THE NOTICEBOARD

Week commencing 12th October 2026

Tannery Drift
First School
ROYSTON · HERTFORDSHIRE
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Monday

12-12.30	Art Club for Years 3 & 4
3.20-3.50	Year 4 Graphic Novel Showcase

Tuesday

8.45-10.00	Tannery Tots
9-11.00	Year 1 Geography Walk in Royston
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	Kingfisher Class Assembly - Parents and Carers Welcome
12-12.30	Times Tables Club for Year 4

Parent Consultations

Just a reminder that bookings for parent consultations are open. Parent consultations are taking place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October. Please book your 10-minute time slot via Arbor.

School Council

We are delighted to introduce our new School Council members for 2026–2027! Our councillors are the voice of the children, sharing their ideas, listening to others and helping to make our school an even more effective place to learn. They will work together to promote **Enjoyment, Achievement and Respect** and help make positive changes across our school.



Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard in English to create their own graphic novels based on *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. Parents and Carers are invited into the classrooms on **Monday 12th October at 3.20pm** for your child to share their fantastic work with you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

French Theatre Adventure

On Wednesday children in Years 1 to 4 enjoyed a magical and interactive French theatre experience, Au Pays Des Lutins (Elf Land). During the adventure, they helped Lucy and her cat, Pistache, find their way home by taking on the roles of colourful characters including a fairy, a lion, a tin man and unicorns. Along the way, they helped the lion find his animal friends, brought the tin man back to life and joined in a magical dance with bright pompoms while outsmarting a wicked witch. The children practised speaking French through songs, movement and games, learning vocabulary about colours, animals, emotions, numbers and simple sentence starters. It was a fun and engaging way to build confidence and bring language learning to life. Thank you to the FTDS for funding this wonderful experience.



Toy Donations

The Early Years are looking for donations of unwanted toys. The toys need to be in good condition and in full working order to ensure they meet safety guidelines.

In particular they are looking for;

- Dolls and doll accessories
- Cars and vehicles
- Lego and other construction toys
- Puzzles and games
- Small world toys e.g. doll's house or accessories, animals

Thank you very much for your support.

New classrooms

As the children settle into their classes it is always great to see the new class displays beginning to take shape. We can't wait to see the lovely work the children produce this term.



Road Safety

As we move into the autumn months, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of road safety when travelling to and from school.

If your child walks, cycles or scoots to school, please ensure they wear bright or reflective clothing so they are more visible to drivers.

For those travelling by car, please remember to park considerately, avoid stopping on zig-zag lines and be mindful of local residents and other pedestrians. Children should always enter and exit vehicles from the pavement side where possible.

Friends of Tannery Drift School

friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com

Registered Charity: 291369

Halloween Disco - Friday 16th October

Please note: 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 16th October: Please purchase a new ticket and complete the updated Google consent form for your child to attend below.

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

Buy disco tickets here! Find the poster below with more details



- **EARLY YEARS TICKETS £3 (4.30 - 5.30pm)**
  https://forms.gle/cfj9ose6SsvDKiDk7
  Early Years children will need to be accompanied by an adult at their disco
- **Y1-4 TICKETS £3.50 (6 - 7.30pm)**
  https://forms.gle/5TX1GYH1MdK3mZbx5

HELPERS: If you are able to help out at the disco on the games stalls, refreshments or hall duty, then please let us know. With plenty of helpers there will be flexibility to still provide support for your child at the event as needed. Please email us at friendsoftannerydriftschool@gmail.com if you can help.

Christmas Cards

The children have been busy creating their Christmas cards in school this week. Don't worry if your child hasn't yet - some will be completing their artwork next week! Thank you to all the parent helpers who have come into the classrooms so far and supported the children in this.

Order forms will be sent home with your child after half-term and the online shop will then be open for you to place your orders. As a guideline, packs of cards are usually around £6. Mugs and coasters will also be available, with all proceeds raising funds for FTDS.

Dates for your Diary:

2026

Details to follow*
Newly added

Oct

Mon 12th	Year 4 Graphic Novels Showcase
Tue 13th	Year 1 Geography Walk
Thu 15th	Perform Drama Workshop for Years R-2
Fri 16th	Kingfisher Class Assembly 9am
	FTDS Halloween Disco*
Tue 20th	Year 4 Cross Country Event
	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	Children in Need*
	Penguin Class Assembly 9am
Fri 20th	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

Jan

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

Feb

Mon 15th	*Half Term Break*

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	99.4%
Little Tigers	96.5%
Red Robins	96.1%
Owls	96.3%
Pelicans	98.3%
Puffins	97.1%
Red Foxes	96.3%
Badgers	97.6%
Penguins	97.6%
Kingfishers	98.6%
Lions	95.8%

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.


Stand·by·me
Bereavement Support
ACTIVITY DAYS
Stronger Together Through Football
MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER
10:00am – 2:00pm
BALDOCK ARENA
Ages 7 - 11
FREE TO ATTEND
A fun, active day for children to enjoy football, build confidence and connect with other children who have experienced a bereavement.
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£19 pp
9:00-3:30PM
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The Friends of Therfield Heath

2026 Litter Pick Dates

Help keep Therfield Heath tidy by joining in our litter pick on the second Sunday of each month, weather permitting.*

2026 Litter Picks are on the following Sundays:

11th January	12th July
8th February	9th August
8th March	13th September
12th April	11th October
10th May	8th November
14th June	13th December

Start time is between 9:30 - 10:30 am, Finish by noon
We meet on the Heath between the tennis courts and the Heath Cafe

Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy shoes, we'll provide the required equipment.

In return for your efforts, you can collect a voucher for a free hot or soft drink from the Heath Cafe.

Let's work together to make a positive impact on our environment!

*if the Litter Pick is cancelled due to extreme weather, we'll inform you on https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftherfieldheath

