

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 11th May 2026



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Monday

Ark Farm visiting Early Years

12-12.30 Read & Relax for Years 1-4

12-12.30 Sketch Club 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

Year 4 PGL Residential Trip

8.30-11.00 Rocksteady Music Sessions

12-1.00 Tennis for Years 2 & 3

12-12.30 Yoga for Years 1 & 2

12.30-1.00 Drawing Club for Year 3

Thursday

Year 4 PGL Residential Trip

12-1.00 Tennis for Year 1

12-12.30 Times Tables Club for Year 3

12.15-12.45 Construction Club for Year R

Friday

Year 4 PGL Residential Trip

9-9.15 Penguins Class Assembly

- Parents and Carers Welcome

Ark Farm Visit



On Monday 11th May we will be welcoming Ark Farm into our Early Years garden.

In small groups, children in Nursery and Reception will spend time learning about the different animals including sheep, goats and chickens, and get the chance to pet them if they would like to. If your child does not usually attend Nursery on Monday, you will have been invited in to join a session.



Year 4 Trip to PGL

There is currently a lot of excitement in Year 4 as it is finally time for their residential trip to Caythorpe Court in Lincolnshire for an adventure holiday!

We look forward to updating you and sharing photos of how they get on next week. The children leave by 9.30am on Wednesday and are due to return at 3.45pm on Friday.

Do follow us on Facebook for even more updates:



Enjoyment – Achievement – Respect

HomeStart Aquathon

On Thursday, we welcomed Keely from HomeStart into our assembly to present certificates to those who took part in the recent Aquathon at Royston Leisure Centre. Thanks to their swimming efforts, £764 has been raised so far for the Friends of Tannery Drift and HomeStart Royston. Well done to all who took part!



Recorder Performance

Three of our Year 3 recorder players asked to play their class a piece they are learning in their lessons with Mrs Craven. The rest of the Badgers class were very impressed by how they all listened to each other to keep in time. Thank you, girls, for sharing your fantastic playing.



New Arrival



We are delighted to announce the arrival of Mrs Buckingham's baby.

Baby Alexander was born on Saturday 2nd May, weighing 8lb 11oz, and both Mother and baby are doing well.

We are sure you will join us in sending congratulations to Mrs Buckingham and her family on this lovely news!

Dates for your Diary:

2026

Details to follow*

Newly added

May

- Mon 11th Ark Farm visiting Early Years
- Wed 13th Year 4 trip to PGL Caythorpe Court
- Fri 15th 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
- Parents and Carers Welcome
FTDS Ice Lolly & Uniform Sale 3.15-4pm*
- Mon 25th HALF TERM WEEK*

June

- Mon 1st INSET DAY – school closed to pupils*
- Mon 8th Drama Workshops for Nursery-Year 2
- Tue 9th Reception New Parents Meeting 9.25-10am*
- Wed 10th Nursery New Parents Meeting 9.25-10am*
Royston Schools Tennis Tournament*
- Fri 12th Puffins Class Assembly 9-9.15am
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Tue 16th Year 2 Trip to the British Library*
- Thu 18th Reception Trip to Audley End***
- Fri 19th Pelicans Class Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Wed 24th Parent Coffee Morning 8.50-10am
Rocksteady Concert 9.30-10.30am
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- Fri 26th **FTDS School Discos***















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
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- 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 great attendance, let's keep it up for the Summer Term!

		Year to date	Term to date	
Ladybirds		96.6%	98.9%	
Little Tigers		96.2%	98.9%	
Red Robins		95.7%	98.4%	
Owls		96.5%	95.3%	
Pelicans		96.7%	97.9%	
Puffins		96.4%	97.5%	
Red Foxes		96.7%	97.9%	
Badgers		96.3%	96.4%	
Penguins		98.0%	97.6%	
Kingfishers		97.0%	97.5%	
Lions		97.4%	98.1%	

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

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Ice Lolly & Second-hand Uniform Sale – 3.15pm, Friday 22nd May, School Playground

Come and join us after school for an ice lolly in the playground, plus an opportunity to purchase second-hand uniform. Cash and card payments accepted. Let's just hope the sun comes back!

If you are unable to attend the sale, and would like to request specific items, then please email our uniform team directly on ftdsuniform@gmail.com.

School Uniform Donations

We really appreciate school uniform donations, but please only donate good quality uniform.

Items with stains or holes cannot be sold and just create work for our volunteers who then have to sort and dispose of them, thank you.

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