

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 27th April 2026



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk

Monday

- 12-12.30 Sketch Club for Years R-4
12-12.30 Read & Relax for Years 1-4

Tuesday

- 9-10.15 Tannery Tots in the New Building
12-1.00 Athletics for Years 1-4
3.15-4.00 Choir for Years 2-4
3.15-4.25 Football Feet for Years 1-4

Wednesday

- 8.30-11.00 Rocksteady Music Sessions
8.50-10.00 Parent Coffee Morning
- All welcome
12-1.00 Tennis for Years 2 & 3
12-12.30 Yoga for Years 1 & 2
12.30-1.00 Drawing Club for Years 3 & 4

Thursday

- 12-1.00 Tennis for Years 1 & 4
12-12.30 Times Tables Club for Years 3 & 4
12.15-12.45 Construction Club for Year R
7.30-9.00 FTDS Meeting

Friday

- 9-9.15 Red Foxes Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome

School Trips and Visits

We have recently confirmed lots of exciting trips and visits for the summer term. Dates and times are given in the calendar at the end. You will receive more details and consent forms shortly, for the relevant trips for your children.

Early Years – Ark Farm



Early Years Garden!

This is a firm favourite with staff and children alike – a visit from a variety of farm animals to the

Year 1 – Mountfitchet Castle

An opportunity for children to further their learning about castles, with a visit to a fantastic motte and bailey castle, and Norman village reconstruction.



Year 2 – British Library

Travelling to London by train, Year 2 will get to enjoy a wonderful visit to the British Library.

Year 3 – Hertfordshire Zoo

An exciting opportunity to see all manner of animals including lions, zebras and monkeys, as well as moving dinosaur models!

These experiences could not go ahead without generous funding from FTDS.

Do follow us on Facebook for even more updates:



Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

Drumming Demonstration

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome a Tannery Drift parent into school for a special music assembly.

Mr Canning gave a fantastic drumming performance including all different musical styles, as well as demonstrating and teaching us the name of each of the drums in the kit.

Massive thanks go to Mr Canning for this opportunity, and we know it has sparked a real interest in drumming for several of our budding musicians.



Parent Coffee Morning: Wednesday 29th April

A reminder about our Parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday 29th April from 8.50-10am.

It's an opportunity to relax with a hot drink, chat to other Tannery Drift parents as well as our Family Support Worker, Ms Kerr. Tea/coffee, biscuits and mindful colouring sheets will be provided, and feel free to bring a project such as knitting, if you want some well-deserved me-time. Babies and toddlers are welcome to attend.

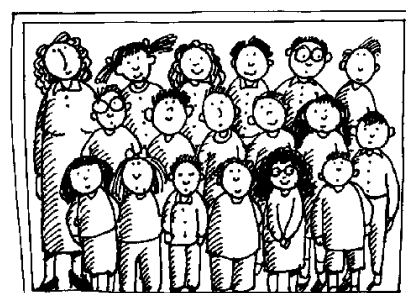


It would be great if you can send an email to admin@tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk if you would like to come, so we can gauge numbers, however walk-ins on the day are also extremely welcome.

Class Photographs – Tuesday 19th May

On Tuesday 19th May we will be welcoming in the school photographer to take photos of each class group, as well as a whole year leavers photo of Year 4. Please ensure your child is dressed in smart uniform on that day, and have a cardigan or jumper with them to put on.

Black shoes only please.



CLASS PICTURE DAY IS COMING SOON!

Classes who usually have PE on Tuesdays should wear school uniform instead on that day.

Year 4 Messages

PGL: Please can parents and carers of all children attending the PGL trip ensure that both the medical and Dropbox consent forms, which were sent via email, are filled in by **Friday 1st May**.

Leavers' Hoodies: If you have ordered a Tannery Drift leavers' hoodie for your child, they will have received these this afternoon (amid much excitement!) These can be taken to PGL if your child is going and can begin to be worn to school **after half term**.

Parking

We are aware that parking on the school site and in the surrounding roads is limited, however please do park safely, courteously and following the signage and restrictions. Our neighbours do raise concerns around the driving and parking on Tannery Drift at busy times, and we want to ensure everyone arrives at and leaves from school safely.

With the weather improving we would strongly encourage families to walk, scoot or cycle to school where they can, as there are so many physical and mental health benefits of even a short walk in the mornings.

18th-22nd May is National Walk to School Week, which we are supporting, and indeed encourage this to be carried on all term where possible.



Dates for your Diary:

Details to follow*

Newly added

2026

April

Wed 29th Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am

Thu 30th **FTDS Committee Meeting**

May

Fri 1st Red Foxes Class Assembly 9-9.15am

- Parents and Carers Welcome

Wed 6th Year 1 Phonics Meeting 3.30-4pm

Fri 8th Owls Class Assembly 9-9.15am

- Parents and Carers Welcome

Mon 11th **Ark Farm visiting Early Years***

Wed 13th -

Fri 15th Year 4 trip to PGL Caythorpe Court

Penguins Class Assembly 9-9.15am

- Parents and Carers Welcome

Tue 19th Class Photographs

Fri 22nd **Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle***

Year 4 PGL Assembly 9-9.30am

Mon 25th HALF TERM WEEK

June

Mon 1st INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Mon 8th Drama Workshops for Nursery-Year 2

Wed 10th Royston Schools Tennis Tournament tbc*

Fri 12th Puffins Class Assembly 9-9.15am

- Parents and Carers Welcome

Tue 16th Year 2 Trip to the British Library*

Fri 19th Pelicans Class Assembly

- Parents and Carers Welcome

Wed 24th Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am

July

Wed 1st **Year 3 trip to Hertfordshire Zoo***

Tue 7th Years 1-4 Sports Day 9.30-11am*

Wed 8th Early Years Sports Day 9.30-11am*

Thu 9th Moving Up Day*

Open Evening 6.30-8pm*

Wed 15th Key Stage 2 Show 6.30-8pm*

Thu 16th Key Stage 2 Show 6.30-8pm*

Mon 20th Year 4 Leavers Assembly 9-9.30am












Wed 22nd End of term 2pm / Nursery 11.30am

Thu 23rd INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Attendance

Our school attendance target is 97.5%.

