents & Carers Welcome
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Owls Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am  
- Parents & Carers Welcome  
FTDS Early Years Disco 4.30-5.30pm  
FTDS Years 1 - 4 Disco 6.00-7.30pm
- Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Reception Hearing & Vision Screening\*
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady Concert 9.30-10.30am  
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Year 4 PGL Meeting 3.15pm
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day for Comic Relief\*
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> FTDS Easter Trail and Cake Sale\*
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nursery Easter Hat Parade 9.15am\*
- Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Reception Easter Hat Parade 9.15am\*
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Pelicans Class Assembly 9 - 9.15am  
- Parents & Carers Welcome

*Mon 30<sup>th</sup>* EASTER BREAK

### April














- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Start of Summer Term
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am

### May

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

## Attendance

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

		Year to date	Term to date
Ladybirds		96.4%	97.4% 
Little Tigers		96.9%	93.2%
Red Robins		96.5%	94.3%
Owls		97.0%	97.1%
Pelicans		97.1%	95.3%
Puffins		96.5%	95.5%
Red Foxes		97.6%	96.9%
Badgers		96.6%	97.1%
Penguins		98.6%	98.0% 
Kingfishers		97.4%	96.9%
Lions		97.3%	96.3%

Well done Penguins and Ladybirds for great attendance so far this term!

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## HomeStart Aquathon – Sunday 26th April, 6pm - Royston Leisure Centre



We are planning to participate in the HomeStart Aquathon again this year and have reserved 2 team slots for 6-7pm. It is a sponsored event with all fundraising split 50:50 between FTDS and HomeStart.

Last year we had several Year 3 and Year 4 children on the team, plus some ex-Tannery pupils (Year 5 and 6) alongside parents/carers.

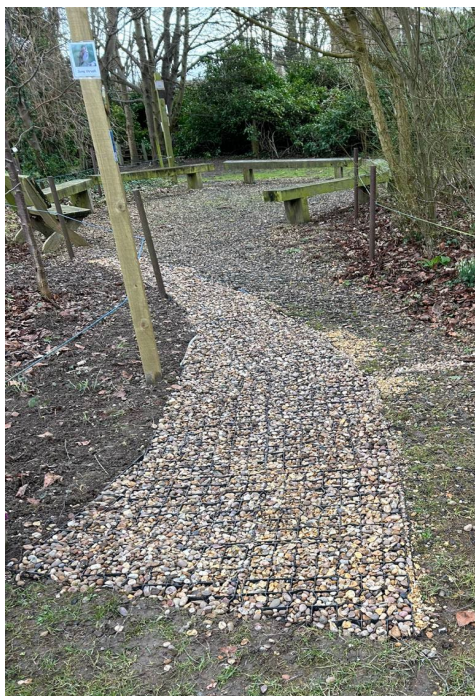
This year we would love to enter two teams of 6, so if you and/or your child would like to take part, then please let us know as soon as possible by email ([friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com)).

It is a lot of fun and a great experience, and there is no pressure to swim fast or complete a specific number of lengths. Go Team Tannery!

## Wildlife Area

FTDS recently funded some work to the wildlife area ready for the children to enjoy as we edge closer to Spring. The pathway was replenished with gravel, the bench was given a new lease of life with a replacement strip of wood and 2 rotten wooden fence posts were replaced with recycled plastic.

*Replenished pathway and gravel*



*Replacement strip of wood on bench*



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 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

To begin on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half Term: 16<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

To end on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Summer Term 2026

To begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Half Term: 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

*INSET Day: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026*

To end on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

*INSET Day: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026*

## 2026 – 2027 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2026

*INSET Day: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026*

To begin on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026

Half Term: 26<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

*Occasional Day: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2026*

To end on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

### Spring Term 2027

*INSET Days: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027*

To begin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Half Term: 15<sup>th</sup> February – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

To end on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

### Summer Term 2027

To begin on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Half Term: 31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

*INSET Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027*

To end on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

*INSET Day: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2027*



# CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP

**"Where feelings are shared and memories  
made"**

**SATURDAY  
28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
10 - 12 NOON  
HITCHIN**

**BOOK ESSENTIAL**



Creative activities to  
help share feelings



Memory making  
activities



Meet other children and families who  
understand, and make new friends  
along the way.

**Email: [hello@stand-by-me.org.uk](mailto:hello@stand-by-me.org.uk)  
Or Call: 07469 255139**

**A FREE workshop for children Years 1 - 6 and  
their caregivers who have experienced the  
death of a loved one.**

**Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect**