

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 7th September 2026



Tannery Drift
First School

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A Warm Welcome Back from Mrs Greetham

A very warm welcome back to all our families as we begin another exciting school year. We hope that you were able to enjoy some special family time over the summer break and that everyone has returned feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

Although we have only been back together for a few days, it has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life. They have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a real eagerness to learn.

On Tuesday's INSET day, alongside completing our statutory annual training and safeguarding updates, staff spent valuable time working in their teams to prepare classrooms and learning environments for the children. Many classrooms have been refreshed with new furniture and resources, helping to create welcoming and stimulating spaces in which our children can learn and thrive.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Mrs Torres and I are also available at the beginning and end of the school day and are always happy to help.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

We would also like to invite you to our Meet the Teacher sessions, which will take place on Tuesday 22nd September, at 6.00pm and 6.30pm.

These sessions provide an opportunity to:

- Meet your child's class teacher
- Learn about the curriculum and academic expectations for the year ahead
- Find out about planned events and enrichment activities
- Discuss uniform expectations
- Ask any questions you may have

Please note: These sessions are intended for parents and carers only. Unfortunately, due to limited space, we are unable to accommodate young children at these events. We appreciate your understanding and kindly ask that childcare arrangements are made where possible.

Celebration Sweets

In line with Hertfordshire County Council guidance, we are no longer able to distribute sweets or other edible treats brought in by families. This helps us maintain a safe environment for all children and supports our approach to managing food allergies and dietary requirements. We kindly ask that celebration treats are kept for parties and family celebrations at home. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Contact Details

As it is the start of the year, we ask parents and carers to please check their contact details on the Arbor App, including emergency contacts and indicating any additional adults who have permission to collect your child.

Staffing update

We are sad to say that Ms Wyatt has left Tannery Drift School over the summer, to embark on a new opportunity. She will be much missed, and we know you will join us in wishing her all the best.

School Dinners

A reminder to order your child's meals in advance on School Grid.

If you do not order your child's meal in advance, you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch for your child.

Prescription medication

We are only able to administer prescription medication to children in school, when essential. For example, if your child is taking antibiotics but only requires 3 doses a day, then we ask that these are given at home. We are not able to administer medication that has not been prescribed.

Snacks

In Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 classes, children are provided with a healthy mid-morning snack. Please do not give them food to bring in their bags (outside of lunchboxes) in these year groups. Any existing arrangements for children with specific medical or dietary needs will continue as normal.



Years 3 and 4 are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack, which they can enjoy mid-morning. Please try to avoid crisps and chocolate (and anything containing nuts).

Clubs

Tennis Club starts next week. All other clubs will start the week beginning 14th

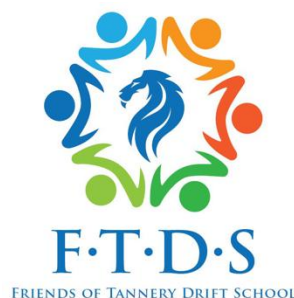
September, details will be sent out next week. For staff-led lunchtime clubs, children can attend with no sign-up commitment needed.

Friends of Tannery Drift School

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**WELCOME
BACK!**



FTDS ARE BACK... AND WE'RE BOUNCING INTO THE NEW TERM! 🦄

Bouncy Castle Event - Friday 25th September 3.15pm-5.30pm.

Back by popular demand is our FTDS Bouncy Castle Event on Friday 25th September, after school, on the school field.

There will be a HUGE inflatable obstacle course, superslide, a bouncy castle, and a dedicated one for the under 5's.

★ There will also be games, refreshments, a tombola, second hand uniform sale and more!

Wristbands will go on sale next week so watch out for that.

If you're keen to help us organise this event, then please drop an email to friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

We'll be putting out a call for volunteers to help on the day a little nearer the time.



Second Hand Uniform

We've had lots of email requests for orders over the summer, so please bear with us whilst we get these sorted. We will continue with these and are also selling uniform on the 25th September at the Bouncy Castle event where you can buy items.

General Committee Meeting – Monday 28th September, 7.30pm

Our first meeting of the new academic year will take place on 28th September in the Enrichment room at school, so please come along and join us - we're just a few mums from the school so if you are interested in getting involved, suggesting activities, or willing to help out at future events in any capacity (all help adds up!), then please email us to be added to our helpers' email circulation list.

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Dates for your Diary: 2026

Details to follow*

Newly added

Sep

Fri 18 th	Lion Class Assembly 9am
Fri 25 th	Badger Class Assembly 9am
	FTDS Bouncy Castle Event 3.15-5pm
Mon 28 th	FTDS Meeting 7.30-8.30pm
Tue 29 th	Individual & Sibling Photographs*

Oct

Fri 2 nd	Flu Vaccinations*
	Puffin Class Assembly 9am
Wed 7 th	Interactive French Show for Year 1-4
Fri 9 th	Pelican Class Assembly 9am
Thu 15 th	Perform Drama Workshop for Years R-2
Fri 16 th	Kingfisher Class Assembly 9am
Mon 26 th	<i>Half Term Break</i>

Nov

Wed 4 th	Open Morning*
Wed 11 th	Open Classrooms*
Thurs 12 th	Open Morning*
Fri 13 th	Penguin Class Assembly 9am
Fri 20 th	Children in Need*
	Red Fox Class Assembly 9am
Fri 27 th	Owl Class Assembly 9am

Dec

Fri 4 th	Occasional Day
Fri 18 th	End of term 2pm / Nursery 11.30am

Attendance

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't.

The school day is split into two sessions – one session counts as a morning or afternoon spent in school. There are only a few occasions where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance.

However, if your child misses school without a good reason, local councils can intervene and you may be issued a fine.



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



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

2027 – 2028 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2027

To begin on Wednesday 1st September 2027

Half Term: 25th October - 29th October 2027

To end on Friday 17th December 2027

Spring Term 2028

To begin on Tuesday 4th January 2028

Half Term: 14th February – 18th February 2028

To end on Friday 31st March 2028

Summer Term 2028

To begin on Tuesday 18th April 2028

Half Term: 29th May – 2nd June 2028

To end on Monday 24th July 2028

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2028