

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 28th September 2026



Tannery Drift
First School

ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE

www.tannerydrift.herts.sch.uk

Monday

12-12.30	Art Club for Years 3 & 4
7.30pm	FTDS General Committee Meeting

Tuesday

Individual and Sibling Photographs

8.45-10.00	Tannery Tots
12-12.30	Construction Club for Years 1 & 2
3.15-4.00	Beginners Recorder Club for Years 3 & 4
3.15-4.25	Football Feet for Years 1-4

Wednesday

8.30-11.00	Rocksteady Band Sessions
12-1.00	Tennis for Years 2 & 3
12-12.30	KS2 Music Club for Years 3 & 4
12.30-1.00	KS1 Music Club for Years 1 & 2

Thursday

12-1.00	Tennis for Years 1 & 4
12-12.30	Book Club for Years 1-4
12-12.30	Yoga Club for Years 1-4
3.15-4.00	School Newspaper Club for Years 1-4
3.15-4.00	Ballet Club for Years R & 1

Friday

9-9.15	Puffins Class Assembly - Parents and Carers Welcome
12-12.30	Times Tables Club for Year 4

School Photographs

On Tuesday we will be welcoming Vancols School Photographers into school, to take individual pupil photos as well as sibling photos (where all siblings are pupils at Tannery Drift).

Children will come home with a form containing a QR code which can be used to register to see a preview of your child's photos, and order if you would like to.

Please ensure your child is smartly dressed in correct uniform on this day, no PE kit.



Supporting a Positive Start to the Day

To support a positive start to the school day, please ensure your child arrives at school on time and with everything they need for the day.

Due to limited staffing in the school office, we are unable to regularly deliver forgotten items to classrooms throughout the day. Bringing all essential belongings at the start of the school day helps reduce interruptions to learning and allows office staff to focus on supporting pupils, parents, and visitors.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping the school day run smoothly for everyone.

Badger Class Assembly

We have had another fantastic week at school, with children working hard, showing great enthusiasm for their learning, and demonstrating our school values throughout the week.

A particular highlight was our class assembly, where the children did an excellent job sharing their learning and achievements. We were incredibly proud of their confidence, teamwork, and the effort they put into their performances. Thank you to all the parents and family members who were able to attend and support the children.

Ukelele

We were delighted to welcome LaLuke Letchworth Ukulele Group to school on Tuesday to perform for children in Years 1-4. The group played a variety of pieces, asking children to sing and clap along. Laluke are a talented group of players and the performance was engaging and fun. The children were fantastically well behaved and the group commented on how delightful they were. The ukulele group do public performances throughout the year in case you are interested in going to see them again.



Admissions

Nursery

Our Nursery welcomes children from the September after they turn 3, and offers a fantastic pre-school learning and play environment, staffed by fully qualified teachers. We are pleased to accept both the 15 hour and 30 hour government funded hours. Please [APPLY HERE](#) for a September 2027 nursery place for your child.

Reception

Our wonderful Reception classes are for children starting school the September after they turn 4, and all applications are done through Hertfordshire County Council.

Please note that the School has no influence over the allocation of Reception places – to see the criteria which Hertfordshire County Council apply, please follow this link:

[Primary, junior and middle school places | Hertfordshire County Council](#).

Reception applications will open on 2nd November 2026 and close on 15th January 2027.

Buddies!

Last week, children in Reception met their Year 4 'buddies' for the first time.

The buddies scheme involves all children in Reception being paired with a Year 4 buddy – someone to talk to, play with, and to be a familiar face around the school for the younger children as they settle into Tannery Drift.

There was much excitement in both year groups on their first meeting, and the children are looking forward to spending more time together this term.

Friends of Tannery Drift School

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FRIENDS OF TANNERY DRIFT SCHOOL

Bouncy Castle Event, today 3.15-5.30pm on the field!

We hope you have a great time at the event this afternoon - if you arrive after 4pm you can still purchase a wristband for a reduced price from the refreshments stand.

We'll let you know next week how much money we've raised!

