

THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 5th October 2026



Tannery Drift
First School

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Monday

12-12.30	Art Club for Years 3 & 4
12.30-1.00	School Council for Years 1-4

Tuesday

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	Pelicans Class Assembly - Parents and Carers Welcome
12-12.30	Times Tables Club for Year 4

School Photographs



You should by now have received a VanCols form containing a QR code. Please visit the [Vancols](https://www.vancols.com) website and you will be able to preview and order your child's photos soon.



As well as the School Photographer we have had a lot of visitors in school this week, who have been really impressed with the children's excellent behaviour and the learning environments we offer.

School is always a very busy and dynamic environment. The School Census was submitted on Thursday. Our School currently has 306 children on role from Nursery to Year 4, with over 20 different first languages spoken amongst our community.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are taking place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October. Please book your time slot via Arbor from Monday 5th October at 8am.

Clubs

We are delighted to offer a range of clubs for children this term. All school clubs and activities are now underway, and it has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying new experiences and trying different activities.

If your child would like to attend a lunchtime club, there is no need to sign up in advance. Children are welcome to come along and try a club to see if they enjoy it.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our staff who generously give up their lunchtime to run these clubs. Their enthusiasm and commitment provide our children with valuable opportunities to develop new skills, interests and friendships.



There are still spaces in Years 2, 3 and 4 Tennis Club, so do email the school office if your child is interested in lunchtime tennis club.



Gardening in Owls Class

Children in Owls Class have been enjoying learning all about plants, gardening, and how things grow from seeds. They carefully planted seeds and will be observing the changes each week. They have been learning about what plants need to thrive, including sunlight, water, and healthy soil. Well done to all our budding gardeners!



Year 2 Autumn Leaf Hunt

Some of our Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to the school wildlife area this week, where they became nature detectives in search of autumn leaves. Armed with identification guides, the children carefully observed, collected and compared different leaves, learning how to recognise them by their shape, size and colour.

The children were excited to discover the beautiful seasonal changes taking place around them and showed excellent teamwork and curiosity throughout the activity. It was a wonderful opportunity to develop their scientific observation skills while enjoying the outdoors and appreciating the natural world around our school. Well done, Year 2!



Friends of Tannery Drift School

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 291369

Bouncy Castle Event

WOW! Thank you so much to everyone that came to our event last Friday - from those of you that bought wristbands, donated bottles and supported our stalls to the amazing parent and teacher volunteers that we had on the day, to the organisers who planned it all - it was a wonderful afternoon that brought the school community together and everyone played their part.

We raised a fantastic **£1,632.57** so a big **thank you** for all your support!

2026-27 FTDS 100 Club - LAST CHANCE to sign up!

Closing date for entries to the FTDS 100 Club is today

★ Sign up using this link: <http://4s://bith5UubG> ★

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.

Halloween Disco - Friday 16th October

Save the date for the first disco of the year! More details to follow next week but the team are already planning a fun filled disco for the children before half term.

These will take place in the school hall with Early Years (Nursery and Reception) from 4.30-5.30pm and Yr 1-4 from 6.00-7.30pm.

Important Update: School Disco Tickets

Due to safeguarding and year-group changes, summer disco tickets cannot be transferred to the Halloween disco.

- Summer Disco Refunds: To request a refund for the cancelled summer disco, please email friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com by October 30th.
- Halloween Disco: We will notify you when ticket sales open. Please purchase a new ticket and complete the updated Google consent form for your child to attend.

Thank you for your patience and support! If you have any questions, please drop us a line.

Eco Party Pack/Table Hire

A reminder that we have re-usable party packs available for hire. Each pack costs £5, and contains 30 plastic cups, plates, and bowls, 4 serving platters, and 2 jugs.

We also have folding tables available to hire at £5 each. Packs/tables can be hired midweek, or over a weekend.

Please use the booking form [here](#) or email us at ftdsecopack@gmail.com.



Dates for your Diary:

2026

Oct

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 FTDS Halloween Disco*
Tue 20 th	Year 4 Cross Country Event * Parent Consultations 3.50-6.20pm
Thu 22 nd	Parent Consultations 5.30-8pm
Mon 26 th	Half Term Break

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

Tue 1 st	Reception Christmas Show 9.30-10am*
Wed 2 nd	Nursery Christmas Songs 9.15-9.45am*
Thu 3 rd	Reception Christmas Show 9.30-10am*
Fri 4 th	Occasional Day
Wed 9 th	Rocksteady Christmas Concert* Christmas Carol Concert*
Fri 11 th	Class Christmas Parties*
Tue 15 th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Shows*
Wed 16 th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Shows*
Thurs 17 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 18 th	End of term 2pm / Nursery 11.30am

Jan

Mon 4 th	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Tues 5 th	INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)
Wed 6 th	Children back to school

Feb

Mon 15 th	Half Term Break
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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 Autumn Term!

		Overall Attendance
Ladybirds		98.8% 
Little Tigers		97.9%
Red Robins		97.1%
Owls		95.3%
Pelicans		98.7%
Puffins		98.4%
Red Foxes		96.5%
Badgers		98.1%
Penguins		97.1%
Kingfishers		97.7%
Lions		95.4%

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 2028 at the end of this newsletter – please refer carefully to these.

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



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.



Royston Hockey Club

Are you a junior and looking for a new sport?

WHY NOT GIVE HOCKEY A TRY??

Royston Hockey Club runs a very successful training programme for boys and girls under the age of 14.

Fully qualified coaches, run three separate age groups on Sundays, from 10.00 am - 11.15 am at KJAR astroturf pitch.

INTERESTED?? Then please drop us a line to confirm your details. More information is also available on our website. Don't worry if you don't have a stick - we can lend you one.

DAY AND TIME:
Sunday's (Sept - April)
 10.00 am - 11.15 am

VENUE:
KJAR Astroturf
 Garden Walk, Royston
 Hertfordshire, SG8 7JH

GET IN TOUCH:
 Any questions, please email us on
junior@roystonhockey.co.uk
www.roystonhockey.co.uk

TWO FREE TASTER SESSIONS



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Autumn Term Workshops

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Wednesday 21 October, 9.30am to 11.30am
 This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support that is available.

Sibling Rivalry Workshop - Monday 9 November, 9.30am to 11.30am
 This workshop provides parents/carers with practical strategies and tools to effectively foster positive sibling relationships, promote cooperation and manage conflicts between children.

Reducing Conflict Workshop - Wednesday 25 November, 7pm to 9pm
 This workshop is for parents/carers struggling with conflict within their family life and provides tools to promote a cooperative and collaborative approach to resolving the conflict.

It's a Dad's Life Workshop - Thursday 26 November, 7pm to 9pm
 This workshop empower fathers with the knowledge and skills to develop deep connections with their children, enhancing their parenting journey.

Navigating the Storm (Teens) Workshop - Wednesday 2 December, 9.30am to 11.30am
 This workshop is designed to support parents of pre-teens and teenagers facing challenging behaviours. It aims to equip parents with effective strategies and tools to manage the complexities of raising adolescents, fostering a positive parent-teen relationship.

The two-hour workshops will be online via MS TEAMS

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents, carers and adult family members in Hertfordshire so they can help their children reach their full potential. For more info, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@coramfamilylives.org.uk or scan the QR code for our online form.



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