

# THE NOTICEBOARD

End of Spring Term



Tannery Drift  
First School

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## Summer Term....

### Clubs and Activities

The full list of next term's clubs and activities will be announced and available to sign up for early in the summer term.

If you have been offered a place for next term's Year 1-4 tennis clubs, please make payment now to confirm your child's place. There are still spaces available, so do email the school office if your child is interested in lunchtime tennis club.

### Wraparound Care

For those whose children attend Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club, the sessions for the next half of term have been loaded on Arbor – please make payment **before** the end of the Easter holidays.

### PE Timetables

Reception: Tuesdays

Year 1: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Year 2: Wednesdays & Fridays

Year 3: Wednesdays & Fridays

Year 4: Mondays & Thursdays

### Dates For Your Diary...

Please have a look at the calendar on page 3 as lots of dates have been added, including assemblies, sports days and summer shows!

## Thank you

As we come to the end of another busy term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers who do so much to support their children at Tannery Drift.

We are so proud of our school and genuinely could not provide the learning and enrichment opportunities we do, without such an engaged community of families.

THANK  
YOU!

We are extremely lucky to have a fantastic PTA organisation in The Friends of Tannery Drift, who always go above and beyond with fundraising, events and activities, all voluntarily, to help fund fantastic opportunities for the children. We can not thank them enough for the time, effort and creativity they put in. If you would like to volunteer with the FTDS, do get in touch with them: [friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com).

Lastly, we would like to thank our committed team of School Governors who, behind the scenes, work extremely hard to ensure that high standards are maintained and that Tannery Drift continues to be such a wonderful learning environment.

Do follow us on Facebook for even more updates:



Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

## Early Years Easter Hat Parades

This week it was lovely to welcome Nursery and Reception parents and carers into school to watch the children's Easter Hat Parades.



The children performed their songs beautifully, and we are sure everyone could see how much work they had put into practising.

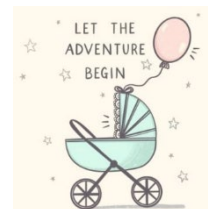
They should be so proud of themselves for getting up in front of an audience at such a young age, and thanks must go to families for helping them to create such wonderful hats and bonnets.



## Staff News...

### Maternity Leave

As I'm sure many of you have realised, Mrs Buckingham, one of our fantastic Ladybirds teachers, is expecting a baby, and will be beginning her maternity leave after Easter. We know you will join us in wishing her and her family the very best for the year ahead.



### Welcome

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Jo Roper to Tannery Drift. Ms Roper is a highly experienced Early Years practitioner who will be working as part of our Ladybirds team as well as supporting part-time in our Year 3 Classes. She will be joining us after Easter.

## Dates for your Diary:

2026

### April

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Start of Summer Term
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> **Badgers Class Assembly 9-9.15am**  
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am

### May

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> **Red Foxes Class Assembly 9-9.15am**  
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> **Owls Class Assembly 9-9.15am**  
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> -
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Year 4 trip to PGL Caythorpe Court  
**Penguins Class Assembly 9-9.15am**  
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Class Photographs
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> **Year 4 PGL Assembly 9-9.30am**
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> *HALF TERM WEEK*

### June

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> *INSET DAY – school closed to pupils*
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Drama Workshops for Nursery-Year 2
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Royston Schools Tennis Tournament tbc\*
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> **Puffins Class Assembly 9-9.15am**  
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Trip to the British Library\*
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> **Pelicans Class Assembly**  
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am

### July

- Tue 7<sup>th</sup> **Years 1-4 Sports Day 9.30-11am\***
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> **Early Years Sports Day 9.30-11am\***
- Thu 9<sup>th</sup> **Moving Up Day\***  
**Open Evening 6.30-8pm\***
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> **Key Stage 2 Show 6.30-8pm\***
- Thu 16<sup>th</sup> **Key Stage 2 Show 6.30-8pm\***
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> **Year 4 Leavers Assembly 9-9.30am**  
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> End of term 2pm / Nursery 11.30am
- Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> *INSET DAY – school closed to pupils*















Details to follow\*

Newly added

## Attendance

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

Well done to Penguins, Lions and Ladybirds for good attendance this term!

		Year to date	Term to date
Ladybirds		96.5%	96.7% 
Little Tigers		95.6%	92.7%
Red Robins		95.3%	92.7%
Owls		96.5%	96.0%
Pelicans		96.6%	95.0%
Puffins		96.3%	95.5%
Red Foxes		96.8%	95.6%
Badgers		96.4%	95.8%
Penguins		98.3%	97.2% 
Kingfishers		97.0%	96.2%
Lions		97.3%	97.1% 

Please do avoid booking **ANY** termtime holidays in the Summer Term. 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

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## March 100 Club Winners

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

- 1st place - 15
- 2nd place - 63

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.

Next draw is April 24th.

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

You can now support our Tannery teams that are taking part in the HomeStart Aquathon in April, using the link below.

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



## Easter Trail

A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes, helped run it, supported the event by buying a cake (or 2!) entering the trail and purchasing uniform.

We raised a fantastic **£575.06!!**

Our lucky trail winners of the Jellycat, Ninja Warrior experience and Mead Farm entrance tickets have been informed.

*From us all at FTDS, we hope you have a wonderful Easter break!*



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 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*



As part of the grand opening of [The Art Room, Royston – Art Classes based in Royston Town Centre](#), we are encouraging pupils to enter their competition for local schools called 'Colour Your World' – inviting children to create bright, imaginative artwork inspired by colour and the world around them. All forms of art are welcome – creativity is encouraged!

There are prizes to be won for different age brackets, for individual children as well as for the school, with winning artwork also being displayed in a special gallery at Nicholas Penn Fine Art.

Artwork is to be handed in to the school office (please write the child's name, class and 'Tannery Drift' on the back) up until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

## Young Carers Offer

From 1 April 2026, Hertfordshire County Council will be bringing support for young carers in-house, when the young carer contract with Carers in Hertfordshire comes to an end, integrating it fully within the council's services.

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Support for young carers will continue. This includes assessments, help with managing caring responsibilities, regular reviews, ensuring the voices of young carers inform the support they receive and support in preparing for adulthood.

A new [Young Carers webpage](#) has been developed in collaboration with young carers and their families and includes information about the support available, team contact details, and 'a Day in the Life of' form to register a young carer online so that they can get the support they need.

Hertfordshire County Council will be contacting all registered young carers directly to welcome them, provide updated contact information, details on how to access support, and a link to the new webpage.

## Could you be a young carer?

If you help look after a friend or family member who needs extra support - you may be a young carer and there's **one easy place to get help.**



### WELCOME

- Be part of a young carers community
- Friendly welcome from the young carers team

### Support for the whole family

- Friendly chats to consider everyone's needs
- Check ins to make sure you're doing ok
- Help as you grow up and move into new stages of life



### A new young carers webpage

- Clear information on what help you can get
- Links to opportunities, activities & wellbeing support
- Designed by young carers for young carers

### Get involved

- Conference designed by young carers, workshops, fun sessions, meeting others
- Opportunities to have your say
- Work with SEND Youth Councils

### Additional support

- Support in your school / college
- Meet other young carers
- If you're eligible for free school meals, you can get discounts with a **Herts Card**
- Free activity camps in school holidays - **HAPPY Camps**

### How to get support

- Ask an adult in your family to help you get in touch
- Speak to your teacher or a trusted member of staff
- Visit the website or call 01992 658469



[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youngcarers)