2026-27 FTDS 100 club sign-up

The FTDS 100 club is back for this school year given its success last year! This is a charitable lottery where half of the annual subscription fee of £10 goes to the Friends of Tannery Drift School and half goes towards a monthly draw for your chance to WIN A CASH PRIZE!



We hope you will join us in this fun and light-hearted way to raise money for the Friends of Tannery Drift who help to provide extra activities and experiences for the children to enjoy.

See the poster below for more details and sign up using this link: <https://bit.ly/4h5UubG>

★ Closing date for entries to the FTDS 100 Club is Friday 2nd October 2026 ★

General Committee Meeting – Monday 28th September, 7.30pm

Our first meeting of the new academic year will take place this coming Monday 28th September in the Enrichment room at school, so please do come along and join us. If you are interested in getting involved or suggesting activities, then please email us to be added to our helpers' email circulation list.friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com.

Dates for your Diary:

2026

Details to follow*

Newly added

Sep

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

Oct

Fri 2nd	Flu Vaccinations* Puffin Class Assembly 9am
Wed 7th	Interactive French Show for Year 1-4
Fri 9th	Pelican Class Assembly 9am
Thu 15th	Perform Drama Workshop for Years R-2
Fri 16th	Kingfisher Class Assembly 9am
Tue 20th	Parent Consultations 3.50-6.20pm
Thu 22nd	Parent Consultations 5.30-8pm
Mon 26th	Half Term Break

Nov

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

Dec

Tue 1st	Reception Christmas Show 9.30-10am*
Wed 2nd	Nursery Christmas Songs 9.15-9.45am*
Thu 3rd	Reception Christmas Show 9.30-10am*
Fri 4th	Occasional Day
Wed 9th	Rocksteady Christmas Concert* Christmas Carol Concert*
Fri 11th	Class Christmas Parties*
Tue 15th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Shows*
Wed 16th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Shows*
Thurs 17th	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 18th	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



OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

STUDLANDS RISE FIRST SCHOOL, ROYSTON

Monday 26th October
BUSHCRAFT: FIRE MASTER

Tuesday 27th October
NERP: MISSION SPOOKTACULAR

Wednesday 28th October
GHOSTBUSTERS: SLIME LAB & GHOST HUNT

Thursday 29th October
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: ADVENTURES ON THE ISLAND OF BERK

Friday 30th October
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS & TREATS!

MILTON COUNTRY PARK WILD PLACE

Monday 26th October
BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Tuesday 27th October
WIZARDS OF THE WILD: A HARRY POTTER ADVENTURE

Wednesday 28th October
BUSHCRAFT: FIRE MASTER

Thursday 29th October
ULTIMATE HALLOWEEN ADVENTURE: TRICKS & TREATS!

For more activity details, FAQs and booking information: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK

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BOOK NOW



Halloween at church farm

24th - 31st October

Visit Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

- * Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- * Big Bale Play
- * Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- * Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- * Spooky Photo Opportunities
- * Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- * Scarecrow Trail
- * Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- * Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- * Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- * Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- * Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- * Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)

Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides

Eerie Egg Collecting

Ghoulish Goat Walking

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OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

We would like to invite Year 4 children from **Tannery Drift School** and their families to attend Ralph Sadleir's open evening.

You'll have the opportunity to tour the school and hear from Mrs. Scripps, our Headteacher

Staff and students will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the school and what we offer.

Key information

Tours will be from 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Headteacher's talk - 6:30pm

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FRIENDS OF TANNERY DRIFT SCHOOL

100 CLUB

CHARITABLE LOTTERY 2026-27 SIGN UP **NOW OPEN!**

For **£10 ONLY** you will be assigned a number for the year

Two winning numbers are drawn monthly (Oct-Jul) giving you **20 CHANCES OF WINNING A CASH PRIZE!**

Half of the subscription fee goes to FTDS to fund activities for your children throughout the year and the other half goes towards the monthly draw

The closing date is **Friday 2nd October 2026**

Sign up **here** using our Google form



TICKET

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