

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 18th May 2026



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

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Monday

- 12-12.30 Read & Relax for Years 1-4
- 12-12.30 Sketch Club for Years 1-4
- 1.30-2.30 Year 2 Police Dog Demonstration

Tuesday

Class Photographs

- 9-10.15 Tannery Tots in the New Building
- 12-1.00 Athletics for Years 1-4
- 1.30-3.00 Year 4 Maths Challenge Final
- 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
- 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

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

Friday

Year 1 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle

- 9.00-9.15 Year 4 PGL Assembly
- Parents and Carers Welcome
- 3.15-4.00 FTDS Ice Lolly & Uniform Sale

Ark Farm Visit

On Monday 11th May we welcomed Ark Farm to our Early Years Garden. Children in Nursery and Reception excitedly watched the farm being set up before heading out in small groups to learn about the animals from the farmer, with opportunities to pet and groom them. Despite the wet weather, a wonderful day was had by all!



Our thanks go to the Friends of Tannery Drift for funding this lovely experience for the children.

*Football feet cancelled for 1 week

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Year 4 PGL Activity Holiday



Many of our Year 4 pupils are currently away enjoying their PGL Trip in Lincolnshire.

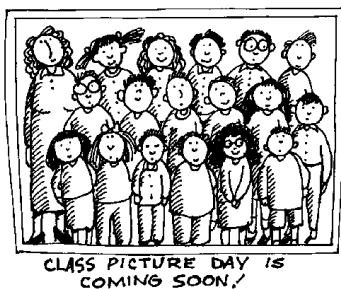
We would like to invite parents and carers to join us in school on Friday 22nd May at 9am for our PGL Assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to share highlights from their trip.

We also look forward to sharing photographs from PGL in a special newsletter next week.

We are very grateful to the William Lee Charity for their generous contribution towards the trip, which helped support children in accessing this fantastic experience.

Class Photographs

A reminder that the photographer is coming into school on Tuesday 19th May to take class photographs, and a whole year group leavers photo of Year 4.



Please ensure your child is dressed in smart uniform that day, with black shoes. If they usually have PE on Tuesdays, they are to wear normal uniform instead on that day.

Year 2 Police Dog Demonstration

On Monday 18th May we are lucky to be welcoming PC Clark from the Hertfordshire Constabulary Dog Unit to Tannery Drift. She will be bringing one of her Police Dogs, Cleo, to the school. Year 2 classes will be treated to a demonstration of Cleo's skills, as well as a talk about the important work Police Dogs do.



Summer Club @ Tannery



A reminder that we will once again be running our Summer Holiday Club, which will take place in our fantastic new building, as well as making use of our outdoor spaces. The club will be staffed by Tannery Drift School staff. Spaces are filling quickly; however, we do still have availability. Please complete the [BOOKING FORM](#) to secure your child's place. The provision will run daily from 8am-5pm, starting from the week commencing 27th July for 3 weeks.

Dates for your Diary:

2026

May

- Mon 18th** Police Dog Demonstration for Year 2
- Tue 19th Class Photographs
- Fri 22nd Year 1 trip to Mountfitchet Castle
Year 4 PGL Assembly 9-9.15am
- 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*
- Tue 30th Summer Music Concert 2-3.00pm**
- Parents and Carers welcome

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*















Details to follow*

Newly added

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		96.7%	98.8%	
Little Tigers		96.3%	98.6%	
Red Robins		95.7%	98.0%	
Owls		96.5%	96.0%	
Pelicans		96.8%	97.6%	
Puffins		96.4%	97.0%	
Red Foxes		96.9%	98.3%	
Badgers		96.2%	96.6%	
Penguins		98.0%	97.6%	
Kingfishers		97.0%	97.6%	
Lions		97.5%	98.4%	

Please do avoid booking **ANY** term time 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 **next Friday** for an ice lolly in the playground, plus an opportunity to purchase second-hand uniform before half term.

Cash and card payments accepted.

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.

Art Room Competition - Colour Your World!

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 8th June**.

THE ART ROOM

Local Schools Art Competition

COLOUR YOUR WORLD

COMPETITION THEME

The competition is 'Colour Your World'.
Show us your bright, colourful ideas about the world around you.

Some ideas to get you started:

What do you love doing? Football? Gymnastics? Dance?

Do you love gardening and the bright colours of flowers?

Are your family the brightness in your life?

Or are you the artist and you want to create a self-portrait?



Any of these and more work.

There are no rules, just art.



Each winner's school from Early Years, KS1, KS2 and KS3, will receive £500, and a free workshop for the winning class.

The Entry that wins will be exhibited in the gallery for a month and will receive a gift voucher for a class of their choice and an art pack.

Entries must include your child's name and class and they must be handed to the school office* by
8th June 2026



Scan the QR code for a direct link to the competition on The Art Room's website!

*entries can also be handed directly to The Art Room!



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



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