We have started this term with overall attendance of 97.8%, and over 99% in our Early Years. What an incredible start to the summer term!

		Year to date	Term to date
Ladybirds		96.3%	99.3%
Little Tigers		95.6%	99.2%
Red Robins		95.3%	99.2%
Owls		96.6%	95.7%
Pelicans		96.6%	98.1%
Puffins		96.3%	97.9%
Red Foxes		96.6%	97.2%
Badgers		96.2%	97.9%
Penguins		98.1%	95.7%
Kingfishers		96.9%	97.3%
Lions		97.4%	98.3%

Please do avoid booking **ANY** termtime holidays. These will always be unauthorised, and you may receive a fine from Hertfordshire County Council. We have provided term dates through to Summer 2027 at the end of this newsletter – please refer carefully to these.

Friends of Tannery Drift School

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 291369



HomeStart Aquathon, Sunday 26th 6-7pm, Royston Leisure Centre

🌟 **Good luck** to our Tannery teams that are taking part in the HomeStart Aquathon this weekend - they'll be swimming as many lengths as they can in 55 minutes!

If you would still like to donate, you can do so on the link below.

Sponsorship link: [Home-Start Aquathon 2026 - Friends Of Tannery Drift School](#)



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

- All Welcome!

Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday 30th April to find out more about what we do and the plans we have for the summer term.

We have lots of fantastic fundraising ideas 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!

School Uniform (ftdsuniform@gmail.com)

If you didn't manage to pick up any summer school clothes at the uniform sale prior to Easter then please send an email to ftdsuniform@gmail.com to request any items. We have summer dresses, shorts, PE shorts and PE t-shirts available along with the usual logo jumpers.



We are providing the below term dates in advance to help ensure holidays are booked outside of term time.



2025 – 2026 Term Dates

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

THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING
PADDINGTON
 Performing arts Holiday club
 May half term

Thursday 28th May
 Stage Right Studios, Royston

£19 pp
 £18pp early bird
 (book by May 4th)

- DANCE - ACT -
 - SING - CRAFT - FUN! -

Children's Choices
FAVOURITE
 CHOICE



THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING
 May half term performing arts holiday club

Time travel

Shows, films, crafts, games and more from the past, present and future...

Thursday 28th May - 9-3:30pm
 Stage Right Studios

Ages 5 (year 1) to 16
 £35 pp
 Sibling discounts available

Children's Choices
FAVOURITE
 CHOICE

Early bird discount
 £33 pp
 Book by 4th May

All holiday clubs
 booking now!

Contact Jess on:
 07747 608 180
 royston@theatretrain.co.uk

We also offer free trials for our
 weekly Wednesday & Friday
 classes - do get in touch for
 more info

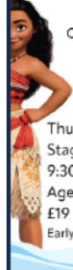

We accept payment by online,
 BACS, childcare vouchers and tax-
 free childcare payments



THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING
MOANA
 summer holiday club

Celebrating the Moana films and the live action remake
 Dance - Act - Sing - Craft - Fun!

Thursday 30th July
 Stage Right Studios, Royston
 9:30-11:30
 Ages 4 - 6 years
 £19
 Early bird discount when booked by 4th June

THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING

£35pp
 £32pp early bird
 (Book by 4th June)
 Sibling Discounts

SUMMER FESTIVAL

AGE 5 (YR 1)
 AND ABOVE

STAGE RIGHT STUDIOS
 ROYSTON

THURSDAY 30TH JULY
 9AM - 3:30PM

Children's Choices
FAVOURITE
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Dance - act - sing
 - glitter tattoos - games -



THE OUTDOORS PROJECT
 OFSTED REGISTERED

MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL ROYSTON

TUE 26 MAY
 BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

WED 27 MAY
 NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET

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 CAMPING HACKS: ULTIMATE OUTDOOR SKILLS

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 NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES

MILTON COUNTRY PARK WILD PLACE CAMBRIDGE

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 A hands-on day of real camping skills & outdoor fun! Kids will learn how to pitch a tent, carve creations from soap, toast popcorn over the campfire & play different team games. It's a confidence-building day to learn new skills, work together & enjoy the simple joy of being outdoors!

NATURE NINJAS: PROTECTORS OF THE PLANET
 Join us as we learn how to take care of our planet through a day of hands-on nature fun! We'll try eco guerrilla gardening, head out on a bug hunt to explore tiny habitats & make plant print art inspired by the patterns in nature. A day about noticing the wonders in nature & learning simple ways to help our planet thrive!

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, & experience Minecraft like never before! (knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

NERF: RISE OF THE MACHINES
 NEW for 2026! We'll team up to engineer giant robots, design our own mini clay machines & bring them to life before stepping into our high energy Nerf missions. From robot invasion & rescue, to alien attack games, it's a sci-fi day packed with teamwork, creativity & action! (Ages 6+ recommended)

ROOM

"NO SCREENS, JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE!"

NERF SHARP SHOOTER

CAMP CRAFT

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

